

Alpha Alpha State Convention
First General Session
Alumni Ballroom, Nittany Lion Inn
State College, PA
June 9, 2012

I. Call to Order

Alpha Alpha State President, Louann Shrader, Omega, called the First General Session of the 2012 Alpha Alpha State Convention (75th Convention) of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International to order on Saturday, June 9, 2012 at 8:09 AM. Tracey Willet, Omega, and Christine Kowalski, Chi, led the Procession of Officers and presented the flags.

They were accompanied by Shirley Newhart, Beta Theta at the piano. The session opened with the Pledge to Allegiance followed by the singing of the Star Spangled Banner.

II. Welcome and Introductions

President Louann welcomed all members and guests of the Alpha Alpha State Organization to the gathering of Key Women Educators. President Louann then introduced the following members seated at the head table: Kay Stuart, Pi, First Vice President; Patricia Shedlock, Nu, Recording Secretary, Barbara Gasperini, Alpha Upsilon, Corresponding Secretary; Linda O'Connor, Omega, Treasurer; Kathy Kuzmiak, Chi, Finance Committee; Suzanne Long, Beta Theta, Rules; Pat Crouse, Kappa, Parliamentarian; Tracey Dusch, Psi, Second Vice President; Carolyn Pittman, Arkansas, International Guest and Member at Large; Dr. Lyn Schmid, Chi, Northeast Regional Director and Banquet Keynote Speaker; Susan Stamm, Lambda, Immediate Past State President.

President Louann introduced the Past State Presidents in attendance: Marion Miller, Nu; E. Margaret Gabel, Beta Theta; Rebecca Place, Beta Rho; Terri Stetler, Eta; M. Polly Delaney, Alpha Rho; Carolyn Sutton, Alpha Upsilon and at the head table Dr. Lyn Schmid and Susan Stamm.

Alpha Alpha State Committee Chairmen were introduced next and their committee members were asked to stand and be recognized: Educational Excellence Committee Chairman and Co-Chairmen: Linda Nickerson, Alpha Zeta; Shirley Newhart, Beta Theta; Karen Ball, Psi, and Liz Brewer, Sigma, Kate Chronister, Omega, Communications; Polly Delaney, Alpha Rho, World Fellowship; Deanna Stegeman, Omega, Convention Coordinator; Barbara Tobias, Nu, Convention Treasurer; Mary California, Beta Xi, Protocol; Barbara Hartle, Beta Xi, Protocol; Suzanne Long, Beta Theta, Rules; Barbara Emmer, Psi, Historical Records; Carol Hartley, Chi, State Achievement Award; Carol Kruskie, Sigma, Photographer; Dr. Lyn Schmid, Leadership Development.

III. Rules for the Convention

Pat Crouse, Kappa and Parliamentarian, reviewed the Rules for the Convention, General Session as found on page nine (9) of the Convention Program booklet.

IV. Roll Call of Chapters

Patricia Shedlock, Nu and State Recording Secretary conducted the Roll Call of Chapters. A total of 305 members were present for the First General Session.

V. Report of the Convention Registrar

Barbara Tobias, Nu and Convention Treasurer reported 350 reservations for the day and 323 registered for the luncheon. A quorum was present for the meeting.

VI. Review of the Minutes

Alpha Alpha State Recording Secretary, Patricia Shedlock, Nu, presented the minutes of the First General Session of the 2011 State Convention held on June 11, 2011. Minutes were emailed to the

members of the Executive Board and available on the state website. Copies were also available at the meeting.

Hearing no objections to the minutes, President Louann declared them approved and stated they will be filed. The committee to approve the minutes for this session and for all the 2012 Convention minutes is: Jeannette Thomas, Beta Theta, Cindy Reynolds, Beta Rho and Mary Van Lieu, Delta.

VII. Correspondence

Barbara Gasperini, Alpha Upsilon and State Corresponding Secretary read a letter from the Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation notifying Alpha Alpha State that Dr. Marianne Bartley, Nu received a Cornetet Professional Development Award in the amount of \$1,800.

Dr. Linda Koharchik, Alpha Upsilon, was also awarded a Cornetet Professional Development Award in the amount of \$1,400.

Thank you notes for money given to the Scholarship Fund in memory of Margaret Y. Krider, Gamma, Ann Hildebrand, Omega, and Geraldine M. Leshner, Kappa, were read.

