

Nevada State Elks Association



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2024-2025 NSEA Annual Meeting Summary April 24-27, 2025

All Nevada Elks,

The Nevada State Elks Association (NSEA) held the Annual Meeting on April 24-27, 2025 in Laughlin. The Nevada State Elks Association hosted the Meeting. The NSEA meetings and meals took place at Harrah's Laughlin Beach Resort and Casino (HLBRC). Lodging for attendees was arranged by the NSEA Committee at the HLBRC.

The staff of the HLBRC graciously worked with our convention committee to accommodate our needs during the convention. Their assistance was invaluable.

Many thanks to the Convention committee, which lead by Dee Boskie, Cheri Boskie – Registration packets and verifying attendance, along with the assistance of several volunteers handing out registration packets and verifying attendance and payments as well as tracking last minute registrations. Alan Squailia, with Randy Biale, managed the VIP gift baskets. Justin Hoch and Melissa Fitch, Reno Lodge #597 – managed all aspects of the hospitality room and did an excellent job of keeping the visitors to the hospitality room happy.

We were honored by the presence of our Nevada State Co- Sponsor, from the Culver City, CA Lodge #1917, the Honorable Bob Duitsman, and his lovely wife Beth.

The other distinguished guests present were; Grand Lodge Public Relations Committeeman, Patrick J. Akes from Corona, CA Lodge #2045 and his lovely wife, Deserie; Grand Lodge Fraternal Committeeman, Ronald Brooks from Tooele Lodge # 1673 and his lovely wife, Lorna; Grand Lodge Activities Committeeman, William (Bill) Bohnett North Las Vegas Lodge #2353 and his lovely wife Sue Ellen; Ross Dyer, NSEA President, from North Las Vegas Lodge # 2353 and his lovely wife Dana; Ben Reed, NSEA President-Elect, from Great Basin Lodge # 1472.

Friday – All Trustees, Advisory Council and Business meetings were conducted with desirable results. The SMP Trustees meeting was on Friday morning. The Financial Reports and Budget updates were presented for review and discussed and finalized by the Trustees.



Nevada Elks Major Project, Inc. (NEMPI) Report - Ken DuBois, Executive Director/Treasurer -NEPMI informed the members that the NEMPI investment account with Washoe Wealth Advisors-LPL Financial was, as of 10/31/2024, was \$1,269,016.07 and the NEMPI checking account, with US Bank had a balance of \$60,242.20. His attached report highlights the distribution of funds to St. Jude's Ranch and NEMPI expenditures, and copies of bank and investment statements. **He also reported that the Number of Elks Members on the NEMPI Board, 10-expended 40 hours and drove eight hundred miles for their attendance at various meetings.**

We all enjoyed the Friday night State Presidents dinner. State President, Ross Dyer and First Lady Dana, provided a new seating arrangement, with tables named after old mining towns and decorated with a very Nevada Historic mining theme. The seating arrangement allowed members from other Lodges to interact with other Lodge members at their tables. It was a wonderful way to meet members from other Lodges. Wayne Westby, Lodge of the Year Chair, presented the Lodge of the Year Award to Tahoe Douglas Lodge # 2670 for their members' hard work and efforts.

Saturday - The business meeting of the Association was held on November 23, 2024, and called to order by State President Ross Dyer at 8:30 AM. NSEA Sergeant-at-Arms, Jim Mackley, introduced the Honored guests. State President Ross Dyer completed the other introductions.

Mark Hilton, standing in for Kevin Weis, NSEA Chaplain, presented the invocation and the Carson City NJROTC Color Guard, Commander Jazzy Avila (Cadet Ensign); Ronald Ward (Cadet Ensign); Josef Estrada (Cadet Lieutenant); and Alex Wells (Cadet Lieutenant) who are advised by Senior Chief, Jerry Skirvin, performed the posting and retiring of the Colors. Followed by Jim Mackley, NSEA Sargent-at-Arms, led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance, and then NSEA Organist, Steve Waranietz, accompanied the attendees in the singing of our National Anthem.

