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Congratulations to the 2024-2025 MARC Executive Board

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Julie Whitaker, Missouri – Vice President
Judy Baxter, Wisconsin – Secretary
Beth Pompa, Kansas – Treasurer
Sheri Meyer-Harden, Kansas – Parliamentarian
Baylee Pfiester, Michigan – Communicator

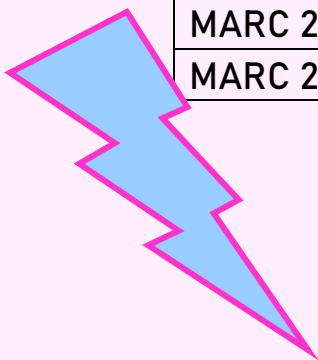
Thank you everyone who helped and supported MARC this year.
We are looking forward to a great year!



President Amanda Dixon with her husband Bryan Dixon.

Also, congratulations to the appointed board. Thank you for supporting MARC!

MARC Jr Past President	Jill Shull (IL)
MARC Audit Chair	Brenda Campbell (IN)
MARC Audit Committee	Rebecca Hatton (MO)
MARC Audit Committee	Kim Kummer (KS)
MARC Budget Chair	Beth Pompa (KS)
MARC Budget Committee	Susan Waltz (IN)
MARC Budget Committee	Brandy Small (IN)
MARC Chaplain	Kathleen Grissom (IL)
MARC ESA Foundation	Deb Frahm (NE)
MARC Hope For Heroes	Claudia Hatton (MO)
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MARC Nomination Committee	Jan Rahn (IN)
MARC Social Media Co-Chair	Brittany Rosenmund (MI)
MARC Social Media Co-Chair	Heather Hoey (MI)
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MARC Ways and Means Committee	Elaine Chaney (IN)
MARC Ways and Means Committee	Sara Wachowicz (MI)
MARC Ways and Means Committee	Jennifer Sparkman (OK)
MARC Ways and Means Committee	Alley Gary (IN)
MARC Web Master	Brenda Fields (MO)
MARC Web Master	Amanda Dixon (OH)
MARC 2025 Conference Co-Chair	Judy Baxter (WI)
MARC 2025 Conference Co-Chair	Tim Baxter (WI)



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From the MARC President's Office

Hello everyone! I hope everyone is home and settled in from the fabulous MARC Conference in St. Louis. I finally put the last of the travel stuff in the basement. Laundry, well, that's another story. It seems like it never ends.

I am home and back to being busy as usual but adding a new hat to my stash. President! I am still on cloud nine! I can't believe I am MARC President! I have so many ideas to share with you all and am looking forward to a great year with the board. We have some true talent in ESA, and I am 100% it's going to be great.

Congratulations to everyone elected and appointed for the 2024-2025 year. I hope you all are looking forward to being "Be-YOU-tiful". I'm very excited to work with everyone. The Ways and Means Committee has already begun rolling out a fundraiser to kick off this year. My goal is to raise as much money as we can for MARC so that we may get back to helping the board visit all your wonderful states as well as giving some more to our speakers and guests.

We have started a MARC page on Facebook. This is a public page. My hopes for this are to start sharing information about MARC with the public to help bring awareness and possibly more attendance at conference. We are also heavily utilizing the private group on Facebook as well. If you do not have Facebook, please make sure you are reaching out to your reps and President to stay in the know.

Another plan I have for this year is to create monthly zooms to help educate our membership about various things ESA related. The first was pin etiquette lead by Judy Ahrens. If you have a passion for something in ESA, please reach out to me. I'd love to set something for you to share. If anyone has any ideas they would love to share or host a workshop as well please feel free to reach out.

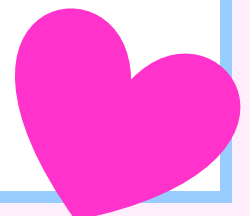
Thank you, Missouri, for hosting a wonderful convention. It was so great to see so many new and smiling faces. I am excited to see what Judy and Tim Baxter are going to do in Wisconsin in 2025. MARC's 40th Birthday too! (And mine, but we won't talk about that yet) 😊. Thank you for everyone who helped in St. Louis to make my installation so special. Angie Butenshoen, Adrian Sperduto, Shirley Krcmar, Lauren & Jef Ryan, and all my Ohio members, Thank you.

15 years ago, my aunt Brenda Meyers was MARC President. I hope she continues to be proud of me and look down at me and smile. I hope to make all of you proud honestly, and I can't thank you all enough for your support. It means the world to me to have MARC backing me. I am excited for my future in ESA and working hard for our organization.

