

# Nebraska State P.E.O. Convention Highlights

## 2023



Surrounded by Love,  
Encircled with Strength



**The Convention Committee, hostess  
chapters and the executive board  
welcomed all attendees!!!!**

The 2023 Nebraska State P.E.O. Convention is in the books. It was a wonderful convention full of information, instruction, and inspiration! Everyone had a wonderful time and there were many highlights throughout the weekend from cracking some myths to learning more about elephants. The business meeting of the state was conducted and finished with the election of officers.



# Chapters & Golden Girls were Honored



*THE GUARDS WERE  
PREPARED!*



The project displays were awesome  
and chairs were available to  
answer questions and give out  
information!

*ALL THE ROOMS WERE READY!*



MEMBERSHIP, HOSPITALITY,  
AND THE ELEPHANT OUTPOST  
STORE WERE ALWAYS BUSY!





# *Inspirational and Motivational Messages were shared*



The Philanthropies Banquet is one of the many highlights of convention. This year was no exception! It was a moving evening. The Star Scholarship recipient Mackenzie West, Crystal Klein, Star Chair, Dana Morgan PCE, and Indra Brockman, ELF recipient Kelly Robare ELF chair.



*The Nebraska State Board with  
International Representative Georgann  
Douglas.*

*Ladies from Reciprocity IV  
enjoyed the evening!*



# CONVENTION WORK COMPLETE!

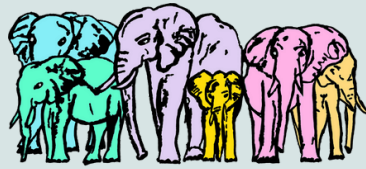


## CELEBRATIONS WERE HAD!

*Chapters and women were honored,  
friendships and the sisterhood flourished and  
the business of the state was completed!*







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*Dear Sisters,*

*Thank you to each and everyone of you who attended our 133rd Nebraska State Convention. We accomplished a great deal of required business but we had time for traditional and new events as well. Thank you to each sister who worked on this convention and to each sister who graced us with your presence.*

*I loved the Honors Luncheon and reading about all the special chapters who have carried on our traditions but also making themselves unique with their own special stories. Recognizing those women reaching milestones in their P.E.O. lives, always knowing they take P.E.O. to heart. We are blessed with all their knowledge they continue to share with their chapters.*

*Philanthropies night was filled with inspiring stories that tugged at many of our hearts this year. All their stories instilled more than ever the impact P.E.O. has had on these Nebraska women's lives and all those in the future. You are all amazing! A big thank you to the project chairs and those who made it possible to bring our speakers, in person or via video, to Kearney!*

*Again I thank you for attending convention this year as you "Surrounded me with Love and Encircled me with Strength". I want to take a minute to also tell you how much it meant to have so many visitors and new attendees this year. I was overwhelmed when I heard we had 254 visitors during convention. Those of you who were visitors, I can't thank you enough. You came to observe, enjoy and learn. It was overlooked that some of you didn't receive a program, for this I am truly sorry and it has been noted to correct this for next year. You are all amazing women whether you are able to vote or attend, I cherish each and everyone of you. I hope you go to the Nebraska website and listen to the recorded song "For Good" as it expresses how I felt serving on the executive board, as your president and now past state president.*

*Lovingly in P.E.O.*

*Renee Piper, PSP, Chapter AK*



# STATE LEADERSHIP

## Seeking Nebraska Sisters #1

Have you ever thought of becoming a part of the Executive Board of Nebraska State Chapter? Please make your chapter aware so they can be of support to you—both in writing and in deed. The successful candidate will be installed, as the Nebraska State Secretary, at the Nebraska State Convention in June 2024. Materials were in the “Delegate Folder” at the 2023 Convention. We are looking for loving leaders who will have a lasting impact on P.E.O. in Nebraska. Do you have an attitude of learning the particulars of each office thoroughly? Are you willing to be of help to chapters and sisters? Do you have the time necessary to dedicate to Nebraska State P.E.O.? These are questions you must ask yourself. YOU can make a difference for all Nebraska P.E.O. Sisters by your involvement at the state level. Please consider it if you have served as a local chapter President. The plan is to follow the same timeline as in the Leadership Brochure

