

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
Pennsylvania State Organization State Convention  
First General Session  
Alumni Ballroom, Nittany Lion Inn  
State College, PA  
June 15, 2019



## **I. Call to Order**

Pennsylvania State Organization President, Barbara L. Gasperini, Alpha Upsilon, called the First General Session and Executive Board Meeting of the 2019 Pennsylvania State Organization Pennsylvania State Convention (82<sup>nd</sup> Convention) of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International to order on Saturday, June 15, 2019, at 8:05 am.

The Presentation of the Flags was directed by Monique Lautenschlager, Phi. The flags were carried by Moira (Pix) Smith of Girl Scout Troop 40073 and Danae Wolfhope, Girl Scout Troop 40004. President Gasperini presented them with a small token of appreciation.

The Pledge to the Flag was led by President Barbara Gasperini. 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, accompanied by Donna Hauser, Kappa Chapter.

## **II. Welcome and Introductions**

President Gasperini welcomed all members and guests of the Pennsylvania State Organization to the gathering of Key Women Educators. President Barbara introduced the head table, the past state presidents in attendance, and the state committee chairs in attendance. President Barbara introduced International guest, Jane Tanner, Northeast Regional Director, DKG International..

## **III. Rules for the Convention**

Suzanne Long, Beta Theta, Interim State Parliamentarian, reviewed the Rules for the General Session as found on page 7 of the Convention program booklet.

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

Barb Tobias, Nu, and Convention Treasurer, reported 236 member reservations for the weekend and 45 of 54 chapters in attendance.

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

Joyce Kerrick, Alpha Zeta, and State Recording Secretary, gave a report of the chapters present: 45 chapters out of 54 and a total of 212 members present. A quorum was present for the meeting.

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## **VI. Review of the Minutes**

Pennsylvania State Organization Recording Secretary, Joyce Kerrick, Alpha Zeta, reported the minutes of the Executive Board and First General Session of the 2018 State Convention held on June 15 and 16, 2018 were sent to the Committee to Approve Convention Minutes. 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. There being no discussion, President Gasperini declared the minutes accepted.

The committee members appointed to read/approve the minutes for the 2019 Convention are:

Joan McGreevey – [mcgreevey4021@yahoo.com](mailto:mcgreevey4021@yahoo.com)

Marsha Ewing – [mel824447@comcast.net](mailto:mel824447@comcast.net)

Roseann Currence – [roscur@aol.com](mailto:roscur@aol.com)

## **VII. Correspondence**

State Corresponding Secretary, Kristine Reynolds, Beta Kappa, read a thank you from International President, Cathy Dougherty.

She read correspondence from Merry S. Lewis and Dr. Kay Clawson of the DKG Educational Foundation congratulating Andrea Rutledge of the Pennsylvania State Organization for receiving a Coronet Award.

Kristine also read a thank you from the newly chartered DKG Chapter, Delta Xi, located at The Villages in Florida, for having Pennsylvania State Organization President, Barbara Gaasperini as a speaker at their meeting in February.

### Reports

1. Treasurer's Report – Royce Boyd, Alpha Beta and Second Vice President, presented the Treasurer's Report for Wanda Keller, Iota. Wanda provided an all-inclusive report listing income, expenses and a page of contributions by individuals and chapters. See attachment. There were no questions for the treasurer's report.

2. Finance Committee Report– Mary Wilhelm, Chair, Iota Chapter, gave an in-depth report on the draft budget for the upcoming year. See attachment. The proposed budget will be voted upon at the Second General Session On Sunday, June 16, 2019.

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3. Rules Committee Report-Louann Shrader, Omega, and Chair of the Rules Committee reported gave the following report and update on the State Bylaws and standing rules.

Prior to the report she reminded members that any member, chapter, or committee may propose updates and amendments to our governing documents, the deadline being October 15th. She also reminded members that new proposals passed in Austin at the International have already been voted on and are now part of our governing documents.

The report to be voted on during our convention will update the State's financial obligations and terms regarding compliance with the International constitution and standing rules. Changes to the bylaws included practices already in place but not in the bylaws that is, language on co-presidents and one vote on executive board, description and definition of administrative board, and the changing of Leadership Training and Professional Development seminars/workshops and Purposeful Seminar to 'once a biennium' to add flexibility to scheduling. Motion was made by Barb Emmer, Psi , and seconded by Jeannette Thomas, Beta Theta to approve these changes to the State By-laws. President Gasperini asked the Executive Board to vote on these changes. The changes to the bylaws passed unanimously.