As the holidays approach, I wish all of you the best and send big hugs from my family to yours. Thanks, Mandy <3

Don't forget to shop ESA Merch at [Dixonsdream.com!](https://www.dixonsdream.com)

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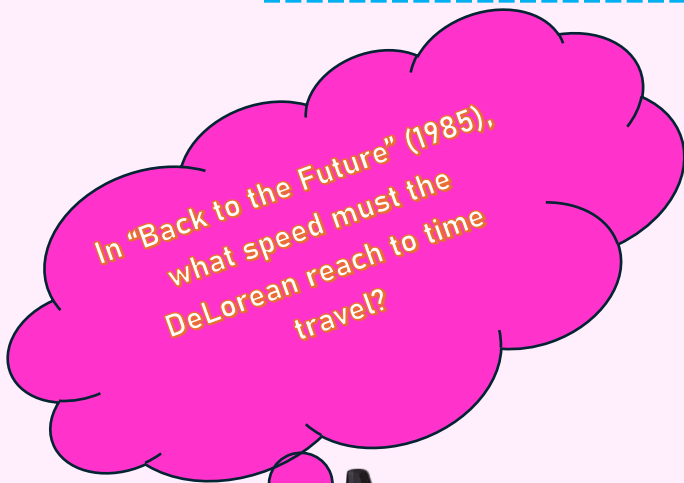




Welcome to the new year of MARC! I am so excited for another year and getting to know the members of the MARC states even better! Do you know how many MARC states there are? Do you know how many will host a MARC convention? These numbers are no longer the same. Do you want to learn more about MARC, its states, and its procedures? As a member of the nominating committee, that will be one of my jobs. To get you excited about MARC. We need, and I do mean need, folks, to step up. So, if you like getting to know great people, going to incredible places, and being challenged to help with the awareness of organizations that ESA supports. Then, you will make my job easy. If all that sounds up your alley, then there is no time like the present to let me know if you would like to be on the appointed board next year. I hope you will see what a blessing MARC is in your busy lives. Have you ever been to a MARC Conference? Next year, we head to Wisconsin, and I plan to get there early to take advantage of everything that Judy and Tim Baxter, our convention chairs, have already planned for us!

I am looking forward to helping Amanda reach her goals this year. All I have are positive thoughts! Do you have ideas, thoughts, and wishes? I would love to hear them. I hope you and your family are surrounded by love and joy during the holidays and safe and happy until we see each other again.

Julie Whitaker
Vice-President/President-Elect
2024/2025



ANSWER: 88 MPH

Hello, everyone- me again! I am reporting the bylaw and standing rule changes that were voted on, passed, or failed. You will find the revised bylaws and standing rules published at the end of the reMARC.

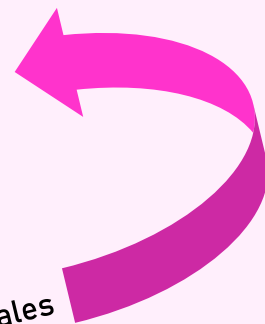
Thank you to everyone who participated in the meeting of the bylaws and standing you to everyone who participated in the convention rules. It was apparent that many states took our plea to heart to read through the proposals and make their decisions before they got to the meeting; therefore, there were no surprises, and the meeting was conducted with respect and attention to detail.

Julie Whitaker, MARC Parliamentarian

2023-2024



Fun Fact: In 1987, 20 percent of all mattress sales were waterbeds. The waterbed market was worth \$2 billion.



Standing Rule Changes

Chairman to Chair/Chairman change (housekeeping) *executive board passed*

Proposed Standing Rule Change Article II Section A *passed*

Proposed Standing Rule Change Article II Section E *executive board passed*

Proposed Standing Rule Change Article II Section F *passed*

Proposed Standing Rule Change Article III Section A *passed*

Proposed Standing Rule Change Article IX *executive board pass*

Proposed Standing Rule Change Article X *executive board pass*

Proposed Standing Rule Change Article XI Section A1 *passed*

Proposed Standing Rule Change Article XI Section A2 *passed*

Proposed Standing Rule Change Article XI Section B1 *passed*

Proposed Standing Rule Change Article XIV *executive board passed*

Proposed Standing Rule Change Article XV *executive board passed*

By-Law Changes

Chairman/Chair Changes executive board *passed*

Proposed By-law Change Article V Section 1 *declined*

Proposed By-law Change Article VII Section 2 *declined*

Proposed By-law Change Article VII Section 3 *declined*

Proposed By-law Change Article VII Section 4 *declined*

Proposed By-law Change Article VII Section 5 *passed*

Proposed By-law Change Article XII Section 2 *executive board pass*

Proposed By-law Change Article XII Section 3 *executive board pass*

Proposed By-law Change Article XII Section 4 *declined*

Proposed By-law Change Article XIV Section 2 *passed*

Proposed By-law Change Article XV Section 2B *declined*

Proposed By-law Change Article XV Section 2 *declined*

Proposed By-law Change Article XV Section 3 *declined*

Thank you again for your time and attention.

Hey, MARC! It's me, Baylee, the one writing this super cool newsletter! I just wanted to pop in, say I am so excited to be taking on this role this year, and post the article submission dates. *Please* get your articles to me by these dates as posted! You can send articles to bayleefiester@gmail.com or remarcsesa@gmail.com.

I highly encourage members from all states to submit articles about events, fundraisers, photos, membership, recipes, and anything "totally tubular" happening in your neck of the woods! I look forward to supporting Mandy and the 2024-2025 MARC executive & appointed boards, as well as communicating with state reps and presidents. Cheers to a great year in MARC!