VIII. Introduction of Keynote Reflection Speaker

President Louann introduced Kate Campbell Stevenson - an actress, singer, producer and advocate for women. Kate portrayed the following women in history that embraced their vision and fulfilled their dreams: Betsy Coleman - aviator, Eleanor Roosevelt - activist, and Rachel Carson - author. Her presentation was entitled "Women Back to the Future".

Kate Campbell Stevenson: *"I believe that the most important thing in life is that we face it with courage and in the best way we have to give. No matter how inadequate we think we are if we share our individual gifts in the spirit of sisterhood for the dignity of every man, woman and child, we will be rewarded. Reach for your dream."*

IX. Sing Along Interlude

Shirley Newhart, Beta Theta, led the group in singing and Linda Nickerson, Alpha Zeta, served as the accompanist.

X. Report of the Executive Board

Patricia Shedlock, Recording Secretary announced the following items of business acted upon at the Executive Board meeting on Friday, June 8, 2012:

1. The budget for 2012-2013 was reviewed and will be acted upon at the Sunday morning meeting.
2. The merger of Alpha Alpha Chapter into Delta Chapter was approved.
3. The appointment of a new webmaster, Cindy Devonshire, Alpha Zeta, was approved. Cindy will receive an annual stipend of \$1,000.

XI. Report of the Treasurer

Linda O'Connor, Omega and Alpha Alpha State Treasurer, provided an all inclusive report listing income and expenses. Linda reported on the total income and expenses to date, May 15, 2012. The expected total as of June 30, 2012 is \$22,071.17.

Linda also reported on the NYL Fixed Annuity amount and the Scholarship Fund.

She announced that \$20,000 in grants and scholarships in addition to the \$900 Marian S. Roebing Scholarship will be awarded on Sunday morning. A sheet including contributions to International Funds was also part of the report.

Linda noted a correction to Chi's contribution of \$50 to the World Fellowship Fund was given in honor of Mrs. Mae Wingenroth and not in memory of Mrs. Mae Wingenroth.

The Treasurer's Report will be filed for audit.

XII. Report of the 2011 Northeast Regional Conference

Royce Boyd, Alpha Beta and Northeast Regional Conference Coordinator, reported that the conference was an overwhelming success. This is evidenced by photographs, albums and reports. \$7,000 in excess from the Conference was given to Alpha Alpha State from International. A motion to dissolve the Northeast Regional Conference Ad Hoc Committee was approved.

XIII. Report of the Finance Committee

Kathy Kuzmiak, Chi, and Finance Committee Chairman, reported due to additional revenue from the increase in dues, the addition of 121 new members, and sound spending practices by the officers and committee chairmen, Alpha Alpha State is realizing a balance forward of \$20,000. Kathy announced there is no need for a dues increase this year. Budget requests by the officers and chairmen for next year will be met.

The vote on the 2012-2013 budget will take place at Sunday morning's meeting. The figures do not reflect the \$7,000 from the Northeast Regional Conference. Kathy thanked Royce Boyd and her committee for a wonderful conference and a financially successful event. Kathy then thanked the members of the Finance Committee.

XIV. Report of the Rules Committee

Suzanne Long, Beta Theta and Chairman of the Rules Committee, stated the committee is working toward bringing the state By-Laws and Standing Rules into line with the 2010 International Constitution and Standing Rules. The committee is considering amendments proposed by the state Executive Board and state committees which include the following:

1. The option to merge struggling chapters in order to avoid dissolution of chapters
2. The most effective structure for the Educational Excellence Committee EEC (formerly Program of Work, POW), to best meet the needs of the state
3. In response to discussion at the 2011 Convention, the possibility of disseminating the state newsletter, the *Keystonian*, through the state web site to save thousands of dollars spent on printing and postage

Suzanne encouraged members to provide the "design for the future" by considering positive changes which could be made to our state documents.

Proposed amendments or changes can come from individual members, state officers, committees or chapters. Each proposal must include the rationale for the change and the fiscal impact. The deadline for submission is October 15, 2012 by mail or email. Suzanne invited members to attend the Rules Committee workshop later this morning and thanked her committee members.

XV. Report on Ad Hoc Committee for Strategic Planning

Susan Stamm, Lambda, and Chairman of the Ad Hoc Strategic Planning Committee reported the focus of the committee is on two key areas: membership and communication. A report will be given to the officers and chairmen at the August meeting. The Executive Board will approve the plan at the 2013 State Convention.

