TO: International Council Executive Board
 Candidates for 2021-2022 International Council Offices
 2020-2021 State Presidents
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 Regional Council Presidents
 ESA Headquarters
 ESA Foundation Chair
 PICP Chair

FROM: Robin Bussey, First Vice President/President Elect

SUBJECT: Official Ballot and Candidate Qualifications for 2021-2022 International Council Elected Offices

The Nominating Committee is pleased to present the ballot for the 2021-2022 International Council offices. Each candidate is qualified and meets the eligibility requirements as stated in the International Council Bylaws. The official ballot will be presented at the International Convention, July 30, 2021, in Louisville, KY as follows:

First Vice President/ Denise Holdaway Theta Epsilon #4736 Arkansas
President Elect

Second Vice President Brenda Meyers Beta Psi #4150 Ohio

Recording Secretary Linda Schmidt Zeta Epsilon #2344 Kansas
 Malinda Remington Rho Chi #5351 Florida

Corresponding Secretary Tammy Gregg Alpha Epsilon #1461 South Carolina

Treasurer Lynda Edwards Beta Nu #5476 Alabama
 Jaycee Peak Zeta Eta #5593 Indiana

Parliamentarian Mary Humphrey Beta Alpha #5416 Colorado

Workshop Coordinator Gail Marchant Alpha Beta #5544 Georgia
Celeste Webb Omega Nu #5382 Illinois

In accordance with the International Council Bylaws, there shall be a maximum of five (5) candidates for each office. Therefore, if a “Notice of Intent to Nominate” from the floor is submitted in writing to the First Vice President, 60 days prior to the International Council Convention, those nominations will be accepted from the floor at the 2021 IC Convention in Louisville, KY for the following offices: First Vice President/President Elect, Second Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian and Workshop Coordinator.

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It is requested that the Nominating Committee be notified prior to May 15, 2021, if a nomination from the floor is to be made. This time is required to verify a candidate’s qualifications as required by the International Council Bylaws. A completed Nomination Form and all attachments, as required, must accompany nominations from the floor. Individuals nominated from the floor are allowed three (3) minutes each to have their qualifications presented to the assembly and are permitted to participate in all activities regarding their candidacy.

Read the qualifications and each candidate’s answer to the question (***In 50 words or less state why you would like to be an IC officer, what your objectives would be and how you plan to accomplish those objectives)*** carefully and please take the time at the IC Convention in Louisville, KY to get to know them. Each chapter is encouraged to take advantage of its right to vote in the election of the 2021-2022 International Council officers.

The Nominating Committee consists of:
Robin Bussey, Chair, South Carolina Susie Morris, Colorado
Terri Olson, Texas Margo Bjork, California
Kim New, Georgia

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| **First Vice President – Denise Holdaway, Arkansas** |
|   | Chapter: Theta Epsilon #4736, Blytheville, ArkansasOccupation: Corporate Office ManagerESA: 20 Years of Service in ESAConvention Attendance: State – 18 IC – 13 |
| **International Council:** |
| Elected: | Second Vice President; Parliamentarian; Treasurer |
| Appointed Chairs: | State Presidents Chair (Jr & Sr); ESA for St. Jude Chair (Jr & Sr); Election Teller |
| **Multi-State:** | 1. Arkansas is a member of Southeastern Regional Council
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| Elected: | President (2016-2017); First Vice President; Second Vice President; Treasurer; Parliamentarian; Jr Past President |
| Appointed Chairs: | Budget; Awards |
| **State:** |  |
| Elected: | President (2011-2012); First Vice President; Second Vice President; Treasurer; Jr. Past President; Corresponding Secretary (3) |
| Appointed Chairs: | Awards, Social Media, Budget; Bylaws: Past Presidents Auxiliary – President; Vice President; Minutes |
| *I love ESA! For ESA to continue, members must step up and run on the IC Board. I hope to be a light that encourages our members to want to step up. Change is hard, but sometimes it just has to happen. I want ESA to move forward while we are honoring the past. We must remember and honor where we come from.*  |