MARC ARTICLE DEADLINES & PUBLISHING DATES:

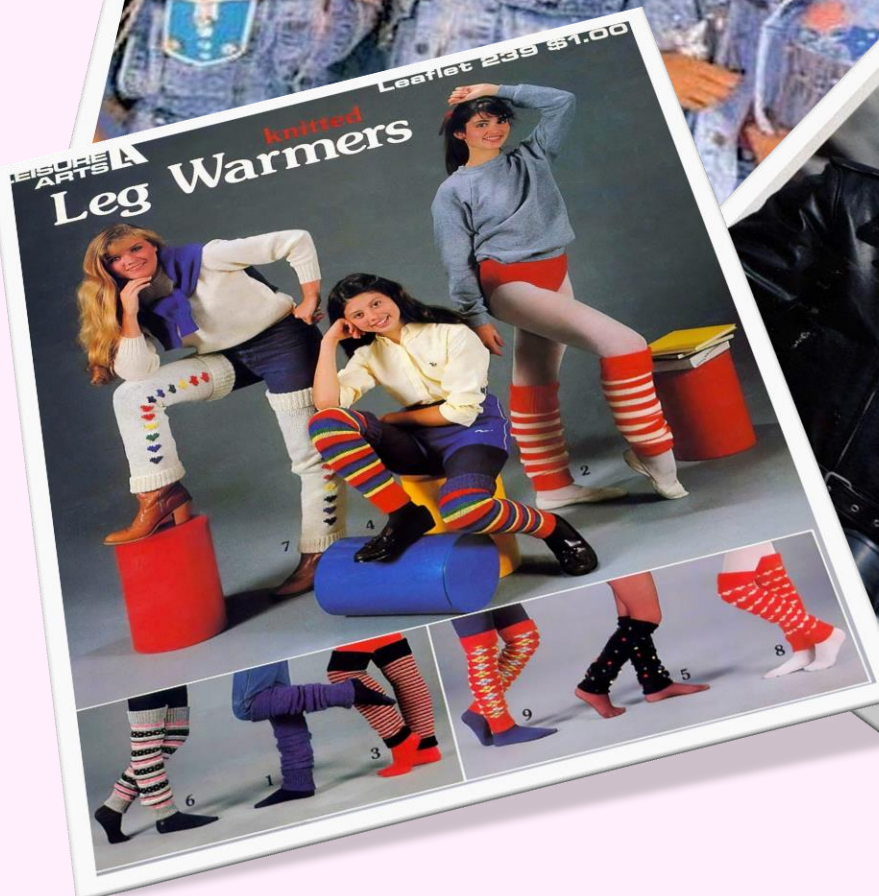
March 15th, 2025 ⇒ March 20th, 2025

June 20th, 2025 ⇒ June 25th, 2025

August 15th, 2025 ⇒ Aug. 20th, 2025



80's Fashion Flash



Hello Fellow MARC Members,

Wow, this year has flown by! It seems like yesterday that I was fretting over my first article as MARC President. Now, here I am as Jr. Past President asking MARC members to run for the 2025-2026 Executive Board. Julie Whitaker, Jan Rahn, and I will be looking for members to step up and run for an office. Check the MARC website bylaws, standing rules, and the Ops manual for the duties of each office. This will help you understand the duties of each office. The Executive Board positions that we will need to fill are Vice President, Parliamentarian, Treasurer, Secretary, and Communicator. The nominations will close on June 15, 2025.

If you want to run or know someone who is interested in running, please let us know, don't wait until the last minute! The nomination form is attached in this newsletter and is also on the MARC website. I have had a very positive experience serving on the MARC board and know you would, too. My growth on the board has grown from being able to convey my thoughts into words to being able to stand in front of all the membership and conduct a successful meeting. I hope you will consider running for an office.

Jill from IL Shull

2024-2025 MARC Jr. Past President



Hello from the Ways and Means Committee! We met at the end of October and talked through lots of ideas we are wanting to do to raise money for ourselves this year. We are starting things off with a photo contest that is running from Nov. 18th through Dec. 15th. If someone wants to vote, they just like the picture and send \$1 and that vote counts. Promote it as much as you can because the more people that see it the more votes and \$\$ we can earn.

We have big plans to host many events during the year. Our goal is to have other people help us raise money for ourselves and not just our members. We want others to support all the good work we do. If you have ideas, please feel free to share them with me at any time. Keep an eye out for what we will be up to next!

Adrian Spurduto-Ways and Means Committee Chair

Chaplain Report



Dear Members,

It is an honor to be your Chaplain this year!! There is comfort in knowing others share your sorrows, your happiness and everything in-between. BUT, I seriously need to hear from your state. When I started this, I had only sent our weekly reports to your state presidents with the request to please share with their individual chapter presidents. Just recently I have included the state chaplains. I'm hoping that any snafus are slowly being ironed out and everyone in our MARC states gets this information.

In the meantime, since October 14th, cards have been sent the following:

Thinking of You/Get Well ... 7

Sympathy ... 7

Remember, we want to lift up ALL of our members... so, please reach out to me soon!!