XVI. Report of the Creative Arts Retreat

Grace Schauer, Pi, Pat Arnold, Beta Rho, and Lisa Kiss, Nu presented a summary report in the form of a creative dialog on the Creative Arts Retreat held at White Haven, Pa. This facility presented a beautiful setting and atmosphere for attendees to enjoy sharing crafts, games, dorm rooms and workshops. The 75th Anniversary of Alpha Alpha State was celebrated with a clown and balloons.

XVII. Report of the 75th Anniversary Ad Hoc Committee

Barbara Emmer, Psi, Co- Chairman of the 75th Anniversary Committee and Chairman of Historical Records shared that the 75th Anniversary Committee gathered research of the last 25 years of Alpha Alpha State from 1987 – 2012 . The Anniversary Committee prepared the booklet, "*A History of Alpha Alpha State Volume 3:1987-2012*". As the work of the committee is completed, a motion was passed to dissolve the committee.

XVIII. International Update

Dr. Lyn Schmid introduced the International Guest and Member at Large, Carolyn Pittman from Arkansas.

Updates:

1. There are 90,000 DKG members in 17 countries who are "Embracing the Vision...Designing the Future". This is being done through the *Schools for Africa* and *Mentoring Early Career Educators* projects. As educators we are making a difference in the lives of people throughout the world.
2. Focus on strengthening chapters and holding up members who allow themselves to be held up.
3. Consider contributions to the Wall of Roses.
4. A new nomination process allows members to be nominated from the floor. Information regarding this nominee can be published at the same times as the information about the Nominations Committee nominee.
5. New orientation and re-orientation materials are available from International.
6. A revised *Ceremonies* booklet can be downloaded from the DKG website.
7. A new *Go to Guide Handbook for Members* is now available.
8. There is a leadership model available to states from International.
9. The *Constitution and Standing Rules* are now available in Spanish
10. There are plans to organize a DKG chapter in Japan.
11. Poetry and art work are no longer to be submitted for printing in the *Bulletin*.
12. Nita Scott has been hired as Membership Services Administrator.

Carolyn recognized state officers for their leadership roles: Louann Shrader, State President; Kay Stuart, First Vice President; Tracey Dusch, Second Vice President; Patricia Shedlock, Recording Secretary; Barb Gasperini, Corresponding Secretary; Bonnie Barnes, State Editor; Linda O'Connor, State Treasurer; and Cindy Devonshire, State Webmaster. She also recognized Alpha Alpha State members who are International Officers or serve on International Committees: Dr. Irene Murphy, Past International President and International Achievement Awards; Barbara P. Vann, Member, Scholarship Committee and Educational Foundation Liaison; Judith Schaffer, Educational Foundation Liaison; Suzanne Long, Member, Non-Dues Revenue Committee; Elizabeth Brewer, Northwest Representative

to the U.S. Forum; Dr. Lynda B. Schmid, Northeast Regional Director, *Go To Meeting* Participant.

The following statistics were shared: Alpha Alpha State has had twelve (12) participants in the Golden Gift Leadership/Management Seminar (1980- 2012): Kay Stuart (2012), Suzanne Long (1999), Terri Stetler (1997), Gerda Balthaser (1993), Louise Garverick (1992), Karen Light (1990), Carol Ulrich (1990), Mary Duggar (1988), Rebecca Place (1983), Dr. Bonnie Larkin (1980). Six (6) Alpha Alpha State members received a Golden Gift Fund Special Stipend (1981 -1987): Charlotte DeLissovoy (1997), Mary J. Preuss (1984), Cindy Reynolds (1984), Dr. Harlene Gaylen (1983), Rebecca Place (1981), Mary Ann Zerkowski (1981). Seventeen (17) members received a total of \$76,000 in International Scholarships (1940 -2011).

XIX. New Business

President Louann called for new business and hearing none moved to announcements.

XX. Announcements

1. Members were reminded to bring party contributions to the luncheon.
2. Kay Stuart extended an invitation to the Purposeful Seminar - "Living in Color", to be held April 26 - 28, 2013, at the Best Western, Country Cupboard in Lewisburg, PA.

XXI. Adjournment

President Louann adjourned the First General Session of the 75th 2012 Alpha Alpha State Organization Convention at 10:18 a.m.

Prepared by Patricia Shedlock (pas), Alpha Alpha State Recording Secretary on June 30, 2012.

Reviewed and approved by Louann Shrader (ls), Alpha Alpha State President, 2011-2013, on July 1, 2012.

General Session

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