



101ST IDAHO STATE ELKS
SUMMER CONVENTION

BLACKFOOT IDAHO
JUNE 2ND & 3RD 2023

101st Idaho State Elks Association
Summer Convention
June 2nd & 3rd 2023
Blackfoot Idaho

June 1, 2023

Assembly and Registration of the ISEA members and guests.

June 2nd, 2023

State President Robert Shaw opened the 101st ISEA Convention at 8:00am.
The following officers were appointed for the session:

® Chaplain - Jan Williams - Blackfoot Lodge #1416 ® Sergeant at Arms - Travis Packer - Blackfoot Lodge #1416 ® Tiler - Scott Hall - Blackfoot Lodge #1416 ® Parliamentarian - Ed Sanman Jr., Lewiston Lodge #896 ® Photographer - Tom Winters - John Day Lodge #1824

President Shaw directed the Sergeant at Arms to invite all Elks who desire to attend this Convention to come within the Lodge Room.

Welcome and introductions were made for visiting members of Montana, Washington and Oregon.

President Shaw directed the Sergeant at Arms to retire to the anti-room and cause the Grand Lodge dignitaries to approach the altar. The dignitaries were

® Past Grand Exalted Ruler T. Keith Mills, State Sponsor ®
District Deputy South, Traci Roberts Marmon ® District Deputy East, Joshua Anderson ® District Deputy North, Kevin Asker
® District Leader South, Lyle Gessford ® District Leader East, Mike Marvin ®

District Leader North, Ed Sanman III ® Past Grand Lodge Tiler, J. Curt Neely ®
Past Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, James Kile ® Northwest Region
#1 Regional Hoop Shoot director Harley Birchmier ® Northwest Region #2
Regional Hoop Shoot director John Morford ® Grand Lodge Committeeman
Ritualist Committee Lana Davik ® Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee
Chairperson William "Bim" Lindsey ® Next Vice Chairman of the Board of
Grand Trustees Joe Basil

President Shaw directed the Vice President East to introduce Special Guests. Bingham County Chief Deputy Jordyn Nebeker and Bingham County Commissioner Eric Jackson were introduced.

The Chaplain led the assembly in prayer.

Lyle Gessford led the assembled members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jordyn Nebeker Bingham County Sheriffs Office Chief Deputy gave a welcoming speech and offered the assistance of his department during the time of our convention.

Bingham County Commissioner Eric Jackson greeted the members and thanked the Elks for the support they have given the community.

President Shaw thanked the honored guests for their attendance.

Roll Call was called for and taken by the ISEA Secretary Linda Tatlock. All ISEA elected and appointed officers were present with 1 absence. Roll Call of Lodges was taken and all Idaho State Lodges were present.

President Shaw requested Curt Neely to introduce the members of the Elks Rehabilitation Board, Board Secretary Lyle Gessford, Member David McFarland, Kathy Kontes, and Grant Jones, Promotions and Marketing Director.

President Shaw recognized Past State Presidents, Past State Secretaries, past Chairman of the Board of Trustees, past Hall of Honor winners, past State Elks of the Year, past Volunteer and Call to Service Award winners.

President Shaw acknowledged the Veterans of our military service and thanked them for their past service to our nation.

The Early Bird drawing was held with 3 winners: 3 traditional early bird items

State Secretary Linda Tatlock proclaimed that a quorum was present and this annual summer convention was ready to proceed with the business for which it was assembled.

Curt Neely, Nominations Committee

Curt reported that he had received three letters for the Vice President East position, and one letter for Trustee North. Each candidate was given 2-3 min speak on their behalf.

Greg Hollingsworth from Preston Lodge, Dave Purcell from Idaho Falls Lodge, Jerod Williams from Rupert spoke to those assembled.

Curt called for any other nominations from the floor for Vice President East. Hearing none, Vice President East was closed.

Curt Neely reported that there was 1 candidate for Trustee North Ron Niemi. Ron Niemi spoke to those assembled. Curt called for any other nominations from the floor for Trustee North. Hearing none, Trustee North was closed.

Curt called for all other officer position nominations:

Scott Hall nominated Mike Marvin for Idaho State Elks President

Debra Nadrchal nominated Sera White Bosen for Vice President North

Wayne Shroll nominated Ed Willson for Vice President South Nominations

were closed.

Motion by Lyle Gessford and 2nd by Quincy Walla to instruct the State Secretary to be directed to cast a unanimous ballot for the uncontested position. Motion was seconded, Motion passed.

Ballots were distributed and counted. Nick Bettencourt from Condon Oregon, Elizabeth Wood from Kalispell and Greg Balint from Tri Cities were official ballot counters.

Laws Committee

Laws committee Chairman Jim Kile presented each of the ISEA Constitution and By Laws changes for discussion and voted as noted below: Copies of the Constitution and By Laws were provided to all the Elks Lodges in the state prior to the Convention.

Article 2. Section 3 & 4, administrative and Article 3 rewording. Motion and 2nd to adopt amendments. Passed

Article 4. New language regarding the State Secretary. Motion and 2nd to adopt new duties and responsibilities. Passed

Article 5. Only change is rewording of the language. Motion and 2nd to adopt rewording. Passed

Article 5. State Secretary: compensation of expenses and term of the state secretary. Motion and 2nd to adopt. Passed

Approving Trustee: New language, rewording and capitalization. A few languages change. Motion and 2nd to adopt Passed.

Article 6. Community assistance and endowment committee and the C-Note committee have been deleted. C-Note program is addressed by Brad Anderson. Motion and 2nd to adopt the deletions. Passed

Convention Sites: Rewording, more function given to the convention sites coordinator, in setting up that position. Motion and 2nd to adopt changes. Passed Elk Tracks Committee:

C-Note monies would be funneled into this program

Motion and 2nd to adopt. Passed

Membership and Lapsation being changed to Membership & Marketing. Motion and 2nd to adopt. Passed

National Convention Housing: Description of what this committee does. Compensation may be provided at the discretion of the Board of Directors and the State Sponsor, with approval by the Association membership as part of the budget procedure. Motion and

2nd to adopt. Passed Article 7. Motion and 2nd to adopt. Passed Article 8. Fall training new language. Motion and 2nd to adopt. Passed Article 11. Post office date or via electronic mailing. Motion and 2nd to adopt. Passed.

By-Laws:

Section 1-7 Motion and 2nd to adopt. Passed

Section 8. Idaho travel compensation will consist of standard lodging expense. Mileage will be compensated as set forth in the IRS Reimbursement Guidelines for non-profit organizations. Motion and 2nd to adopt. Passed Motion and second to approve the Constitution and By Law changes. Passed Motion and second to approve Laws Committee report. Passed

President Shaw requested the results of the vote for Vice President East. State Secretary announced Dave Purcell of Idaho Falls Lodge was elected as the position of Vice President East.

President Shaw requested any member wanting to examined the ballot box to step forward. Having none, Motion and 2nd made to instruct the State Secretary to destroy the ballots. Passed

® Idaho State Elks Association President North, Bob Shaw (Attachment 1)

The report was concluded and he moved for its acceptance, motion was seconded and approved by hand vote.

® Vice President East, Mike Marvin (Attachment 2)

The report was concluded and he moved for its acceptance, the motion was seconded and approved by hand vote.

® Vice President South, Ed Willson (Attachment 3)

The report was concluded and he moved for its acceptance, the motion was seconded and approved by hand vote.

- Vice President North, Sera White Bosen (Attachment 4)

The report was concluded and she moved for its acceptance, the motion was seconded and approved by hand vote.

- Americanism, Candace Birchmier (Attachment 5)

The report was concluded and she moved for its acceptance, the motion was seconded and approved by hand vote.

® Business Practices, Steve Meier (Attachment 6)

The report was concluded and was moved for its acceptance, the motion was second and approved by hand vote.