Thanks so much for ALL you do in ESA  

Kathleen Grissom , MARC Chaplain 2024-2025

Best Ever Sweet Potato Casserole

Prep Time: 20 mins Cook Time: 25 mins

Servings: 12

INGREDIENTS

Sweet Potatoes

- 4 lb. sweet potato, peeled, cut into 1" cubes
- 4 Tbsp unsalted butter
- $\frac{3}{4}$ c packed light brown sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$ c heavy cream
- 1 tsp kosher salt
- 1 Tbsp Vanilla extract
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp ground nutmeg

Topping

- 2 cups mini marshmallows
- $\frac{1}{2}$ c all-purpose flour
- 4 Tbsp unsalted butter
- 6 Tbsp packed light brown sugar
- $\frac{1}{4}$ c old fashioned rolled oats, not instant oats
- $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp ground cinnamon

Instructions:

1. *Preheat the oven to 350°F. Grease an 8"x10" casserole dish (8x8 or 9x9 works too).*
2. *Fill a large pot with sweet potato pieces and enough water to cover by 2 inches. Bring to a boil over high heat and cook until fork tender, about 10 minutes.*
3. *Drain water from potatoes and return potatoes to the pot. Using a potato masher or electric mixer, mash until mostly smooth. Add remaining ingredients (except topping ingredients and mix until combined.*
4. *Spoon sweet potatoes into the casserole dish and use the back of a wooden spoon or mixing spatula to smooth out. Sprinkle marshmallows over top of mashed sweet potatoes.*
5. *Add butter to a medium sized microwave safe bowl. Microwave on full power to melt the butter. Add remaining topping ingredients to the bowl, and use a fork to combine. Sprinkle over the top of casserole.*
6. *Place the casserole in the preheated oven and bake for 20-25 minutes, or until the streusel is crisp and marshmallows are golden brown.*
7. *Serve while warm, and enjoy!*



State President's Reports

Indiana

Indiana had a successful purse bingo for Easter Seals recently. Good time at MARC conference. Thank you Missouri. Merry Christmas & happy new year!

Susan Waltz, *Indiana MARC Representative 2024-2025*

Michigan

Six of us Michigan members (us fabulous five ladies + wonderful as always Josh Johnson) made our way to MARC in STL and had a fabulous time. A personal favorite part of the conference for me was Marcy Bursac's presentation on fostering & adoption and her heartfelt, inspiring story. I found her story and message to be touching and resonated with me deeply. May God bless those who have the courage to do this work of heart and make an impact on children's lives. Thank you so much to Missouri & the Torchbearers for putting on a wonderful conference and all your hard work put in to making MARC 2024 a success!

Congratulations to Jill Shull and her board for a job well done in 2023-2024, and congratulations to Amanda Dixon and her board for their offices held in the coming year. I know we will have some fun and I can't wait to see where this year will take us!

Michigan is focusing on various projects right now. One of the big events many chapters are participating in on December 14th is Wreaths Across America, taking place at various cemeteries across Michigan. Lambda Chi sells wreaths as one of their big fundraisers, and chapters will come together and/or go to local cemeteries to participate in ceremonies on the 14th across our beautiful (and likely snowy) state.

Our two current state projects are League of Enchantment and MS Society. Both organizations are special to our members, and chapters are doing fundraisers to contribute towards both causes. Some are running craft shows, online sales, poker rooms, dip sales, and of course we have our fun raffles, games, bags, etc. at board meetings & assemblies. Currently, the league has 9 children on their Christmas adoption [list](#) and is growing, plus their general hospital visits remain routine, so if you would like to see what they are about please check out

<https://www.facebook.com/LeagueOfEnchantmentMichigan>.

Keep with the good works, keep faith, and keep those in need in your hearts and thoughts. I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season ahead!

Baylee Pfiester

Michigan State Council President, 2023-2024, 2024-2025

Minnesota:

Greetings from Minnesota!

Our members kicked off the 2024-2025 year with an early Fall state meeting in August. Members in attendance came bearing donations of school supplies for a local church who sponsors a school supply drive. While we won't have another formal state meeting until Spring, we are not lacking in terms of events- both social and fundraising.

In addition to Minnesota's unwavering dedication to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, our state voted in two (2) state organizations to focus our volunteer hours and fundraising. They are Welcome Home Veterans and Interact Center for the Visual and Performing Arts.

- The Welcome Home Veterans program serves homeless veterans throughout the Twin Cities area by providing veterans with a "Welcome Home" kit containing items needed to have a fully functioning kitchen, bedroom, and bathroom. Our members fundraise money to help purchase these items; and some members volunteer their time to deliver these kits, and/or beds, to veterans in need.
- The mission of Interact Center for the Visual and Performing Arts is to create art that challenges societies views of disabilities. Our members fundraise money to support this organization and attend open art galleries and/or performances.

Be sure to "like" our Facebook page, MN ESA, to keep up with all that we're doing!

Kim LeTendre Olson

Minnesota State Council President, 2024-2025



Missouri:

What a busy fall we have had in Missouri! Our Leadership Meeting on September 20-21 brought us together for fun and education. It was great to hear what the chapters throughout the state are involved in and their future plans. We donated cleaning supplies to Marcy's Project for families in crisis and dire situations. We had a workshop on growing succulents and painted flowerpots for the plants. We learned more about the impact of EasterSeals and the needs in the community.

Our Missouri Torchbearers (past state presidents) hosted the annual MARC Conference in St. Louis on October 10-12. The speakers were fun, motivational and educational. Then we had Family Feud for our Friday night mixer! Our hospitality room was a great gathering place for our members to relax and visit. Our business meeting on Saturday was successful with the many by-law changes being voted on. Thanks, Julie Whitaker, for doing an outstanding job as Parliamentarian. We culminated the event with the installation of new officers for 2024-2025, with Amanda Dixon as the new President, and our own Julie Whitaker as Vice President.