The formal part of the Business Session started with NSEA Secretary, Kevin J. Roukey, reading the minutes of the April 2024 Annual Meeting minutes and then calling the Roll Call of Officers, followed by the Roll Call of Lodges. The results of the Roll Call were, with all the Lodges making a report, 77 Delegates, 23 Representatives, five alternatives for a total of 111 members present. The total number of registered Elks was 146 and 27 non-Elks for a total attendance of 173.

The Roll Call of Lodges was taken by NSEA Secretary Kevin J. Roukey, PER.

NEVADA STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION

ROLL CALL OF LODGES

NSEA Annual Meeting, November 21-24, 2024, Carson City, NV

<u>Delegates Reported</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Representatives Reported</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Alternates</u>
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<u>Reno 597</u>	10	10	5	5	5
<u>Tonopah 1062</u>	2	2	0	0	0
<u>Las Vegas 1468</u>	5	5	7	7	0
<u>Ely 1469</u>	1	1	0	0	0
<u>Boulder City 1682</u>	9	9	0	0	0
<u>Hawthorne 1704</u>	7	7	1	1	0
<u>Great Basin 1742</u>	8	8	1	1	0
<u>Carson City 2177</u>	9	9	3	3	0
<u>Fallon 2239</u>	4	4	1	1	0
<u>North Las Vegas 2353</u>	6	6	1	1	0
<u>Sparks 2397</u>	2	2	0	0	0
<u>Tahoe/Douglas 2670</u>	6	6	1	1	0
<u>Pahrump 2796</u>	6	5	0	0	0
<u>Henderson/Green Valley 2802</u>	3	3	1	1	0
<u>Mesquite 2811</u>	7	7	3	3	0
<u>Laughlin 2872</u>	1	1	0	0	0
 TOTALS	 83	 82	 24	 24	 5
 Saturday business session attended		 Voting members	 82	 Total attended	 111
 Total Registered Elks	 146	 Total Registered NE	 27	 Total Attendance	 173

The meeting continued with the State Officers and Chairpersons reporting on their committee activities. They are listed here by the Reporting Officer:

Reporting to President Ross Dyer - Business Practices: Bill Wiseman; Committee on Laws: Gene Presnell; Credentials: Kevin Roukey, NSEA Secretary; Grand Lodge Convention Housing: Frank Reynolds III; Government Relations: Bill Bohnett; Ritualistic Committee: Noel “Max” Shen; NSEA Elk of the Year.

Reporting to President-Elect Ben Reed - Lodge Brochure Contest: Ross Dyer; Lodge of the Year: Wayne Westby; New Lodges: Bill Toles; Elks Training: NSEA District Vice Presidents, Don Wolf, and Ben Reed Jr.

Reporting to District Vice-President North Ed Emerick - Community Activities: James Weis; Drug Awareness: Milton “Tony” Carr; Hoop Shoot Program: Al Babb; NSEA Directory: Ron Douglass; NSEA Photographer: John Loetterle and Bruce Lafferty; NSEA Newsletter: Kathleen Hoss; Public Relations: Eileen Dugan; Scholarships: Bruce Rector; Soccer Shoot Program: Doug Shinault; NSEA Webmaster: Bill Wiseman; Youth Activities: Ty Trouten.

Reporting to District Vice-President South JJ Lynch - Accident Prevention & Risk Management: Bill Oskin; Adopt-A-Vet North: Tom Brenzovich; Adopt-A-Vet South: Greg Weeks; Americanism and Flag Day: Jack Eslinger; Citizen of the Year: John Whitesides; Elks National Foundation: Robert “Bob” Haug; Hides/Leathers: Ed Takach; Lodge Activities: Toni Weeks; Membership: Kris Weiland; Veteran’s Services: Dona Hoesly.