® C-Note, Terri Tackett (Attachment 7)

The report was concluded and was moved for its acceptance, the motion was second and approved by hand vote.

® State Elk of the Year, Ralph West (Verbal report)

Ralph reported that they will be presenting Elk of the Year that evening at the banquet.

- Community Activities, Ralph West (verbal report)

Only received 1 application for All American Lodge which was forwarded on to the State. The report concluded and he moved for the acceptance of his report, the motion was seconded and approved by hand vote.

- Convention Sites, Wayne Shroll Chairman, (Verbal report)
Winter 2023 Lewiston *Date change Oct 26-29*

Government Relations Committee this year. Steve Johnson will be the new Grand Lodge Government Relations Committee.

Keith believes that Idaho will be the only state in the Nation that had a gain in membership in every lodge. One of the very few states where every Lodge in the state made the ENF goal for the year. The spoke of the people who stand beside us, not behind us each and every day. The most precious thing that you give is your time. Thank you for everything that you do and I am honored to be your sponsor. We will see you in Lewiston in October.

President Shaw called upon the sergeant at Arms for a final credentials report as follows:

Present for the 101st Idaho State Elks Convention were;

PGER

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DDGER	3
PDDGER	6
Members	143
Visiting members 27 PSP	
	197

Motion and 2nd to accept the credentials report. Motion passed

Past State President. J. Curtis Neely with the assistance of Past State Presidents conducted a reverent and stirring Memorial Service as set forth by our Association to honor all of the officers and members who have entered into the realm of eternity. The service was impressively presented and was enjoyed by the members and guests.

Past State President Alan Tyson with the assistance of the Past State Presidents performed the Ritual of Installation for the newly elected and appointed Idaho State Elks Association for the year 2023-2024 as follows:

State President	Mike Marvin	Blackfoot Lodge #1416
Vice President - East	Dave Purcell	Idaho Falls Lodge #1087

Vice President - South	Ed Willson Sera	Nampa Elks Lodge #1389
Vice President - North	White Ron	Wallace Lodge #331
State Trustee - South	Niemi Linda	Wallace Lodge #331
State Secretary State	Tatlock Steve	Sandpoint Lodge #1376
Historian	Johnson	Nampa Lodge #1389

The Installation of Officers service was impressively presented and the officers for the 2023-2024 Idaho State Elks Association year were duly installed.

Upon completion of the Installation of Officers President Marvin moved to the podium to give his acceptance speech and assumed his duties and proceeded to close the session.

President Marvin called Past State President Shaw to the podium. Past State President Shaw presented President Marvin with his State Presidents pin and his wife Lori her pin. President Marvin presented Past State President Shaw with his Past State President's badge, badge for his wife Teresa and Plaque for his year of service to the ISEA. A personal gift was presented to Past State President Shaw.

President Marvin asked Secretary Linda for any announcements which were presented.

Past State President and current Chairman of the Board of Directors Ed Phillips addressed the convention regarding change of uniform for the State Association. This will be revisited at the Winter Training in Lewiston in October.

President Marvin called for any further business to come before the convention. There being no new business, President Marvin proceeded to close the session. "Members the work for which we assembled having been completed, I shall proceed to close the 101st Summer Convention of the Idaho State Elks Association". The chaplain gave the closing benediction.

"The star of Fidelity continues ever to burn. I now declared the 101st Summer Convention of the Idaho State Elks Association, Incorporated, closed".

These official minutes prepared and entered into the record of proceeds by:

Robert Shaw
ISEA
President

Linda Tatlock ISEA Secretary

The following reports were received by the State Secretary electronically prior to the meeting. No formal report given on the floor of the convention

Veterans Report (Attachment 23)
Convention Coordinator Report (Attachment 24)
Grants Committee Report (Attachment 25)
Public Relations Report (Attachment 26)
Scholarship Committee Report (Attachment 27)
Training Committee Report (Attachment 28)

May 15, 2023

Report of the iSEA President

Well to start off with Teresa and i have had an incredible year. We have met so many amazing Elks and visited a lot of lodges. Our visits have taken us all over the state and out of state. We made meetings, functions and conventions. The hospitably at the lodges was nothing but awesome. We renew old friendships and may new ones.

We went to Atlanta for the National Convention, Attended the Washington State Conventions, Montana State Conventions, Oregon State Conventions, and of course the Idaho State Conventions.

We attended Del Miley's memorial service.

Went to Blackfoot Lodge #1416 and attended the 100th Year Anniversary and the Demolition Derby in September. What a fun weekend we had there.

We also attended the Caldwell Lodge #1448, 100th Year Anniversary.

We visited almost all the lodges. Our total mileage this year was around 138,000 miles.

I move for the adoption of this report.

Fraternally, x



Bob Shaw ISEA
President.

Attachment.!

2022-2023 Lodge Year

Mike Marvin VP East

Date: 05/18/2023

This last year (2022) started with the Summer Convention in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho where we were able to reconnect with our Elks Family. After Summer Convention Lori and I attended Grand Lodge in Atlanta, Ga. where we were able to witness Grand Exalted Ruler Keith Mills actually have to preform his duties. During this convention I was approached by several different members telling me they like Keith style and the way he talked.

This past year I was able visit five of the lodges in my district where I attended a meeting to promote the States Major Project along with passing information about other state actives such as information about the C-Note/Elk Tracks program and where it sits. Lodges were made aware this would most likely be addressed at the Summer Convention in Blackfoot. I was not able to visit the Salmon Lodge due to scheduling issues. The responses I heard were well received and Lodges are interested in the final outcome of this program. One concern I heard is that it appears to some it will be hard to receive any grant monies knowing some of things they have heard as far as qualifying for any of the grants.

I was also able to attend different function at various Lodges in my district such as the Veterans function at the Preston Lodge where the Lodge served over 200 American Hero's. This is an event I have been invited to for the last 6 or 7 years. I also attended a function at the Pocatello Lodge where they also invited Lori and I they do a very good job at making us feel comfortable while there.

Idaho Falls Lodge has various functions throughout the year, and they always make sure to invite Lori and I to attend. Idaho Falls Lodge is well known within the community and usually has a large crowd. At the first of this year Idaho Falls Lodge was one of the first Lodges to jump in and ask if they could help with the summer convention which they are doing this.

I have also been to the Rupert Lodge for various activities along with Lodge Meetings. It is also interesting going to their Lodge as they always have something going. Again, I was able to attend a meeting at the Lodge and the State Major Project was promoted and was well received.

In February this year (2023) Lori and I traveled to Kellogg, Idaho where we attended the State Elks Hoops Shoot. Harley Birchmier does a fantastic job with this event. There were several youth from across the state who participated in this event. After the competition we went to the Kellogg Elks Lodge where the awards were given along with lunch being served.

Blackfoot Elks Lodge held their 100th anniversary celebration in August last year and it was well attended with our Sponsor Keith Mills and his better Half Amy attending. ISEA Bob Shaw and his better half Teresa also showed up for the fun.

In September (2022) Lori and I traveled to Caldwell for their 100th anniversary celebration which was also entertaining. There were several people in attendance, and we were able to meet and talk with a lot Elk members.

This last spring Lori and I were able to attend all the Lodge's installations with the exception of Preston. I made Preston aware of this sometime prior to this. WE were also able to be in Salmon for their installation where I was asked to install the Officers of the Lodge. This was a great thing for me as I am from Salmon and know most of the people involved with Elks.

These last couple of months have been busy preparing for the IOOst Summer Convention in Blackfoot. I forgot how much it takes to put the convention on as it has been a long time since the last one held in Blackfoot that my wife and I were involved in.

Edward Willson 1224 Dogwood Dr. Nampa, Id. 83686

Date: 4/26/2023

Second VP Annual report.

Re-elected as VP South of the Idaho State Elks Association at the Coeur D' Alene Summer convention June 2022
Attended the 100 year Celebration of Caldwell lodge. 1448.