Missouri instituted a new program for the 2024-2025 year with all new members' fees being waived until April 12, 2025, and as of today, we are showing success in growing our membership around the state. This applies to new members only and not reinstatements. Growing together in ESA.

Wishing everyone a thankful Thanksgiving, and a Merry Christmas filled with all your favorite things.

Ruth Williams

Missouri State Council President, 2024-2025

Missouri II:

The 39th Annual Midwest Area Regional Council (MARC) Leadership Conference was an incredible success! From the busy setup to the heartfelt moments during the conference, it's clear a lot of work and dedication went into making it such a memorable event. Here's a recap of the highlights:

39th Annual MARC Leadership Conference Recap – October 10th-12th

The MARC conference kicked off on Thursday, October 10th, with a busy day of setup and a warm welcome for attendees in the hospitality room. A great selection of snacks and beverages was provided, and it was heartwarming to reconnect with members as excitement buzzed about the upcoming days.

Friday: A Day of Workshops and Fun

The conference started in full swing on Friday morning with shopping in MARCette Place, offering a wide variety of goods, from clothing and jewelry to cookbooks and oven mitts.

The day featured a lineup of engaging workshops:

- The Gateway Arch presented by the Historic Society
- A session with Hypnotist and Magician Josh McVicar
- Marcy Bursac from *The Forgotten Adoption Option*
- Gina Wozencraft, a MARC member, led a Tai Chi workshop focused on improving better balance

Later that evening, everyone enjoyed a lighthearted and fun Family Feud game hosted by Sherry Farmer, rounding off the day with laughter and camaraderie.

Saturday: Business & Reflection

Saturday morning began with a hearty breakfast before diving into the business portion of the conference. The Flag Ceremony set a respectful tone for the day, followed by a deeply moving Celebration of Life.

The Executive Board was introduced, and the conference was officially declared into session by President Jill Shull. The day's business covered several important topics, including:

- By-Law/Standing Rules Changes were reviewed, discussed in detail, and voted on.
- The Nominations Committee presented additional nominations for the next Executive Board, followed by the election process.
- During the vote tallying, attendees enjoyed a lunch break and time to connect.

Key Presentations & Reports

- Bill Wallace from the Missouri Veterans Endeavor shared insights into their mission and successes, along with ways that we as members might be able to assist and also encourage us to visit.
- IC President Lynda Edwards shared her vision for the upcoming year.
- Julene Donnay from the ESA Corporate Office provided important updates.
- The Budget proposal was discussed and quickly approved.

New Executive Board Introduced

A big moment of the conference was the announcement of the new MARC Executive Board:

- President: Amanda Dixon (OH)
- Vice President: Julie Whitaker (MO)
- Parliamentarian: Sheri Meyer-Harden (KS)
- Treasurer: Beth Pompa (KS)
- Secretary: Judy Baxter (WI)
- Communicator: Baylee Pfeister (MI)

Afterward, Jill Shull formally passed the MARC Gavel to Amanda Dixon, symbolizing the transition of leadership. The induction of Jill Shull into the MARCettes was another poignant moment, as Bonnie Templeton led the ceremony.

The conference concluded with final reports, a presentation of future conference sites, and the ESA Closing Ritual, where the Flags were retired with grace.

Evening Banquet & Entertainment

The weekend culminated with the Be-YOU-tiful Banquet, where officers were officially installed by Angie Butenschoen. Attendees enjoyed a delicious dinner and were entertained by the lively Funky Fusion Duo.

Gratitude

A huge thank you is extended to Ruth Williams, Brenda Fields, and the Torchbearers for their hard work in ensuring the success of the conference. It was a truly memorable weekend for all involved.

Thank you,

Terri Breedlove and Carolyn McNamara
Missouri MARC Representatives 2024-2025

Ohio

Greetings from Alpha Zeta, I hope everyone has had a great end to the summer and a great start into the fall season. I had a chance in the early Fall to attend my first ever MARC Conference. Man, it was a lot of fun to say the least.

Starting with the car ride/singing fest from Ohio with the State President Tammy Reynolds (a.k.a my daughter), to learning about the history of the St. Louis Arch. We got a chance to learn about a wonderful organization that is putting together a community of small homes that will house many homeless veterans in the St. Louis area. The

Ways and Means put together a wonderful craft Market and had a few raffles too. The hotel was great and the beds were comfy. Wow... there was something else going on there too. Hmm, I need to think? Oh, I know, my lovely niece Amanda Dixon was sworn in as your new MARC President.

As the season moves on here at Alpha Zeta we have decided our next fundraising project. It is called Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. We have purchased plastic shoe boxes at our local Hobby Lobby Store to fill and mail in, there is another way for anyone who wants to use this fundraiser also by visiting samaritanspurse.org/buildonline to get started.

I wish you all a Happy Holiday Season.