- Complete a “Willingness to Serve” form that was in the Convention Delegate Packet or can be found on the Nebraska P.E.O. website: [nebraskapeo.org](http://nebraskapeo.org)
- Be sure it gets to Jane Van Horn, VP, so the process can begin.
- Contact Lisa ASAP indicating your interest (contact info below).
- Gain the support of your chapter who will write a letter of support.
- Complete an inventory of skills, experience, etc. and submit it to Lisa. They must be postmarked by Wednesday, November 1, 2023.

After the required documents are received, the chair of the nominating committee will arrange personal interviews with all prospective nominees. Most recently the interviews have started by the middle of November. Before March of the convention year the Nominating Committee will make their selection and notify all applicants and the state president of the result.

For more information about the process, and request materials, please contact:  
Lisa Helmick, Chair of the State Nominating Committee

6712 North 65th Avenue  
Omaha, NE 68152-2110  
Cell: 402-669-4186

EMAIL: [Lisapeo@cox.net](mailto:Lisapeo@cox.net) (Preferred method of contact)

## To the Leadership of Nebraska State Chapter:

First of all, congratulations and thanks for saying yes when asked to serve Nebraska State Chapter! Your willingness to serve our Sisterhood in this way is very much appreciated by all those who will benefit by your leadership. Know that all of your Nebraska sisters are here to support you, assist you and cheer you on as you lead! We have faith in you that you will embrace your role on whatever board or committee you are serving on and fulfill the responsibilities before you. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to learn and grow in your knowledge of P.E.O. and to perform the important tasks you will need to complete in the year ahead. Remember, you are not alone! Be assured that those that serve with you on your board or committee are right there with you, working side by side to accomplish all that is set before you for the coming year! Be thankful for this wonderful chance for growth, learning and time spent interacting with some other amazing Nebraska sisters! We are excited you are here!

Interested in learning more about leadership? International Chapter has prepared some outstanding presentations, handouts, etc. that all center on leadership. No matter the “recommended” audience, these helpful resources can be a benefit to all who access them and apply them to their lives as leaders!

The link to leadership page on the International website is:

<https://members.peointernational.org/leadership/leadership-development-resources>





# Are you headed our way?

## Pittsburgh, PA!

Last Call! If you are planning or thinking of going, we are looking for you! We want to include everyone who is planning to attend Convention of International Chapter (CIC) in Pittsburgh, Sept. 21-23, 2023. The deadline to register is fast approaching and we are making our final plans. We would love to include all guests and BIL's with interest of going. Early Registration ends June 27th and final registration is July 31st. There will be so much to see and do. Look at the information on the International website:

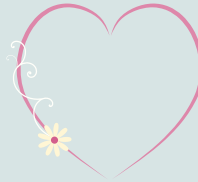
<https://peocic.cventevents.com/2023>

If you would like information about the plans that the Nebraska delegation is planning please contact Kellie Stang at her email\_address or telephone.

[kelliepeo@gmail.com](mailto:kelliepeo@gmail.com)

[402-729-7677](tel:402-729-7677)

### In closing



We hope you enjoyed a little wrap up of our convention. The official report is on the website if you need it or if you were there you already created your own! Many of the items are now available on the website for you to use. The workshops, speeches, videos or scripts are all available and can be a great program or summery to your convention highlights. Again thank you for attending whether you were the delegate or a guest, we hope you found this convention meaningful, informative and educational. This is a requirement as our duty to the P.E.O. sisterhood as our annual meeting and one that we don't take lightly. Thank you to the hostess group Reciprocity III & X that helped make this all possible and did a fabulous job!

Thank you for all you do for P.E.O. We appreciate you! And look forward to a wonderful new year and hearing about your successes throughout the year! Until next month, have a Happy 4th of July!

Lovingly in P.E.O.,

Your Nebraska Executive Board  
Kellie, Jane, Jean, Beth, and Amy