Attended all District Deputy meeting in the South district.

Attended and participated in the Winter Convention held at Mountain Home Lodge # 2276 Attended all Zoom meetings held for the Idaho State Elks Association during the year.

Participated in the packaging and deliveries of the Christmas food baskets for the Nampa lodge # 1389 Assisted Mountain Home lodge for their Officer installation held March 18th.

Assisted Caldwell Lodge officer installation March 25th. and the Snake River Lodge # 2807 on Sunday March 26th

Attended and installed the Chaplain for Gooding Lodge #1745 on Tuesday March 28th.

Attended the Lodge Officer installation for Boise Lodge # 310 Sat. April 1st. and the Nampa Lodge # 1389 on April 1st.
by installing the Lecturing Knight.

Assisted Weiser lodge #1683 on April 8th with the officer installation by installing Quincy Walla as Tiler. Attended the April 14th ISEA board meeting in Boise ID.

To summarize, Visited all (7) lodges in the south district. Drove more than 2110 miles during the year, attended (5) zoom meeting, (2) District deputy meetings (2) Conventions, (1) BOD meeting.

Respectfully submitted

VP South Ed Willson

Vice President North Report

Congratulations to all of you for taking the initiative to lead your Lodges in your respective roles. Leadership is never easy, but it is always worth it. Our lodges are essential to our communities; no one knows it better than us! Please introduce yourselves to me. I would love to get to know every one of you.

I have been busy learning the ropes and am beginning better to understand my roles and responsibilities as a Vice President. This year I have acted in my official capacity in the following activities:

- I attended the fall District Deputy Clinic in Lewiston.
- I attended the Winter Convention in Mountain Home, Idaho.
- I served with fellow Vice Presidents from Oregon and Washington on the MyElks App Team.
We worked with Roger True and Giant Killer to help mold it into the product it is today.
- Because of my participation on that team, I was invited to attend the Washington Fall Training Session in Seattle, Washington. It was very informative to learn how other states run their training sessions.
- I attended the North District, State, and Regional Hoop Shoots.
- I had the honor of attending the Installation of Officers in Sandpoint.
- I participated in the Kellogg Roundup Parade in Kellogg in the Wallace Drum and Bugle Corps.
- I attended the Hospital Rehab Board meeting in Boise, toured our new offices, and learned more about our State Project and State Association.
- I attended all of the Idaho State Elks Association Board Meetings.
- I assisted Steve Meier and the ISEA Board with the State By-Law revisions.
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Additionally, I have been working with Grand Lodge Marketing and Membership Chairperson Rick Gathen on various Marketing and Membership products. As a result, many new products are available to you and your lodges to help promote your Lodges.

I have been posting information, as it is received, to the Idaho State Elks Association website, Facebook Page and MyElks App. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you would like me to post anything on your behalf. We must spread the word about all our local lodge and state associations' great activities.

Over the next year, I plan to work with Lodges in my District to understand the impact and value of our fantastic state project. Also, I will be working with Ed Sanman and Steve Meier to take over the State Training Activities that occur during the Fall convention. They plan to work with me to ensure a smooth transition as I take over. I will need committee members and presenters, so I will reach out to some of you soon looking for help.

I am proud of all our work in our communities, and I am pleased to work alongside you to promote our great order.

Fraternally,
Sera White
Vice President North, Idaho State Elks Association

Americanism Essay Report ISEA Summer Convention

2023

Good Morning,

This year's subject for the Americanism Essay contest was "What is Your American Dream".

The essay contest is for students in grades 5, 6, 7 and 8. I am happy to report this year we received essays from all three districts for every grade. That has not happened the last couple of years!

We send checks for First, Second and Third place in each District. First place received \$100, Second place received \$80 and Third place received \$60.00.

The State First place winners this year were from Idaho Falls, Coeur d'Alene, Preston and Sandpoint and each received \$120. The Second place winners were from St. Maries, Boise, Sandpoint and Preston and each received \$95. The Third place winners were from Gooding, Coeur d'Alene, Salmon and Boise and each received \$75.

We send the First place essays in each grade to be judged at the National Level. This year 41 states associations sent essays to the National Contest.

The 2023-24 theme is "What the Bill of Rights Means to Me." It is aimed at providing our youth with an appreciation of the first ten amendments to the United States Constitution and their importance to every citizen. I think this could be a very challenging Subject!

I want to thank the lodges that participate on the Americanism Essay Contest. It is an honor to be part of this program.

I want to send a big thank you to Ralph West, East District Chairman and Geri Scaglione, South District Chairman.

I move for adoption of this report.

Candy Birchmier, ISEAAmericanism Essay Chairman



TO: Bob Shaw, ISEA State President
FM: Steve Meier, PSP, PDDGER, Ed Sanman III, PSP, PDDGER RE:
Business Practices Report, 2022-2023 DT: May 5, 2023

This is my final report, and final report as Co-Chair of the Business Practice Committee.

In general, as I have discussed in the past two years, inflation is going to continue to be a major problem for Idaho Elks lodges. At a minimum, lodges should anticipate a 6% increase for food and other items with a 8% increase in gas, and probably a 15-20% increase in natural gas and electricity.. Every major group I monitor with minimal bias says to anticipate a recession (some say bad, others not so much). But all say a recession will occur (if we are not in one now). I recognize this is going to be rough on lodges. However, it is also one of opportunity. Good budgeting now plus evaluating and adjusting at least quarterly (maybe monthly) should allow your lodge to remain in adequate financial shape. A recession also allows you to market your lodge as a good alternative for social activities.

All lodges need to be doing the basics: Inventory control on a monthly, better weekly basis, plus monitoring expenses, doing basics (limited quality food sales, etc.) will make a big difference.

Finally, based on what is happening in the world right now, issues in the banking sector, plus politics in the US and world, both Ed Sanman III and I strongly suggest all Elks lodges anticipate a major fiscal crisis within the next two years.

So, hope for the best, but anticipate for the worst is always the best financial model right now.

Best Regards,

Steve Meier, PSP, PDDGER Ed Sanman III, PSP, PDDGER

Co-Chairs, Business Practice Committee

C-note Committee Final report 2022 -2023

The c note program has not been running for the past couple of years. As a result the C note committee has been working on the new ISEA program Elk Tracks. At least summer's convention, the BOD of ISEA determined that we would not be able to start the Elk Tracks program for the 2022-23 grant year. Several factors were the reason for the delay one of which was the need for the Bylaws change that was just accomplished today.

The committee is happy to announce that the charitable side of the new program will start this year. Each lodge will be able to apply for a \$1500 grant from the ISEA for a charitable project/activity in their lodge area. The application will be on the ISEA website or can be requested from the ISEA secretary or Elk Tracks Committee members. The application is then to go to the ISEA secretary.

A couple of eligibility points to consider are that if the grant activity can be funded with an ENF grant then the lodge must apply for an ENF grant for the project rather than the Elk Tracks grant. The grant request can be for more than one charitable activity and can be used to augment an ENF grant.

The grant application will be available starting July 1 and needs to be submitted by December 31, 2023. Final reports will be due March 31, 2023.

The new Elk Tracks Committee will send the guidelines for this year's program to each lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Tackett North committee member

Grant Jones South committee member

Ralph Powell East committee member

Dave McFarland Chairman

May 10,2023

Dictionary Report for Lodge Year 2022-23

Good morning, State President, Bob Shaw, Members and All

This is my closing report for the **Lodge year 2022-23**

It has been my pleasure to serve as the Idaho State Dictionary Chairman since 2004 and I have enjoyed every minute of it. I am pleased to announce I am going to retire the position to Julia Franklin. This has been a good year with all the students back in school after the Covid-19 shutdowns. Ten of our Lodges participated. The totals are as follows:

North: Coeur d' Alene #1254 donated 2,000; Sandpoint #1376 donated 596; Saint Maries #1418 donated 150; and Grangeville #1825 donated 236; Lewiston #896 donated 736.