Lisa Isaacs, *Ohio MARC Representative*

Wisconsin

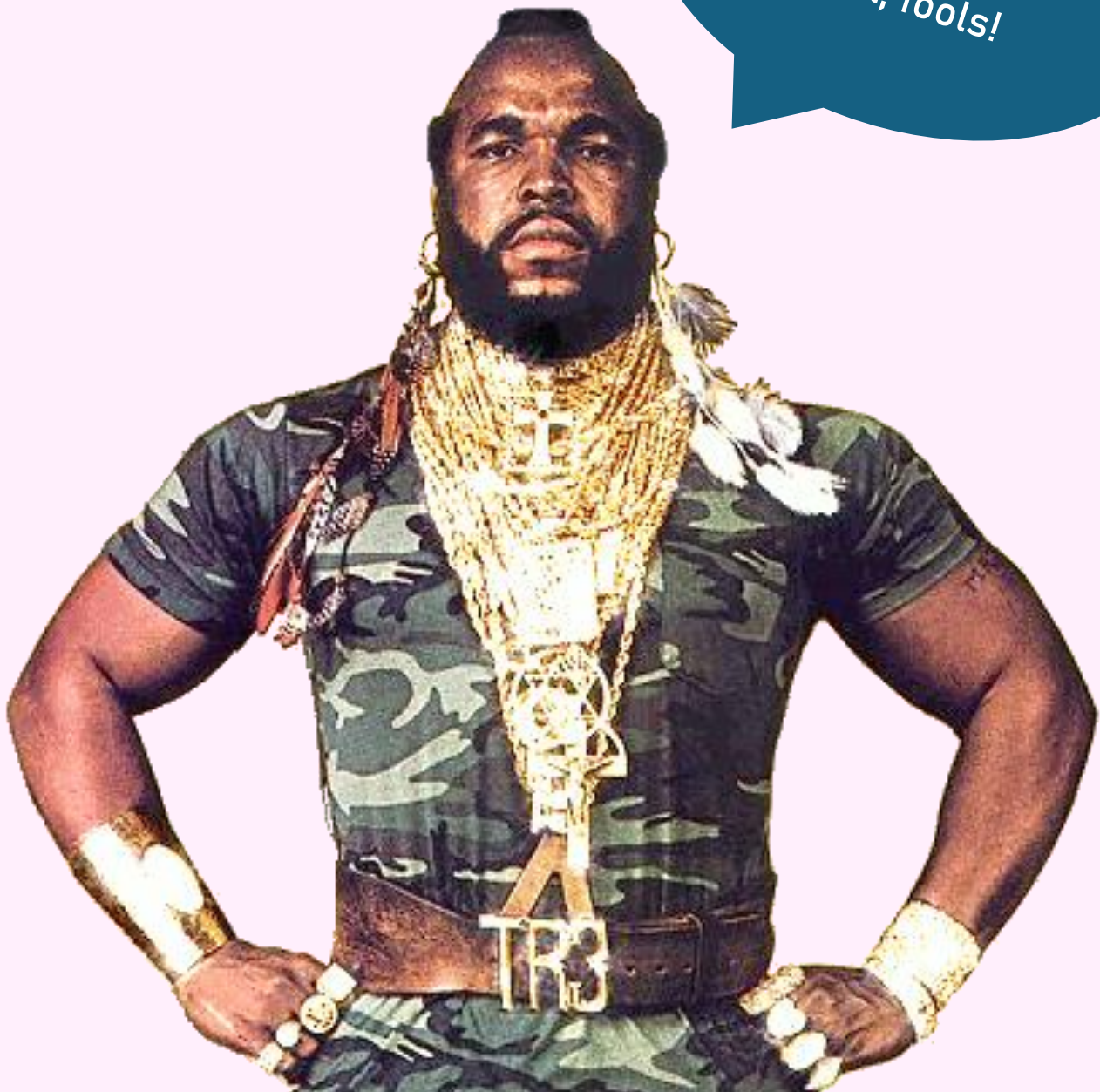
November has blown its way through and we are all turning the heat on in our homes. Betty Donnelly, Beta Omicron Chapter and her Sisters are hosting a fund-raising event to help Keep Wisconsin Warm/Cool Fund on November 19th. Funds raised will support persons that are unable to pay for the utilities to keep their homes warm/cool. The needs may be for heating oil, wood or electric/gas. 85% of funds raised benefit veterans, elderly, disabled or working families with young children. For many years, Betty has been the mainsail at this successful event raising thousands of dollars annually.

Wisconsin ESA is hosting a Ways & Means Fundraiser selling See's Candies. Check out the tasty items on the MARC Facebook page. Through the Beta Lambda Chapter, Tim & Judy Baxter donated 10 children's coats along with gloves and hats to the Boys & Girls Club in Berlin, Wisconsin. Wisconsin ESA members really are out there helping keep Wisconsin warm!

Happy Thanksgiving from Wisconsin!

Tim Baxter, *Wisconsin MARC Representative 2024-2025*

What's the name of
Mr. T's Girlfriend?
April, fools!



Midwest Area Regional Council
Conference
Sheraton Westport, St Louis MO
October 12, 2024

Assembly was called to order by Vice President Amanda Dixon at 9:00am

Flag ceremony was presented by Judy Huntley, 2008-2009 IC President with Kerry Considine, Illinois State Council President signing.

Jennifer Sparkman, Chaplain presented the Celebration of Life.

Jill Shull, MARC President declared the 39th annual MARC conference in session. The opening ritual was recited by members in attendance. Jill thanked the flag bearers, Kerry and Judy for the beautiful and patriotic flag ceremony.