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| **Second Vice President – Brenda Meyers, Ohio** |
| Brenda Meyers | Chapter: Beta Psi #4150, Cincinnati, OhioOccupation: Cost Accountant ManagerESA: 31 Years of Service in ESAConvention Attendance: State – 27 IC – 16 |
| **International Council:** |
| Elected: | Workshop Coordinator; Recording Secretary; Treasurer |
| Appointed Chairs: | Administrative Assistant; State Presidents’ (Jr. & Sr.); Credentials Chair; IC Convention Registration Chair; Philanthropic Chair |
| **Multi-State:** | Ohio is a member of the Midwest Area Regional Council |
| Elected: | President (2009-2010); Vice President; Recording Secretary; Communicator; Jr. Past President |
| Appointed Chairs: | Chaplain; Webmaster; Conference Co-Chair |
| **State:** |  |
| Elected: | President (2015-2016 & 2002-2003); First Vice President; Second Vice President; Recording Secretary; Treasurer; Editor; Corresponding Secretary; Jr. Past President |
| Appointed Chairs: | Membership; ESA for St. Jude (Jr. & Sr.); Tourette’s Syndrome Association; MARC Rep; ESA Foundation Counselor; Past Presidents Auxiliary - President (2), Treasurer (2), Secretary (2) |
| *After serving the council during the past year, I have learned to tackle unexpected challenges and I believe I can take that knowledge and its’ successes into the future to continue to guarantee the growth and education of our membership. I sincerely believe that we can do anything.* |
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| **Recording Secretary – Malinda Remington, Florida** |
| Malinda Remington | Chapter: Rho Chi #5351, Wesley Chapel, FloridaOccupation: Retired Insurance AdjusterESA: 26 Years of Service in ESAConvention Attendance: State – 20 IC – 17 |
| **International Council:** |
| Elected: | Parliamentarian |
| Appointed Chairs: | Membership (Jr & Sr); Educational; Association of the Arts; Credentials  |
| **Multi-State:** | Florida is a member of the Southeastern Regional Council |
| Elected: | President (2017-2018); First Vice President; Second Vice President; Recording Secretary; Parliamentarian; Jr Past President |
| Appointed Chairs: | Association of the Arts; Finance; Nominating; Imagination Library |
| **State:** |  |
| Elected: | President (2012-2013); First Vice President; Second Vice President; Recording Secretary; Treasurer; Jr Past President |
| Appointed Chairs: | ESA for St Jude (Jr & Sr); Educational; Disaster Fund; Nominating; Budget; Yearbook; Past Presidents Auxiliary – President; Vice President; Secretary |
| *2020 was such a hard year for all ESA members across our country. It would be especially meaningful for me to serve on the International Council Board as we all come back together. And as we do return to ESA, I believe it will be the best year ever.***Recording Secretary – Linda Schmidt, Kansas**

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|  | Chapter: Zeta Epsilon, Overland Park, KS Occupation: HR Coordinator IIESA: 35 Years of Service in ESAConvention Attendance: State – 33 IC – 14 |
| **International Council:** |
| Elected: | None |
| Appointed Chairs: | IC Corresponding Secretary; Chaplain; IC Convention Secretary, St. Jude IC Jr and Sr Coordinator, Credentials Committee, Nominating Committee |
| **Multi-State:** | Kansas is a member of the Midwest Area Regional Council |
| Elected: | President (2019 – 2020); Treasurer, Secretary, Vice President |
| Appointed Chairs: | Foundation, Budget |
| **State:** |  |
| Elected: | President (1999-2000); First Vice President, Second Vice President; Recording Secretary; Corresponding Secretary; Workshop Coordinator; Jr. Past President |
| Appointed Chairs: | ESA for St. Jude (Jr & Sr); Philanthropic; Publicity; News Bulletin; Membership; Association of Arts; Awards; Educational Director; MARC Liaison; Nominating; Outstanding Chapter; Social;  |
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| *I’ve enjoyed serving on the IC Executive Board for 2 years and helping make a difference. 2020 has changed the way ESA does business, and I want to continue helping our organization grow and find new ways to promote leadership, increase membership, raise money and help others.* |