South: Mountain Home #2276 donated 391; Weiser #1683 donated 153.

East: Preston #1670 donated 540; Idaho falls #1087 donated 480; Rupert #2106 donated 800.

We donated to 156 schools, with 59 members, 19 non-members participating. Member hours was 481, non-members donated 46.5 hours. Member miles were 4,965 and non-members 974.

That is a total of 6,082. If this information is incorrect, please let me know. Each Lodge has received a reimbursement of have received a \$200 reimbursement from the Youth Inc fund. To receive the reimbursement, you must file a report either emailed to me, or mailed, with a request for reimbursement. In this time of financial challenges, I hope the reimbursement, however small is helpful to the Lodges.

To date, according to the Dictionary Project records, the National Elks Association has donated a total of **4,339,866** dictionaries nationwide since the beginning of our participation in 2003.

I would like to thank my Co-Chairman for Audrey Herman, South District.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Penn
ISEA Dictionary Chairman



Idaho State Elks Association Drug Awareness Annual Report 2022-2023

Our Drug Awareness Program here in Idaho has truly grown. Every district added more events and our lodges had a chairman appointed to represent the DAP in their community.

To start of the new year we presented the Enrique "Kiki" Camarena Award to Officer David Gomez at the convention in Coeur d' Alene. He and his joined us for dinner that evening and many of our Elks spent time visiting with him.

This year we partnered with 4 coalitions. Through the Community Coalitions of Idaho 3 of our district chairs received free training in Moscow. Drug Free Idaho Coalition has utilized many of our resources. Meridian Anti Drug Coalition included 15,000 Elks Red Ribbons and 15,000 Elroy book marks in their hand outs. Salmon Drug Free Youth Coalition was awarded \$500 to help get their programs going. They also sent out 600 Elks Red Ribbons. Preston Lodge included over 1000 Elks Red Ribbons in their Christmas Baskets and other projects. Weiser included 200 Elks Red Ribbons and Elroy book marks in their dictionary project.

The highlight of November was having Ray Lozano come to Burley and speak. He had 3 sessions the first day, 2 sessions the second and came to Star the third day and spoke to a gymnasium full of middle schoolers. The final engagement was that evening when parents were invited to come and here is message. He was a huge success and every child stayed engaged while he spoke.

Also in November we presented the Enrique "Kiki" Camarena Award to our 2019-2020 recipient at the convention in Mountain Home. Due to Covid shut downs he had not been given his award and he is from Mountain Home so it seemed fitting to present it there. His name is Officer Kyle Holloway of the Mountain Home Police Dept. Some of his peers joined him in the celebration. It was a good time.

Many of attended the "Tall Cop Says Stop", Jermaine Galloway presentation in Caldwell at the Caldwell Elks Lodge. Jermaine was our national Camarena Award winner in 2017.

The Drug Take Back program has grown tremendously over the years and we as Elks DAP have been active participants in our various communities. October 2022 marked the 23rd Drug Take Back Day. Idaho collected 104,703 pounds of unwanted drugs in 2022, nationally 1,368,256 pounds were collected. At the 66 sites we had 67 law enforcement personnel, nationally there was 10,046 sites with 8,767 law enforcement personnel.

In keeping up with drug trends in our state and nation we are seeing trends of over the counter drugs being used to enhance the effects of other drugs such as heroin. Xylazine is one of the newer enhancers. Xylazine is used to sedate animals, consequently if someone overdoses with this drug Narcan will not work effectively or sometimes fail completely. Alcohol use in teens is in an upward trend as is street drugs such as Xanax, Adderall and nasal inhalers.

Five lodges received TIPS Training this year as part of the DAP. Certificates are to be given at this convention.

It has been a busy year for Idaho's DAP chairs and we are expecting to step up the momentum this coming year.

Idaho's DAP statistics for 2022-2023 Total miles: 163058

Total participants: 24492

Total dollars: \$573567.79

A copy of this report has been electronically submitted to our ISEA Secretary.

This concludes my report. Susie Stertz-ISEA DAP Chairman I move for the adoption of this report.

ENF Report Final Report 2011. 2.02.J

Fellow Elks,

I regret I cannot be with you in person due to family obligations. However, I want to congratulate our great Lodges for once again meeting our GER goal!

Truly fantastic.

We had a state average of \$9.73 per Lodge. Snake River, Cd'A and Preston were the tops in their respective districts. We also had four lodges above 500 points in the Chair Challenge, Lewiston, Sandpoint, Idaho Falls and Coeur d'Alene. Great job and please, all lodge chairs, go online to ENF and register as lodge chair in the Chair Challenge. This helps your lodge.

The state currently has 31 Loyalty members who have given for ten straight years or more, with Lewiston having the most! ENF sends recognition of this accomplishment to those members and I would encourage them to display their sticker proudly.

Remember every October is ENF month. Start your planning now to ensure a successful event, it is never too early to start!

Finally thank you to my two great district chairs, Donna Lloyd from the north and Becky Penn from the east. They are both awesome! Chuck Roberts, from the south, will be joining the committee for 23-24.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Ketchum ISEA ENF Chair.

FINANCIAL REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT, June 2, 2023

The financial review committee on Thursday, June 1, 2023 at the Blackfoot lodge summer convention.

We reviewed all of the financial reports (P&L, Balance Sheet, Check Registers and Bank Statements for the Idaho State Elks Association as well as the Idaho State Youth Inc.

Due to time constraints we could not go through every voucher but we did do a spot check and, as usual all records are in order. There was not time to review President Bob Shaw's budget versus actual.

We agreed that there was nothing that appeared to be out of place. The accounting practices of Linda Tatlock and David Tatlock are impeccable and we appreciate them.

This concludes my final report.

I move for the adoption of this report

Susan A Stertz, Financial Review Chair

HOOP SHOOT Final Report 2022-2023

This is the final report for the Idaho Elks Hoop Shoot. Many of our Lodge Hoop Shoot programs have not seen a lot of participation these last few years and what the cause may be is anyone's guess. Some of the reasons that I've heard are: AAU, YBL, lack of school interest, no information and just no participation. What is the answer, I don't know.

i do know that Elks as a whole sometimes are our own worst enemy for not bragging ourselves up. Maybe this is a good place to start. It would be great if we all had access to radio and tv coverage for advertising. I know getting the schools to work with the Lodges can be a major pain in the — for a lot of us, but please keep trying!

Okay, on to happier times! As far as I know we achieved 100% participation from the Lodges most however did not report on the National Hoop Shoot Dashboard. The Local Lodge Director has to be signed in by Lodge Secretary so you ER"s please encourage them to do so, thank you.

We held the State Hoop Shoot on Feb 11th. in Kellogg this year. We had 30 great shooters and their families from all over the state converge on Kellogg to shoot for the right to go to the Regional Hoop Shoot in Pasco, Wa. After the shoot was over we went to the Kellogg Lodge for a wonderful spaghetti dinner and award banquet after which they retired for the night to the hotel and swam in the pool and soon forgot most of their sorrows.

After the Regional Hoop Shoot was over we took 3 Idaho shooters to Chicago for the National Hoop Shoot in Chicago on April 22nd. Those going from Idaho Were: Tennyson Smith (10-11 boy Boise) . Samuel Bower (12-13 boy Nampa) and BrieLynn Jones (12-13 Coeur d' Alene) girl. After the shooting was over Tennyson was the National Champion and Samuel was runner-up! I Brie Lynn did very well as well but fell just a little short. Congratulations to all of the Local, District, State and Regional winners!! You all did very well.

This coming year let's strive for 100% reporting at the Lodge level and work with each other to see how we can get more kids coming out for the Hoop Shoot. Thanks everyone for your great support and making the Hoop Shoot the great program that it is!