Jill thanked Jennifer for the lovely Celebration of Life ceremony and asked for her to provide opening thoughts.

MARC conference co-chairs Brenda Fields and Ruth Williams were introduced who in turn introduced Paige Eggleston, Convention Sales Manager who welcomed us to their hotel and the St Louis area.

Ruth Williams, Missouri State Council President welcomed us to the St Charles/St Louis area.

Jill Shull introduced the MARC Elected officers:

Amanda Dixon, OH - 2023-2024 Vice President

Julie Whitaker, MO - 2023-2024 Parliamentarian

Beth Pompa, KS - 2023-2024 Recording Secretary

Alley Gary, IN - 2023-2024 Treasurer

Heather Hoey, MI 2023-2024 Communicator

Bonnie Templeton, KS - 2023-2024 JR Past President

MARC State Presidents and/or their representatives were asked to stand to be recognized.

International Council elected and appointed boards were asked to stand to be recognized.

ESA Membership Corporation Board members were asked to stand to be recognized.

ESA Foundation Board members were asked to stand to be recognized.

Past International Council Presidents were asked to stand (there were five) to be recognized.

MARCettes were asked to stand (there were 13) to be recognized.

There were no pledges or ELAN members in attendance.

First time attendees to a MARC conference were asked to stand (there were 16) to be recognized.

Julie Whitaker read the “Rules of the Meeting”.

Beth Pompa presented the roll call/credentials report.

STATE	MEMBERS IN STATE	MEMBERS PRESENT	STATE PRESIDENT PRESENT	STATE PRESIDENT ALTERNATE	MARC REPS PRESENT	MARC REPS ALTERNATE
Illinois	218	11	1	0	1	1
Indiana	289	13	1	0	1	1
Kansas	401	16	1	0	2	0
Michigan	53	6	1	0	1	1
Minnesota	51	0	0	1	1	0
Missouri	155	29	1	0	2	0
Nebraska	18	0	1	0	2	0
Ohio	77	6	1	0	1	1
Oklahoma	313	3	0	1	1	1
South Dakota	28	0	0	0	1	0
Wisconsin	11	1	1	0	2	0
TOTALS	1614	85	8	2	15	5

Guests: ___0___ Pledges: ___0___ First Timers: ___16___ MARCettes: ___13___

Minutes of the July 2024 MARC IC meeting. Beth Pompa, Recording Secretary moved to dispense with the reading of the 2024 MARC meeting at IC convention as they were printed in the August ReMARCS. Shirley Krcmar, OH seconded, there was no discussion. Motion carried.

There was no correspondence to be read.

Alley Gary presented the proposed budget for 2024-2025:

Barb Warmoth for the ESA Foundation presented “Start or Stall” (heads or tails). And the winner was Jean Varga, MI who donated her winnings back to the ESA Foundation.

Julie Whitaker, Parliamentarian presented the by-law and standing rule changes. The following by-laws contained housekeeping changes and were voted and approved by the executive board at their meeting this morning:

Article V, Section 2

Article XII, Section 4

Article XII, Section

Article XII, Section 3

The following standing rules contained housekeeping changes and were voted and approved by the executive board at their meeting this morning:

Article A and Section 7

Article D

Article E

Article F

Article II, Section A-6, Section B-4, Section B-7, Section D-5, Section E

Article G, Section 2

Article VII

Article IX

Article X

Article XII

Article XIV

Article XV, Section B, C and D

Julie moved to approve Article V, Section 1 – sub-paragraph A. No second was needed coming from a committee. Motion was declined.

Julie moved to approve Article VII, Section 2. No second was needed coming from a committee. Motion was declined.

Article VII, Section 3 & 4 were not read as they pertain to the previous section which was declined.

Julie moved to approve Article VII, Section 5. No second was needed coming from a committee. Motion carried.

Julie moved to approve Article XII, Section 4. No second was needed coming from a committee. Motion was declined.

Julie moved to approve Article XIV, Section 2. No second was needed coming from a committee. Motion carried.

Julie moved to approve Article XV, Section 2. No second was needed coming from a committee. Motion was declined. Section 3 from this article was pulled as it is addressed in Standing Rules.

Julie moved to approve Article II, Section A. No second was needed coming from a committee. Motion carried.

Julie moved to approve Article II, Section F. No second was needed coming from a committee. Motion carried.

Julie moved to approve Article III, Section A. No second was needed coming from a committee. Motion carried.

Julie moved to approve Article XI, Section A #1. No second was needed coming from a committee. Motion carried.

Julie moved to approve Article XI, Section A #2. No second was needed coming from a committee. Motion carried.

Julie moved to approve Article XI, Section B #1. This motion was amended by Baylee Pfiester, MI with a second from Birdie Elkofska, WI. The amended motion was declined. Original motion was then addressed. No second was needed coming from a committee. Motion carried.

Bonnie Templeton presented the slate of officers for the 2024-2025 year.

