

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
Alpha Alpha State Convention  
First General Session  
Alumni Ballroom, Nittany Lion Inn  
State College, PA  
June 11, 2016



## **I. Call to Order**

Alpha Alpha State President, Tracey R. Dusch, Psi, called the First General Session of the 2016 Alpha Alpha Pennsylvania State Convention (79<sup>th</sup> Convention) of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International to order on Saturday, June 11, 2016, at 8:00 am.

The Presentation of the Flags was directed by Monique Lautenschlager, Phi. The flags were carried by Brenda Brinker, Psi, and Judy Schaffer, Alpha Upsilon.

The Pledge to the Flag was led by Kat Gordon, and Love McGriff, Brownie Troop #40072. The pledge was followed by the singing of the “Star Spangled Banner” led by Nancy Hills, Psi, and Chair of the Visual and Performing Arts Projects.

## **II. Welcome and Introductions**

President Dusch welcomed all members and guests of the Alpha Alpha Pennsylvania State Organization to the gathering of Key Women Educators. President Tracey introduced the head table, the past state presidents in attendance, and the state committee chairs in attendance. President Tracey introduced International President, Dr. Lyn B. Schmid.

## **III. Inspiration**

An inspirational message was provided by Barbara Heilman, 2014-2016 Eta Chapter President, as she shared her DKG journey.

## **IV. Rules for the Convention**

Royce Boyd, Alpha Beta, and State Parliamentarian, reviewed the Rules for the General Session as found on page 7 of the convention program booklet.

## **V. Report of the Convention Registrar**

Barb Tobias, Nu, and Convention Treasurer, reported 290 member reservations for the day, two guests, and 46 of 58 chapters in attendance. Barb gladly announced that we had thirty-eight new members attending this convention.

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## **VI. Report of the Chapters Present**

Linda Konczal-Evans, Theta, and State Recording Secretary, gave a report of the chapters present: 42 chapters out of 58 and a total of 240 members present. A quorum was present for the meeting.

## **VII. Review of the Minutes**

Alpha Alpha State Recording Secretary, Linda Konczal-Evans Theta, and State Recording Secretary, presented the minutes of the First General Session of the 2015 State Convention held on June 13, 2015. A copy of the approved minutes was sent to each member of the Executive Board prior to the convention, and the minutes were also available on the state website. Hearing no objections to the minutes, President Tracey declared them approved and stated the minutes will be filed. The committee to read/approve the minutes for the 2016 First General Session is:

Terri Stetler, Eta Chapter  
Carol Hartley, Chi Chapter  
Marcie Erickson, Beta Epsilon Chapter

## **VIII. Correspondence**

State Corresponding Secretary, Heather Lilienthal, Beta Pi, reported that all of the State Scholarship and Enrichment Grant recipients of 2015 sent notes of thanks. Secretary Lilienthal read a note of thanks and acknowledgement to the Cornetet Seminar Professional Development Awards Committee from Barbara Gasperini, Alpha Upsilon, and State First Vice President/Educational Excellence Coordinator. Barbara acknowledged and gave thanks for receiving the full amount asked for in the amount of \$2,329 for the Purposeful Seminar, Pride of Pittsburgh, to be held in September, 2016.

Secretary Lilienthal also reminded the chapter presidents to make any necessary corrections to the draft of the new directory placed in the rotunda meeting area of the convention space.

## **IX. Reports**

1. Executive Board Report– Linda Konczal-Evans, Theta, and Recording Secretary, announced the following items of business acted on at the Executive Board Meeting on Friday, June 10, 2016:

- a. A motion from the Membership Committee was voted upon and carried to dissolve Rho Chapter.

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2. Treasurer's Report – Wanda Keller, Iota, and Alpha Alpha State Treasurer, provided an all-inclusive report listing income, expenses and a page of contributions by individuals and chapters. See attachment. Treasurer Keller stated that she has noticed an increase in the number of new initiates.

3. Finance Committee Report– Joyce Kerrick, Chair, Alpha Zeta Chapter, gave an in-depth report on the financial status of the organization. See attachment. Joyce said that the Finance Committee met on April 30<sup>th</sup> to achieve the primary goal of developing a proposed budget. She identified alternate year expenses, which, under the proposed budget we will have a small balance. There were no questions posed to her.

President Tracey announced that the budget will be voted upon at the Second General Session and that Joyce and her committee will be available throughout the weekend for questions and clarification. Further, Tracey reminded the outgoing chapter presidents or their designees to be at the Second General Session to cast their votes on the budget.

4. Membership Committee Report – Eileen Little, Chi, and Second Vice President, reported that 33 new members were hosted by the Membership Committee for breakfast at the Convention on Saturday.