Fraternally yours.

Harley L. Birchmier

Idaho State Hoop Shoot Chairman

I move for the adoption of this report.

Hall of Honor Final Report 2022-2023

The current Hall of Honor members have been polled. They have voted and selected the new inductee into the Idaho Elks Hall of Honor.

The presentation will be made at the Friday night banquet, June 2 2023 during the awards ceremony at the Blackfoot Elks Lodge during the Idaho State Elks Summer Convention.

Respectfully Submitted

J. Curtis Neely

National Convention Housing Final Report 2022-2023

The Elks National Convention will be held in Minneapolis, MN on July 1-6, 2023.

All lodges in Idaho will be sending representatives, either the Exalted Ruler or a qualified alternate. Our group this year will consist of 68 Elk members and spouses. There will be approximately 7,500 - 8,000 in attendance from through the United States and its territories. Because Idaho has achieved a membership increase this year, we will have good group seating near the front of the conventional hall. I will be holding our convention travel information meeting on Friday, June 2, 2023 from 3:15 - 4:15pm in the lodge room at Blackfoot, Idaho. Everyone traveling to Minneapolis should be there to pick up their information packets and meet members of the Grand Lodge team.

Respectfully Submitted

J. Curtis Neely

2022-2023 ISEA Directory Report

225 State Directories were printed at a cost of \$1,328.69 \$1,220 was received in directory sales to date.

15 directories were distributed to out of state officers/committee members in addition to our state Sponsor at no charge.

This past year included the ISEA Directory app. Instructions for download of the app was printed on the back page of the directory.

The 2023-2024 ISEA Directory is available for proof at this convention, all Exalted Rulers or Secretaries, please see me for review of the directory. The directory will be printed and distributed after this 2023 summer convention once any corrections are made.

All Exalted Rulers, please see me for pictures to be included in the directory.

This concludes my report for the 2022-2023 ISEA Directory and I request the acceptance of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Nadrchal ISEA Directory Chairperson

**Interlodge Relations Report
Summer Convention
June 1-3, 2023**

This is the final report for Interlodge Relations for the Lodge year 2022-2023 for all estimated travel miles to conventions and lodge visits reported from the ISEA State President. These totals do not reflect mileage from District Deputies, Special Representatives or miscellaneous member visits.

I will read the estimated mileage for each District and the overall mileage for the state and the total mileage for the State President.

South District		East District	
Boise 310	29,601.4	Pocatello 674	25,219
Nampa 1389	42,201.6	Idaho Falls 1087	42,609.6
Caldwell 1448	35,618.8	Blackfoot 1416	26,748
Weiser 1683	21,535.2	Salmon 1620	26,996
Gooding 1745	20,948	Preston 1670	39,427.6
Mountain Home	12,454.4	Rupert 2106	21,839.2
Snake River 2807	9,117.		
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Total Miles	173,270.6		182,809.4
North District		State President	
Moscow 249	39,671.8	Bob Shaw	146,000
Wallace 331	22,204.8		
Lewiston 896	38,463.6		
Coeur d'Alene 1254	42,417.2		
Sandpoint 1376	23,404		
Saint Maries 1418	16,608.6		
Grangeville 1825	33,343.2		
Kellogg 1841	22,832		
Total Miles	238,945.2		
Total Mileage for the State of Idaho:			741,025.2

I will send out certificates to each of the Lodges with their total estimated travel miles for display.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbi Nadrchal - North Lori Marvin - East Lynn Bittick - South

I move for the adoption of this report.

Government Relations Final Report
2022-2023

Charitable reporting is necessary to our lodges because without the reports we would not have proof of the value of the work we do in our communities. We need to prove to our community and the government what we do and who we are. Proof of our charitable works show the people in your community why they should join your lodge.

In addition to the value of our labor and cash or noncash donations we give to our community members we can also track our miles to do the work and time we take to travel to and from our lodges to plan events. We should report all of our time and travel milage to get to and from all meetings we go including our state conventions, trainings, district deputy meetings, local lodge meetings and committee meetings. No, we cannot count the time and travel if we are just going to the lodge for an adult beverage. But if you get a beverage after the meeting the time and travel miles you spent to get to the lodge counts for a charitable donation.

Other areas that count toward charitable giving include the value of donating your lodge to a group for their meeting or event. However much you would charge a group normally can be reported as a donation if you are not charging all or a portion of the cost. Any other group that meets at your lodge on a regular basis without charge also counts as a charitable donation by your lodge.

Last year we reported a total of \$5,818,066.16 to grand lodge as our charitable contributions. Of that amount \$4,153,765.50 was the value of our donated time. The federal government has determined that if the government for social care provided the same services, they would be paid \$29.95 per hour donated.

As always the State of Idaho does well compared to other states. However, Grand Lodge believes that lodges only report about 50% of their charitable works. Please report more if you can and don't forget to report. Reporting as soon as possible after an event help with accurate records. Your secretary reports in CLMS frequently so give her more to add to the charitable report while they are in the program.

I look forward to seeing how much we can gain this year.
Fraternally Yours,

Dan Tackett, chairman And
committee members Ralph
West Quincy Walla Delwyn
Carnell

August 12-14, 2022 - Blackfoot Elks held their 100th Anniversary Celebration across 3 days. The three day event consisted of dinners, golf, a poker stroll, cornhole and live music.

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September 24, 2022 - Caldwell Lodge #1448 held their Mardi Gras Centennial Celebration commemorating their 100th Anniversary.

October 4, 2022 - Idaho Falls Elks Lodge #1087 announced that Delmar V. Miley passed away. Del joined the Elks in 1974 and served the Idaho Falls Lodge in every capacity, serving in every officer role for the Lodge and then coaching and helping the officers that came after him. He earned the nickname "Magic" for coaching teams in Elks Ritual Competitions to state championships and competing at Elks National Conventions, including some individual national champions. He served as the Idaho Falls Lodge Secretary, Idaho Elks President, on the Board of Directors for the Idaho Elks Rehabilitation Hospital, Elks National Ritual Committee for Idaho, Oregon, Washington and Alaska, and Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for Idaho. Del was inducted in to the ISEA Hall of Honor in 1997.

October 28, 2022 - Boise Lodge #310 announced Honorary Life Member Ken Downend, passed away. Ken was a 74-year member of the Elks holding many offices local, state and committees. He was ISEA Past Trustee, Historian, ISEA Hall of Honor in 1990, and two-time Past Chairman of the Elks Rehabilitation Hospital Board.

November 3- 5, 2022 Mountain Home Winter Convention was a great success. There were 176 registered, including spouses and guests. Attendance for the sessions were as follows:

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Members 12 Visiting
Members 35 Spouses
& Guests

January 2, 2023 For the first time since 1995, the Elks had a float in the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena California

February 11, 2023 The Kellogg Elks Lodge hosted the Idaho State Elks Hoop Shoot Championship

April 14 - 15, 2023 ISEA State Meeting was held in Boise

April 22, 2023 Idaho proudly sent three contestants to the National Hoop Shoot in Chicago, results as follows:

- o 1st place Tennyson Smith 10-11 year old boys
 - sponsored by the Boise Elks Lodge #310
- o 2nd place Samuel Bower 12-13 year old boys
 - sponsored by the Nampa Elks Lodge #1389
- o Tie for 7th place with 19/25 Brielynn Jones 12-13 Girls
 - * sponsored by the Coeur d'Alene Elks Lodge #1254

This is my Final Report for 2022/2023.

I move for the acceptance of this report.

Steve Johnson

ISEA Historian

IDAHO STATE MEMBERSHIP REPORT
SUMMER CONVENTION
BLACKFOOT, IDAHO
JUNE 1-3, 2023

Idaho State Membership this past year has been one of great achievements. Although the final numbers are not available as of yet, Em here to tell you that each lodge had a gain in membership and we know you have worked very hard to make that happen. We were given a goal of 100% and we surpassed that.