President:	Amanda Dixon, OH
Parliamentarian:	Sheri Meyer-Harden, KS
Vice President/President Elect:	Brittany Rosenmund, MI Julie Whitaker, MO
Recording Secretary:	Alley Gary, IN Judy Baxter, WI
Treasurer:	Beth Pompa, KS Heather Hoey, MI
Communicator:	Baylee Pfiester, MI
Jr Past President:	Jill Shull, IL

Jill asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were none, nominations were closed and ballots were handed out to the voting members and collected by the Election Tellers of Deb Vercellano, NE, Mara Wheeler, OK and Adrian Sperduto, IL.

Meeting was adjourned for lunch at 12:05pm

Meeting was called to order at 1:15pm. Ruth Williams introduced Bill Wallace, Executive Director of Missouri Veterans Endeavor who spoke on this program.

A video was played from Julene Donnay who reported on ESA Membership and ESA Headquarters.

Lynda Edwards, IC President presented her message.

Alley Gary, Treasurer moved to approve the budget. No second was needed coming from a committee. Motion to approve the 2024-2025 budget was approved.

Barb Warmoth again presented "Start or Stall" (heads or tails) for the ESA Foundation. Vickie King, OH was the winner this round. Barb also reminded us of the ESA Foundation scholarships applications that are open now and reminded everyone to pay their foundation dues by December 31, 2024.

Brittany Rosenmund gave the Ways & Means Report:

Marcette Place tables:	\$375
Cell Phone:	\$30
Lottery board:	\$600
Buy a square:	\$1082
TOTAL:	\$2087

Addendum: \$2012 was deposited on November 8, 2024. With the addition of the \$175 that had previously been deposited for the Marcette place tables, the total would be \$2187.

Jill presented the Social Media report in the absence of Ladonna Beck who was a tremendous help in getting out Jill's vision to connect through communication via Facebook.

Jill gave the report from her special projects committee of Brittany Rosenmund and Kathleen Grissom. They encouraged each MARC State to participate in the "State of the Month" where we learned interesting facts about each of the states.

Jill introduced the 2024-2025 Executive Board

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Jill asked the election tellers to affirm this election. Deb Vercellano did so.

Brenda Fields, Registration Chair presented the final conference report.

Members:	112	Room Reservations
Non MARC :	2	Wednesday: 6
DESA/Elans:	0	Thursday: 48
Guests:	6	Friday: 53
Leadership:	109	Saturday: 52

Sharon George was recognized and thanked for her effort as the MARC Conference Audit Chair and her committee of Cindee Leong and Kathy Farmer.

Judy Baxter, Audit Chair and committee member Emmy Neustrom, reported that books had been audited and all found to be in order.

Judy and Tim Baxter reported on the Oct 10-11, 2025 MARC conference to be held in Wisconsin.

October 9-10, 2026 will be held in Minnesota. Conference chairs to be determined.

Jill gave her closing remarks.

Rhonda Rawlings lowered Jill's gavel guard.
Shirley Krcmar raised Amanda's gavel guard.

Jill presented Amanda with the gavel and thanked her for her support and asked all MARC members to pledge their support in her "Be You tiful" year ahead.

Amanda introduced her 2024-2025 MARC Board members.

Bonnie Templeton and the MARCettes inducted Jill into their ranks.

Jennifer Sparkman, Chaplain gave a closing thought.

Judy Huntley presided over the retiring of the flags with Kerry Considine signing.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:05pm with the closing ritual being recited by all.

Respectfully submitted by *Beth Pompa, Secretary*

Approved by *Jill Shall, President*

2024-2025 MARC Presidents & Representatives Roster

ILLINOIS

Kerry	Considine	IL President
Kathleen	Grissom	IL MARC Representative
Judy	Huntley	IL MARC Representative

INDIANA

Kary	Soto	IN President
Susan	Waltz	IN MARC Representative
Vivian	Greeson	IN MARC Representative

KANSAS

Barbara	Summers	KS MARC Representative
Sheri	Meyer-Harden	KS MARC Representative
Beth	Pompa	KS MARC Representative

MICHIGAN

Baylee	Pfiester	MI President
Pat	Ludwig	MI MARC Representative
Sara	Wachowicz	MI MARC Representative

MINNESOTA

Kim	LeTendre Olson	MN President
Birdie	Elkofska	MN MARC Representative
Terri	Olson	MN MARC Representative

MISSOURI

Ruth	Williams	MO President
Terri	Breedlove	MO MARC Representative
Carolyn	McNamara	MO MARC Representative

NEBRASKA

Dora	Dill	NE President
Deb	Vercellono	NE MARC Representative
Deb	Frahm	NE MARC Representative

OHIO

Tammy	Reynolds	OH President
Lisa	Isaacs	OH MARC Representative
Marsha	Reynolds	OH MARC Representative

OKLAHOMA

Darla	Barton	OK President
Margaret	Kramer	OK MARC Representative
Tammy	Ramirez	OK MARC Representative

SOUTH DAKOTA

Barb	Campbell	SD President
Emmy	Neustrom	SD MARC Representative
LuAnn	Oulette	SD MARC Representative

WISCONSIN

Judy

Baxter

WI President

Tim

Baxter

WI MARC Representative

Ann

White

WI MARC Representative

*One feature it did have...
You never had to spend a lot
of time figuring out where you
left it.*



**From the 2024-25 MARC
Executive Board, have a
wonderful, happy, and
healthy holiday season!**

**See you in the new
year!**

BE *you* **TIFUL**

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