Dues and fees were proposed by the State finance committee. Changes to the State Standing rules included a change in when dues are to be sent to State Treasurer (June 30th annually), Collegiate membership paying the same state dues as reserve members, that is, \$7, and a change in timeline for those becoming members during the year and what their dues would be. Those initiated between July 1 and December 31 would pay full dues to international, state, and chapter as well as scholarship fee. Beginning January 1, any new member would only pay one half international, state, and chapter dues. Also passed was a separate induction fee of \$2.50 for new members only to be paid at the state level.

Finally, and needing a 2/3 vote because it was not originally listed prior to the convention on the state website, was information regarding changes in governance at the International level that was passed at International conventions. If the new rules/amendment passed internationally affect state organizations, the State Rules Committee would automatically update our bylaws and standing rules to reflect the change and with the approval of the State President publish the change in the next issue of The Keystonian following the International Convention. Norma Mateer, Beta Theta made the motion to approve, seconded by Joyce Bigley, Alpha Nu. This motion also passed unanimously.

4. Creative Arts Retreat Report – Greta Marie Taft, Pi, reported the Creative Arts Retreat was held at the Olmstead Manor Retreat Center, Ludlow, PA on March 29 – 31, 2019. Sixty-seven people attended. Eighteen workshops were offered on many different topics and activities.

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5. President's Report – President Barbara L. Gasperini, Alpha Upsilon, conveyed thanks for the love and support of the membership and thanked members for taking the opportunity for Leader -ship , Fellow-ship, Mentor – ship, and Friend –ship through Delta Kappa Gamma. She thanked all the officers, committee chairs, and chapter presidents for their support and work during her biennium. She encouraged each of us board a new “ship” each year. We should remember that Delta Kappa Gamma is a lifelong commitment, a never-ending circle of Membership. She encouraged each person present to ask one person to join each year. President Gasperini's full report and those of the respective committees can be found on the Pennsylvania State Organization Website.

## VIII. New Business

Kay Stuart, Pi Chapter and Past State President 2013-2015, and Chair of the Ad Hoc committee to nominate a new Webmaster reported that the committee recommends Susan Allen from Chi Chapter as the new Pennsylvania State Organization Webmaster. As this nomination came from a committee, it did not require a second. President Gasperini called for a vote by the Executive Board and Susan was elected unanimously. Congratulations Susan.

President Gasperini declared the Ad Hoc Committee dissolved since it has completed its work.

Tracey Dusch, Psi, Immediate Past President and Chair of the Nominations Committee presented the following slate of officers for the 2019 -2012 biennium.

Eileen Little, Chi – President  
Royce Boyd, Alpha Beta, - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Dr. Marjorie Paradise, Chi – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Kristine Reynolds, Beta Kappa – Recording Secretary  
Marsha Erikson, Beta Epsilon – Corresponding Secretary  
Barbara Emmer, Psi – Finance Committee  
Ruth Olsen, Alpha Zeta – Finance Committee  
Claar Flynn, Alpha Kappa – Nominations Committee  
Amy Miehl, Gamma – Nominations Committee  
Haddie Webber, Alpha Phi – Nominations Committee

The Nominations Committee moved that the vote be en masse for these candidates. There being no nominations from the floor, President Gasperini called for the vote. The motion was approved.

A short musical break was taken for all to enjoy.

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## **IX. Keynote**

President Gasperini, introduced Jane Tanner, Northeast Regional Director, -Chi Chapter, New York State Organization, who gave greetings from the 2018-2020 International Administrative Board and Cathy Dougherty, President.

Ms. Tanner spoke about the goals of Evaluation, Momentum and Transparency.

Evaluation is evidenced through updating the DKG website; the new international conferences replacing the regional conferences; digitizing the DKG News – it is only available online now; and redesigning training for leaders.

Momentum is apparent through maximizing use of the skills of the staff at international Headquarters; using Google Forms for applications, and revitalizing the state organizations which have lost over 25% of membership. Committees meet both face-to-face and online to allow more opportunity for members to participate; using Go Ahead Tours to bring members new opportunities for growth and learning.

Transparency is evidenced by having real time discussions using the chat feature on the website; addressing member questions daily; updating all guides and DKG ceremonies; having a clean audit.

Implementation of the adopted amendments from the 2018 International Convention including a new collegiate membership category; new names for state organizations, new dues collections procedures; and more emphasis on conferences as international events.

## **X. Announcements**

President Gasperini asked for anyone planning to attend the International Convention in Philadelphia, PA in July 2020 to sign up at the registration table. Also Dr. Lyn Schmid will be posting regular updates on the website for the International Convention.

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.

The 2022 International Convention will be held in New Orleans, LA.

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## **XI. Adjournment**

President Barbara L. Gasperini adjourned the Executive Board and First General Session of the 2019 State Convention and the 82nd year of the Pennsylvania State Organization of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joyce Kerrick, Alpha Zeta,  
State Recording Secretary