Reading of Communications – Kevin Roukey, NSEA Secretary read the communications, which included excerpt from articles from Grand Lodge Newsletters regarding Updated Manual Guides for New Officers; Membership Marketing; Lodge Bulletins publishing protocols; Grand Lodge Government Relations Committee, new amendments help for reporting; Grand Lodge Activities Committee making Soccer Shoot a fully recognized Elks program again.

Unfinished Business - The Nevada State Elks Trustees met and presented the budget for the 2024-2025 year. A motion was made by Marlin Hoesly and seconded by Ben Reed to accept the budget, which was approved by the members. A second motion was made by Sabina Bye and seconded by Marlin Hoesly to approve the distribution of the Charity Account funds as discussed at the previous business meeting Annual Meeting in April. There was discussion on the disposition of the Charity fund and consideration of the distribution of those funds and the motion was approved by the members.

New Business – There was no pending new business items that were posted on the agenda.

Bills against the NSEA – Sabina Bye, NSEA Treasurer, read the outstanding bills against the Association. Marli Hoesly made a motion to pay the bills against the Association; seconded by Gary Butori. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Sabina Bye, NSEA Treasurer presented the NSEA Treasurer's Report providing the General Fund checking account balance; the Charity Fund Checking account balance; the NSEA, Inc. Balance Sheet and P&L Report; and the NSEA Charities Fund, Inc. Balance Sheet, and P&L Report.

GL Committeemen Training Sessions – Two training session were put on. One by GL Government Relations, Committeeman, Rick Stone, including information on accurate reporting of volunteer hours and mileage; CLMS update and the importance of getting local government officials to your Lodge functions and activities. The other was put on by GL Fraternal Committeeman, Ronald Brooks. He provided information on Fraternal Pins; Awards for Outstanding Members; Youth Essay Contests and works and guidance available on the Georgia Elks website.

Announcements: NSEA Secretary announced that the 2024-2025 Annual Meeting would be convened on April 24-27, 2025, in Laughlin at Harrah's Casino.

By - laws review and changes were finally approved by the GL Judiciary and the NSEA.

Benediction – Kevin Weis, provided the Closing Benediction.

A motion was made by President Ross Dyer and seconded by Kevin Roukey to adjourn the Business Meeting session at was adjourned.

The State Major Project luncheon: After enjoying a wonderful lunch, Ken DuBois gave an overview of the activities the Board of Trustees have addressed since our Annual Meeting in April. The NEMPI luncheon, ER March raised \$64,562.66, the Raffle Ticket Sales and Silent



Auction raised \$2,355.00 donations from the floor \$600.00 and the Center Piece Auction raised \$1,035.00 for a grand total of \$67,411.66. He also informed the members that the Trustees approved funding \$38,000.00 for upgrading the Healing Centers; and approved (for one-year) the \$45,000.00 salary for a Facility Maintenance Specialist; and approved \$6,200.00 for the purchase of 2000 “Blue Pig” banks. PSP Dee Boskie announced, that although the inclement weather caused the cancellation of the 2nd Annual Mid-Term Golf Tournament, all who entered donated their entry fees to the SMP, in the amount of \$795.00. This brings the SMP funds raised to a **grand total of \$68,206.66.**

President Ross ad First Lady Dana thanked all those who helped with them during their visits to each Lodge. The honors given to them were appreciated. President Ross and First Lady Dana made so any new friends during their year that would be impossible to mention. President Ross also gave thanks to the Convention committee chair and the wonderful volunteers that made the meeting such a momentous event. President Ross also expressed her appreciation to the Plaza Hotel and its staff for managing the events and its changes that occurred during the meeting.

The honored guests concluded the session with remarks of thanks and appreciation, and congratulations to the State Association and its members for the achievements expressed during the meetings.

The Nevada State Elks Association Annual Meeting was then adjourned by NSEA President Ross Dyer, stating that the NSEA would reconvene at the Annual Meeting April 24-27, 2025, in Laughlin, NV.

Respectfully,

Kevin J. Roukey, PER
NSEA Secretary