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| **Corresponding Secretary –Tammy Gregg, South Carolina** *For information only, not an elected position* |
| A person smiling for the camera  Description automatically generated with medium confidence | Chapter: Alpha Epsilon #1461, Greenville, SCOccupation: RealtorESA: 25 Years of Service in ESAConvention Attendance: State – 17 IC – 8 |
| **International Council:** |
| Elected: | None |
| Appointed Chairs: | Easter Seals Jr & Sr; Membership Jr & Sr; Philanthropic  |
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| **Multi-State:** | South Carolina is a member of the Southeastern Regional Council |
| Elected: | Treasurer 2019-2021 |
| Appointed Chairs: | Easter Seals; Finance |
| **State:** |  |
| Elected: | President (2008-2009); First Vice President; Second Vice President; Corresponding Secretary; Treasurer; Chaplain; Jr. Past President |
| Appointed Chairs: | Easter Seals; Newsletter; Philanthropic; Scrapbook; Publicity; Finance; Disaster; Workshop; President’s Advisor; Convention Chairman; President, Vice President & Secretary of Palmetto Past Presidents. |
| *I am honored to be serving as Robin’s Corresponding Secretary. I look forward to working together to plan a year full of growth, learning and of course, fun. I hope my organizational and communication skills will support Robin and allow her to have a wonderful year as our IC President.* |

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| **Treasurer – Jaycee Peak, Indiana** |
|  | Chapter: Zeta Eta #5593, Danville, IndianaOccupation: Legal Practice AssistantESA: 50 Years of Service in ESAConvention Attendance: State – 49 IC – 22 |
| **International Council:** |
| Elected: | Workshop Coordinator; Recording Secretary; |
| Appointed Chairs: | Corresponding Secretary; Education; Teller; Awards; State Presidents Chair; Credentials; Philanthropic; Newsletter |
| **Multi-State:** | Indiana is a member of the Midwest Area Regional Council |
| Elected: | None |
| Appointed Chairs: | Ways & Means; Nominating |
| **State:** |  |
| Elected: | President; First Vice President; Second Vice President (2); Recording Secretary; Treasurer; Parliamentarian; Jr Past President  |
| Appointed Chairs: | Philanthropic; LAMP Editor; Educational Director; Past State Presidents Auxiliary – President; Vice President; Secretary; Treasurer; Parliamentarian |
| *For 50 years, ESA has been a positive in my life. This year all members had the opportunity to learn technology skills to communicate within our chapters, state, regional and IC programs. Our communication with each other is most important now for us to accomplish our goals and membership growth.* |

**Treasurer – Lynda Edwards, Alabama** |
| Lynda E | Chapter: Beta Nu #5476, Prattville, AlabamaOccupation: Retired Hospital Human Resources DirectorESA: 40 Years of Service in ESAConvention Attendance: State – 32 IC – 15 |
| **International Council:** |
| Elected: | Recording Secretary; Workshop Coordinator |
| Appointed Chairs: | Education Chair; Teller |
| **Multi-State:** | Alabama is a member of the Southeastern Area Regional Council |
| Elected: | President (2015-2016); First Vice President; Second Vice President; Recording Secretary; Treasurer; Jr Past President |
| Appointed Chairs: | Chaplain; Scrapbook |
| **State:** |  |
| Elected: | President (2); First Vice President (2); Second Vice President (2); Recording Secretary; Treasurer; Parliamentarian; Jr Past President (2); River Region Council (1988-2014) – President; Vice President; Secretary; Treasurer; Parliamentarian |
| Appointed Chairs: | Foundation Chair (2); Hope for Heroes; ESA for St Jude (Jr & Sr) Chaplain; Disaster; Easterseals; Awards; Executive Board Advisor; Association of the Arts; Yearbook; Philanthropic; Historian; Diana; Outstanding Youth; Ways and Means; Social; Education; History; Scrapbook; Rainbow Sprite; Bama Belles (PPA) – President (2); Vice President; Secretary; Treasurer; Parliamentarian |
| *Serving on the IC Board has opened up a whole new world of opportunities and allowed me to grow and interact with others of like minds. If elected again, I plan to give it my best so future generations can experience the same love for this organization that I have enjoyed.* |