This year **Retention** is going to be the goal and key subject to keep the new members wanting to come back and be a part of their lodge. We've gotten very good at bringing in new members but keeping them coming back to be a part of meetings, activities and possibly becoming an officer is a challenge. The membership committee will be calling the secretaries, the Exalted Rulers and the Membership Chairman of the lodges to keep in touch with what's happening and where their numbers are on a regular basis. Please be kind and forthcoming when the calls are made - we are here to help in any way we can and know they have to report to their chairpersons on the data that is given.

We had hoped to give out awards at this convention but it is not possible to do that without having the final numbers from Grand Lodge. So that being said, the awards will be given out at the Winter Convention in Lewiston.

I have decided to step down as Chairperson for Membership and am pleased to announce your new Chairperson will be Lori Marvin. Lori has been on the committee and worked very hard for the East District. She will be working very closely with Steve Meier, the committee and together they will continue to be in close contact with the lodges and have many plans for recruitment, retention and delinquencies.

Thank you.
Respectfully submitted,

Alicia Neely Membership Chairman
Steve Meier, Chair Area 8 Publicity and Membership Marketing Committee

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Alicia Neely Membership Chairman

Idaho State Elks Association
Board of Trustees Report

Blackfoot Summer Convention - June 2023

The ISEA Board of Trustees have several duties, of which three are considered key responsibilities for the Trustees each year:

1. The Trustees review the State President's Budget and assist with the management of the Budget throughout the year and approve spending by use of a voucher process and the Approving Trustee. The President's budget is approved by the Board of Directors and reported at the Summer Convention.
2. The Trustees review and approve the nominations to the Idaho Elks Rehab Board submitted annually by the State President. A Trustee is also selected to act as Liaison to the Idaho Elks Rehab Board.

3. The Trustees have the ultimate responsibility to control the funds, investments and property of the Idaho State Elks Association and fiscal control to manage its charitable undertakings.

The responsibility of overseeing the state investment funds is what I would like to focus on in this report.

The largest portion of the state funds which the Trustees oversee are the Investments with Charles Schwab and Continental Investors. We have two fund management teams that assist us with these investments, Bruce Mohr and Carey McNeal from Buffington, Mohr and McNeal and Dan Wells from Continental. We review the monthly statement and we meet, at a minimum, once annually with our fund managers to review performance.

So where did we get these investment funds? Does anyone recall the C-Note program? That was established by a Charitable Trust Fund created in 1978 to support indigent care at our Elks Rehab Hospital, which was our former State Project. However, when we repurposed our State Project to the Idaho Elks Rehab System, we no-longer cared for patients or had the need for indigent care. The Trust was dissolved in 2021 and the funds were transferred into new accounts which the Trustees oversee.

Now, what are we planning to do with these funds going forward? The plan is to continue investing these funds, but also to spend a portion of the income on community charitable efforts. You may have heard of this new effort; we're naming it the Elk Tracks Program. The portion from the investments will be part of the State President's Budget and Lodges will have the opportunity to apply for charitable grants. We expect Lodges to utilize ENF grants wherever possible first, however, if there is a community need that does not fit well within ENF grants then this will be another avenue for Lodges to consider. We are also hoping to expand the Elk Tracks Program to include Lodge Improvement Grants. But the details for that are still being worked out.

You might ask how have our investments have been performing? Since I started tracking them monthly beginning in January 2018, our portfolio has increased by approx. 17% as of March 31, 2023. If we were to remove last year's (2022) terrible year for stocks, we would be more than double that. In 2022 our YTD return was -17%. Luckily, we are recovering some of those loses so far in 2023.

So hopefully you will hear more throughout the year about our new Elk Tracks Program, and when you do, you'll know a little more as to what it's all about.

This is my last year as a State Trustee, and I just want to say what an honor and privilege it has been to serve the Idaho State Elks Members and to have worked with the other Trustees throughout the last 6 years.

Fraternally Submitted:

Ed Phillips - IER Trustee Liaison (Trustee East)

Scott Butterfield - Trustee East

Oren Devries - Trustee South

Terri Tacket - Approving Trustee (Trustee North)

Tom Marmon - Trustee South

Brad Anderson - Trustee Chairman (Trustee North)

I move for the adoption of this report.

CC: Linda Tatlock, ISEA Secretary, idahostateelks@outlook.com

BETTY HISE FOR CANCER RESEARCH REPORT
SUMMER CONVENTION
BLACKFOOT, IDAHO
JUNE 1-3, 2023

Betty Hise for Cancer Research has had the most successful silent and live auctions that we could have ever imagined. With the positive responses that you as members have donated dollars and/or items, the experience has been truly overwhelming for both Judy Gessford and myself. We want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your loyalty and support throughout the years. Here are the totals for the past 3 auctions that we have not been able to report on:

Rupert - our totals were: \$11,140.00 Coeur d'Alene: our totals were \$9,646.00
Mountain Home: our totals were: \$12,001.00

As you can see, we have been very blessed with our "live and silent" auctions and we have only you, our members, to thank for these totals. We were able to donate \$20,000 this past year to St. Luke's Cancer Institute for the research in Colon Cancer, and \$20,000 to OHSU in Oregon for Ovarian Cancer.

There are new developments with our fund raising and we want to share them with you. After much discussion and deliberation, Judy and I have made a decision to divide the fund raising that we do at our state conventions. To be fair to all who support us we have divided the auction and donation monies as follows:

Betty Hise will receive all monies raised at our summer conventions and all monies raised at our winter conventions will go to support the Idaho Elks Re-Hab State Project.

We hope this decision is fair and that dividing the funding will help support each entity. Thank you.

Respectively submitted,
Alicia Neely and Judy Gessford

Idaho Elks Rehab Report
ISEA Summer Convention
Curt Neely, Chairman
June 3, 2023

Good morning, fellow Elks!

Before I begin my report, I want to have a little fun! Longtime Elk member Mel Rodrigues from Lewiston introduced The Rooster years ago, and I resurrected it last summer in Coeur d'Alene (hold up rooster). It is a great way to raise some money for our state project, Idaho Elks Rehab. While it is being passed around, feel free to contribute as you feel led.

Pass the rooster.

(photo of rooster)

And, now I would like to introduce a special guest

I want to start my report this morning by posing the same question that I asked during my report at last summer's convention: What is our state project? Since we ceased operation of the rehab hospital, there remains some confusion or uncertainty about what our state project really is.

I want to reiterate again this morning that our state project, Idaho Elks Rehab, funds rehabilitation across the state of Idaho. Even though our state project no longer operates a rehab hospital, we remain involved in rehab and are advancing community rehabilitation across Idaho, by funding rehab through partnerships with providers.

The impact of our state project is nothing short of phenomenal. The footprint of Idaho Elks Rehab funding continues to stretch further and further across the state, from Bonners Ferry in the far north to Preston in the extreme south, and everywhere in between! Idaho Elks Rehab-funded projects and efforts are found in communities large and small - Bonners Ferry, Sandpoint, Post Falls, Wallace, St. Maries, Orofino,

Lewiston, Moscow, Grangeville, Silverton, Salmon, Idaho Falls, Blackfoot, Pocatello, American Falls, Preston, Twin Falls, Mountain Home, Caldwell, Weiser, Marsing, and Boise.

(footprint map of Idaho)

As a reminder, let me provide a quick look back and the path our state project has taken to the present. The Idaho State Elks Association began its charitable work in 1947, when it established a convalescent home for children with polio. As polio was eradicated and the need longer existed for the home, the effort grew into a premier rehab system, which included a hospital, hearing and balance, and wound care. In 2014, the Idaho Elks transitioned away from operating a rehab system to a philanthropic endeavor that focuses on providing financial support for rehab programs and projects across the Gem State.