5. Rules Committee Report-Louann Shrader, Omega, and Chair of the Rules Committee reported in The Spring *Keystonian*, The Rules Committee identified 3 proposed changes to the Standing Rules of the Alpha Alpha Pennsylvania State Organization of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

Chair Shrader stated that The Rules Committee withdrew the proposal to amend Standing Rule VII C3 and referred it to the Finance and Leadership Development Committees for further review.

Continuing with the two other proposals, she gave a motion to amend (Standing Rule IV) and delete (Standing Rule VIIA2):

Standing Rule IV

State Committees: B. Nominations Committee

2. Any elected member of the Nominations Committee who wishes to run for an elected officer position in the Pennsylvania State Organization of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International must resign her position on the Nominations Committee by July 1 of even-numbered years.

And

Standing Rule VII A2:

VII. A. Professional Development and Leadership Conference/

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Seminar A Professional Development and Leadership Development and Leadership Conference will be held in the spring of even-numbered years and before the new chapter Presidents' biennium.

President Dusch asked for any objection to vote for both the amendment and deletion as one. Hearing none, she additionally asked for discussion, and requested the vote.

President Dusch declared the motion successful, and effective immediately as part of the Standing Rules of the Alpha Alpha Pennsylvania State Organization.

6. President's Report – President Tracey R. Dusch, Psi, reported her attendance at the Finance, Educational Excellence, and Convention Planning Committee meetings.

She also attended and gave instruction at the Chapter President's Training seminar in March.

President Tracey said that the best part for her so far, has been the 12 or so chapter visits that she has been able to make during the first year of her biennium. President Dusch also conveyed thanks for the love and support of the membership.

President Dusch's full report and those of the respective committees, can be found on the Alpha Alpha Pennsylvania Organization State Website.

7. Purposeful Seminar Report – Barbara Gasperini, Alpha Upsilon, and First Vice President, gave an outline of the Purposeful Seminar, September 2016.

She detailed the weekend's events and mentioned that Beta Rho member Cindy Reynolds, will portray conservationist Rachel Carson at the event.

Barbara thanked Alpha Upsilon, Alpha Xi, Theta, and Phi Chapters for helping to organize the weekend seminar.

8. Creative Arts Retreat Report – Pat Arnold, Beta Rho, Greta Marie Taft, Pi and Linda Nickerson, Alpha Zeta, gave an information on the upcoming Creative Arts Retreat which will be held at the Olmstead Manor Retreat Center, Ludlow, PA on April 21-23, 2017.

## **X. International Update**

Becky Sadowski, Southeast Regional Director, Tennessee State Parliamentarian, International Convention Steering Committee Chair, and International Second Vice President, gave greetings from the 2015-2017 International Administrative Board.

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Director Sadowski spoke of Dr. Lyn B. Schmid's theme, "85 Years and Beyond," and the many member-driven changes that have occurred during Dr. Lyn's tenure. She outlined the following:

1. The DKG website is new and improved.
2. The International Headquarters has new hours. (7:30 am-6:30 pm CT)
3. Our new magazine is, The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin Collegial Exchange.
4. There is an updated Strategic Plan that can support members, build resources, and serve as a model for chapter level strategic plans.

Director Sadowski brought her own personal DKG story and said, "There is a seat for every member at the DKG table."

She also reminded us of International President Schmid's interest and passion in gaining and supporting younger members. The Director asked that we look at the Membership Recruitment Plan on the International Website to find more ways to gain members. Concluding, she gave a welcoming to the DKG International Convention in Nashville.

## **XI. New Business**

No new business was proposed.

## **XII. Keynote**

Dr. Marjorie Paradise, Chi, introduced Heather Lister, middle school teacher-librarian, Derry Township School District.

Heather spoke of how to "Make It Happen." as she delineated:

- Finding purpose
- Making things happen
- Promoting questioning in being connected and innovative
- Be unexpected (Avoid the status quo)
- Promote why you do something, not what you do.

## **XIII. Announcements**

President Dusch asked for anyone planning to go to the International Convention in Nashville to let her know so that she can direct plans for Dr. Lyn's reception. She reviewed the Society workshops available following the First General Session, and asked for chapter presidents or designees to attend workshops of particular need for their members.

President Dusch also highlighted the Northeast Regional Four States Creative Arts Seminar, October 1, 2016, in Smyrna, Delaware  
Nancy Hills, Psi, and Visual and Performing Arts Chair, asked for instrumentalists for next year's convention.

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Shirley Newhart, Beta Theta, asked anyone going to Nashville, and who is planning to sing in the chorus to see her to get a copy of the music.

#### **XIV. Adjournment**

President Tracey R. Dusch adjourned the First General Session of the 2016 State Convention and the 79<sup>th</sup> year of Alpha Alpha Pennsylvania State Organization of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda Konczal-Evans, Theta  
Recording Secretary