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|  | Chapter: Beta Alpha #5416, Aurora, COOccupation: Retired – Department of DefenseESA: 25 Years of Service in ESAConvention Attendance: State –24 IC – 18 |
| **International Council:** |
| Elected: | Recording Secretary |
| Appointed Chairs: | ESA for St. Jude (Jr. & Sr.); Corresponding Secretary, IC Convention Chair |
| **Multi-State:** | Colorado is a member of Rocky Mountain Regional Council |
| Elected: |  |
| Appointed Chairs: |  |
| **State:** |  |
| Elected: | President (2012-2013); First Vice President; Second Vice President; Corresponding Secretary; Treasurer; Jr. Past President; Parliamentarian; Recording Secretary |
| Appointed Chairs: | Lamplighters -; Secretary; St. Jude Dream Home Co-Chair; Disaster Fund; ESA Foundation Counselor; Philanthropic; State Convention Co-Chair |
| *Being on the IC Board has given me the chance to give back to ESA. I have a strong work ethic and attention to detail. I welcome the challenge of serving others and making a difference by leading by example.* |
| **Workshop Coordinator – Gail Marchant, Georgia** |
|  | Chapter: Alpha Beta #5544, Winston, GeorgiaOccupation: Retired – Law EnforcementESA: 15 Years of Service in ESAConvention Attendance: State –15 IC – 14 |
| **International Council:** |
| Elected: | Parliamentarian |
| Appointed Chairs: | ESA for St. Jude (Jr. & Sr.); Philanthropic; Hope for Heroes |
| **Multi-State:** | Georgia is a member of Southeastern Regional Council |
| Elected: | Treasurer (2015-2016) |
| Appointed Chairs: | Administrative Assistant; Auditor; Budget |
| **State:** |  |
| Elected: | President (2013-2014); First Vice President; Second Vice President; Recording Secretary; Corresponding Secretary; Treasurer; Jr. Past President |
| Appointed Chairs: | Administrative Assistant; ESA for St Jude (Jr.& Sr.); SERC Coordinator; Gavelettes (PPA) - President; Vice President; Secretary; Auditor |
| *I “BELIEVE” in myself, ESA and each of you. Our organization is extraordinary, and I enjoy being of service to you while serving on the Executive Board. Membership growth and retention are always high on my priority list, as well as the progress of ESA, especially in these trying times.*

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| **Workshop Coordinator – Celeste Webb, Illinois** |
|  | Chapter: Omega Nu, #5382, Mattoon, ILOccupation: Facilities ManagerESA: 24 Years of Service in ESAConvention Attendance: State – 19 IC – 8 |
| **International Council:** |
| Elected: | Parliamentarian |
| Appointed Chairs: | Credentials Chair; Hope for Heroes Chair; St. Jude Jr & Sr Chair; Presidents Chair |
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| **Multi-State:** | Illinois is a member of the Midwest Area Regional Council |
| Elected: | Parliamentarian; Treasurer; Vice President; President; Past President |
| Appointed Chairs: | Ways & Means |
| **State:** |  |
| Elected: | President (2012-2013); First Vice President; Jr. Past President/Parliamentarian |
| Appointed Chairs: | St. Jude Jr & Sr Chairs; VP, Secretary and President of Usterwuzzers; Awards Chair; Hope for Heroes Chair |
| *Serving on the International Council has helped me to grow as a person and friend. I will continue to work with passion for the organization we love. Membership growth and retention continue to be a priority. Moving forward into the technology age will help us achieve these goals.* |

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