(photo of hospital)

Our funding may be used for equipment, program development, staff training and education, research, and local projects that enhance the lives of rehab patients. The focus and ultimate goal of every funded project is patient outcomes.

(photo of patient and rehab equipment)

Your state project is solvent. Our investment advisor firms are doing a good job of managing over \$50 million in assets. Idaho Elks Rehab is in a position to fund rehab grants and projects through the earnings on our investments.

We still own the rehab hospital and Hearing & Balance Center buildings in Boise. St. Luke's pays us to operate in these facilities.

(Idaho Elks Rehab logo)

What Have We Funded To Date?

We have funded 26 Local Lodge Grants at \$1,000 each and 27 Community Rehab Grants totaling \$278,200.

In addition to grants, we have also committed funds to several large projects:

- Idaho Elks Children's Pavilion - \$5 million for naming rights.

(photo of Idaho Elks Children's Pavilion)

- Valley Vista, St. Maries - \$500,000 over time for equipment and remodeling.

(photo montage of Valley Vista)

- Franklin County Medical Center, Preston - \$265,000 for remodeling and equipment for expansion of rehab services.

(photo of group and montage of Franklin County Medical Center)

- St. Luke's Rehab - \$2.15 million annually for various rehab services,

(photo of rehab hospital)

In the last round of grants in 2022, we awarded two Community Rehab Grants:

Bonner General Health, Sandpoint • \$10,000

- Equipment (treadmill and exercise) for the rehabilitation program
- Allows for expansion and improvement of neurological and orthopedic patient care
- To be used at main Sandpoint campus and rural satellite Priest River location

Idaho State University, Pocatello

- \$10,000
- Rehab equipment (blood flow restriction training technology)
- Enhance rehab and outcomes for patients and training for physical therapy students
- Allow for a unique project involving students, faculty, therapists, and community volunteers

While I am on the subject of grants, we want to inform you that we are implementing a new process for our grants. Grant inquiries are now accepted on a year-round, open cycle basis. Grants will be awarded in the amount of \$50,000, nominally (the decision to increase the amount of funding and establish a partnership with the requesting organization will be at the discretion of the Board of Directors of Idaho Elks Rehab). Funding may still be used for equipment, program development, staff training and education, research, and local projects that enhance lives of rehab

patients. The focus remains on patient outcomes.

The official process for interested beneficiaries is as follows:

- Step 1 - Submit a Letter of Inquiry (LOI) for funding consideration.
- Step 2 - Idaho Elks Rehab committee will review the LOI and determine if the funding request will move forward for consideration. (Please allow 30 days for this step.)
- Step 3 - Idaho Elks Rehab will communicate about the status of the request. If the funding request is accepted to move forward, the applicant will be required to submit an application.
- Step 4 - The application will be reviewed by the funding committee. (Please allow 30 days for this step.)
- Step 5 - A final decision will be communicated to the applicant. If the request is approved for funding, the applicant will receive a letter of commitment with information stating funding amount, expected timing of receipt of funding, and follow-up expectations.

(new grants process, new grants official process)

The new process will be very simple to understand on our web site.

(website pages)

Shifting gears from funding, this year's Grand Lodge Convention is quickly approaching. Idaho Elks Rehab will once again have a booth in Minneapolis. We'll keep our fingers crossed for another Five Star rating! If you're planning on attending the convention and would like to help at our booth, let Grant know.

(photo of last year's booth)

In keeping with a Grand Lodge Convention tradition, our popular potato patch will be back. Of course, this year's patch will have a Minnesota theme - lakes, since Minnesota is the land of 10,000 lakes, and Paul Bunyan! Minnesota claims to be his birthplace and many statues and are found around the state.

(potato patch graphic)

How Can Idaho Elks Support Our State Project?

Idaho Elks can be very proud of the impact of our state project in communities across the state.

Elks members and Lodges can help support the state project and further its impact in

a number of ways, including:

- General donations
- Memorials
- Bricks
- “Change for Rehab” campaign
- C-Notes
- “If Every Idahoan Gave \$1” campaign
- Idaho Elks Children’s Pavilion
- Special projects (Valley Vista - St. Maries and Sandpoint, Franklin County Medical Center, Bonner General, etc.)
- Education - medical conference
- Bequests

(How Elks Can Support Our State Project)

We’ve been talking about “Change for Rehab” for the past few years. The goal is to have coins bank in every Elks household and at every Elks Lodge. The simple concept gives everyone an opportunity to participate at some level, allows for buy- in and ownership of the state project by the members and Lodges, and lends itself to some friendly competition between members, Lodges, and Districts.

Here's how it works:

- Fill your coin bank with change and empty it at your Lodge.
- Lodges will collect money from their members and bring a check to state conventions. (In a few minutes, Lodges will have the opportunity to present their "Change for Rehab" contributions.).

The Lodge with the most money collected will receive a brick and replica brick for display at their Lodge. The District collecting the most money will receive a brick.

(Change for Rehab newsletter ad)

I’m excited to announce something old and something new today - the return of the C-Note program! Today marks the official launch of the C-Note program rebrand.

(C-Note graphic)

The puipose is to create a new C-Note program applicable to our current state project.

The rationale is simple: New members have no history of C-Notes, and old members feel nostalgia towards traditional efforts associated with our state project (C-Note program and Food Caravan) that are no longer appropriate for the current state project.

(launch of C-Note - 1)

The goals are to:

- Generate unity among members for support of our state project
- Instill pride in members for our state project
- Raise funds for our state project
- Compliment the “Change for Rehab” campaign

Elements of the new C-Note program include:

- Rebrand - new look, brand, and feel
- New emphasis - support state project and our funding of rehab across the state (no longer funds uncompensated patient care)
- Replace original program (to be promoted as “the new C-Note program”)
- For Elks member participation only
- Simple to understand and participate in
- Donations in \$100 increments (a C-Note)
- Donors will receive a thank you letter/donation receipt and pin
- Annual competition by Lodge and District (winners announced at summer ISEA convention) - would mirror the Food Caravan competitions
- Random drawings among all C-Note participants for brick and replica at summer and winter ISEA conventions

(launch of C-Note - 2)

Before I close, Grant has an Idaho Elks Rehab information packet for each Lodge to take home. Please be sure that someone from each Lodge gets your packet at the end of the session.

This concludes my report.

Fraternally submitted,

J. Curtis Neely, Chairman Kevin Poor, Vice Chairman Lyle Gessford, Secretary
Kathy Kontes James Broyles J.V. Evans Dave McFarland Charles Blanton, Emeritus

I move for the adoption of this report.

**Idaho State Elks Association Veteran Report
Summer Convention 2023
Blackfoot, Idaho**

*“So long as there are Veterans the Benevolent and Protective Order
of Elks will never forget them”.*

Today the Idaho State Elks Association and its nearly 8000 members continue to honor that promise. Our direct and most visible support effort continues to be our 3 Idaho State Veterans Homes located in Lewiston, Pocatello and Boise and the Veterans Regional Medical Center located in Boise, with satellite clinics in Salmon, Caldwell, Challis, Twin Falls, Mtn Home and Burns, Oregon. Additionally, the newly opened Veterans Home in Post Falls, ID is fully operational and serving veterans in the northern Idaho area.

The Boise VA Medical Center in Boise serves 82,000 veterans with over 412, 000 outpatient visits annually. These numbers are a 14% increase from last years report and continues to grow as more of our soldiers return from deployments and re-enter our civilian communities. As I visit the Boise VA Medical Center and speak to the administrative staff, there are two major categories of medical treatment that occupy the highest number of patient procedures. First, an aging population of Vietnam Era veterans with oncology ailments recognized as Agent Orange related. The second and more alarming are the soldiers with the invisible wounds of PTSD and traumatic brain injuries. Today’s most alarming and unacceptable statistic is the 22 active duty or veteran soldier who take their own lives *daily*. This number now exceeds the number of soldiers killed in combat by hostile fire or even training accidents. The VA nationally is now focusing on these issues with added research, treatment centers and outsourcing of mental health therapy. The Boise VA recently opened a 24/7 Suicide Hot Line to reach out to veterans and their families who are experiencing mental health issues requiring immediate intervention. In addition, the Medical Center opened Building 123 which accommodates two residential rehab programs with 10 private rooms for a 28-day substance abuse treatment and 8 rooms for a 2-month PTSD program.

The VA continues to operate a nationwide program titled the *Mission Act of 2018*. This very successful program puts Veterans and their families at the center of their care programs including:

- Provide veterans with more options for health care,
- Offer an improved community care process,
- ® Provide a new urgent care option,
- Help veterans get access to the care they need at the right place at the right time
- Offer veterans great service through a nationwide network of high-quality care,
- Provide more Veteran-to-Veteran peer specialists,
- ® Expand the program to support Veteran caregivers.

This has been a banner year for supporting our “American Heroes”. I am proud to report that for the second year all of our 21 lodges have conducted at least one lodge or community

activity in direct support of veterans. Some of the individual lodge activities are:

- ® Sandpoint Lodge #1376 - 15th Annual Golf Scramble resulted in \$25,122 raised to support local veterans. To date, the contribution back to their community of veterans and their families from this golf scramble has been \$177,077. This premiere Elks project is a joint project conducted with local American Legion, Marine Corps League, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Vietnam Veterans of America. This golf scramble is the largest fund raiser for these groups and is a true example of cooperative support. It is always a pleasure and privilege to continue this relationship. This program supports veterans of Bonner and Boundary counties.
- ® Coeur d'Alene Lodge #1254 - North Idaho Veterans Stand Down raised \$6,500 from ENF Grants and Lodge and individual donation. The one-day event provides assistance to over 400 homeless and struggling veterans and their families. A total of 40 Elk volunteers contributed 268 hours of service.
- ® Veterans Appreciation Dinners (Veterans Day) for Nampa Lodge 1389, Boise Lodge 310, Preston Lodge 1670, Caldwell Lodge 1448, Rupert Lodge 2106 and Blackfoot Lodge 1416.
- East District - over \$28,000 donated to the Pocatello Veterans Home from their annual Appreciation Dinner and Auction.
- ⁹ Caldwell Lodge 1448 - Sponsorship for the 5th year of the Annual Ride for Fallen Soldiers. Caldwell hosted the riders with dinner and breakfast as they began their trek across America on a 14-day ride ending with a wreath presentation at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery. This ride is now hosted by Elks Lodges across the United States and is recognized by our Grand Lodge.
- ® ISEA annual wreath presentation on Memorial Day at the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery -Boise. This year's presenters were Major (Retired) Lyle Gessford, PER Larry Hovorka, Caldwell Lodge 1448 and PER Mike Mead, Caldwell Lodge 1448.

The total monies contributed to our local lodges for charitable veteran's work in our communities which was received from ENF and administered by Idaho Youth, Inc. total \$17,963.60.

This year Judy and I had the privilege of representing ISEA at a US Airforce Officer, Senior NCO and Enlisted annual Honor Banquet at Mountain Home Airforce Base. It was truly and honor to be with with such an outstanding group of American Warriors who stand in harms way daily to defend our nation.



TO: Bob Shaw, ISEA State President FM: Steve Meier,
PSP, PDDGER RE: Convention Coordinator Report,
2022-2023 DT: May 5, 2023

This is the final report, and my last report as Convention Coordinator.

During the year, the ISEA held both a Summer convention and Winter Training Session.

Evaluations of both events demonstrated positive evaluations for both the speakers and events. However, it is clear from a logistics standpoint and both events, that the convention coordinator must take an active role in working with hotels and ensuring the lodges can handle the event regardless of district. Further, it is also clear that whomever decides on convention sites, there must be oversight and quality assurance before a decision is made that the lodge can handle the event with minimal adjustments. It needs to be said as coordinator over the past four years, and while I do not like to say this, some lodges do not have the facilities to handle these events. Reasons include distance from the hotels to the lodges, lack of disability access, lack of restrooms, poor bandwidth issues and other things.

In the future, any new coordinator and convention committee must be given enough information that will ensure the event can be adequately conducted at the site before a decision is made to hold the event at that location. It is not enough to say, we want to hold a convention. Consequently, I am strongly suggesting the ISEA identify a centralized convention hotel for both events or at least identify a centralized convention site for the Winter Training Session that has enough rooms and facilities to handle such an event and ensure there is reasonable roads that can allow easy access.

Best regards,

Steve Meier, PSP, PDDGER



Idaho State Elks Association

TO: Bob Shaw, ISEA State President
FM: Steve Meier, PSP, PDDGER RE:
Grants Report, 2022-2023 DT: May 5,
2023

Grant's Committee Report

This is the final and my last report as Grant's Committee co-chair.

For the past several years, the Grant's Committee has offered feedback and training on how to submit ENF and other grants. As a result, many lodges have been able to be successful in this endeavor this past fiscal year.

Grants submission is not easy and requires individuals with solid skill sets and experience who can train others to assist in this process. However, for myself, it is time for younger members to be involved and take the lead on this effort. Susan Ketchum has been excellent in this as well and I suggest you allow her to take over this role totally.

Best regards,

Susan Ketchum, PER, Co-Chair Steve Meier, PSP, PDDGER, Co-Chair

Public Relations Committee Report
2022-2023

Fellow Elks,

Many of our lodges have done a great job of getting small blurbs in the Elks National Magazine, some several times a year. Keep up the good work. We've had something in almost every issue. However, there are still a few lodges who have had nothing in the magazine and this should not be! The instructions are in fine print in magazine and online. Please get the lodge PR person to send in community service performed, how grants were used etc. An article might not get in every time one is sent but please send them in frequently. E.R.s please work on this with your PR chair.

Locally, all lodges should be contacting local newspapers or other print media, radio and T.V. to get coverage. If a lodge can afford to, buy advertising for an event the lodge is doing in community! I'll always be willing to help and sample press releases for free media consideration are on the Elks website. If in an area with locally operated radio, I'd like to see lodges, who can afford it, have a radio remote set up at an activity. Lots of people stop by to see what's going on, or if you offer free food they'll definitely be interested, it's a great opportunity to recruit members. Again, call me if anyone wants more information.

All lodges should have a Facebook page or website but it needs to be kept up. Update it with events regularly. Keep officer list updated. These sites need to be attractive and interesting.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Ketchum iSEA Public Relations

Scholarship Committee Report
2022-2023

The committee reviewed and evaluated 48 applications from the state of Idaho and awarded eight scholarships. Two scholarships were awarded at each of the following monetary levels:

\$4,000, \$3,000, \$3,000, and \$1,000.

Pete Dirlam Chairman
Scholarship Committee



TO: Bob Shaw, ISEA State President FM:
Steve Meier, PSP, PDDGER RE: Training
Committee Report, 2022-2023 DT: May 5,
2023

Training Committee Report

This is my final and last report and Training Committee Co-Chair

For the past several years, the training committee has identified solid speakers as presenters for various ISA summer conventions and Winter Training Sessions. As a result, evaluations have always been excellent for the speakers we have identified. Further, the training committee has always looked at issues needing to be addressed at both the lodge and ISEA State level plus tried to identify speakers with specific levels of expertise and most importantly, can present well.

After several years on this committee and working with the convention committee, it is time for others to take over this position. The ISEA leadership will need to identify individuals with solid training experience as well as knowledge about Elk's lodge issues.

Best regards,

Ed Sanman, III, PSP, PDDGER Steve Meier, PSP, PDDGER