



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS  
**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA**

2013 Alpha Alpha State Convention

Executive Board Meeting

Board Room 2, Nittany Lion Inn

State College, PA

June 14, 2013

## **I. Call to Order**

The 2013 Executive Board Meeting of the Alpha Alpha State Organization of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International was called to order by State President, Louann Shrader, Omega Chapter, on Friday, June 14, 2013 at 8:32 p.m.

## **II. Welcome and Introductions**

President Louann introduced the following members seated at the head table: Kay Stuart, Pi, Alpha Alpha State First Vice President; Patricia Shedlock, Nu, Alpha Alpha State Recording Secretary; Barbara Gasperini, Alpha Upsilon, Alpha Alpha State Corresponding Secretary; Linda O'Connor, Omega, Alpha Alpha State Treasurer; Kathleen Kuzmiak, Chi, Alpha Alpha State Finance Committee Chairman; Carolyn Sutton, Alpha Upsilon, Ad Hoc Personnel Committee Chairman; Pat Crouse, Kappa, Alpha Alpha State Parliamentarian; Jeannette Thomas, Beta Theta, Rules Committee; Monica Ochoa, Area Representative to Latin America and

International Guest; Tracey Dusch, Psi, Alpha Alpha State Second Vice President; Susan Stamm, Lambda, Immediate Alpha Alpha Past State President. Also recognized were Susan Scanlan, Key Note Speaker and Workshop Presenter and Tawni O'Dell, Author and Luncheon Speaker.

### **III. Rules of the Convention**

Alpha Alpha State Parliamentarian, Pat Crouse, Kappa, reviewed the Rules for the Convention, Executive Board Meeting as found on page nine (9) of the Convention program booklet.

### **IV. Roll Call of Chapters**

Patricia Shedlock, Nu Chapter and Alpha Alpha State Recording Secretary, conducted the Roll Call of Chapters. Thirty-seven (37) out of Fifty-nine (59) chapters were present for the Executive Board meeting.

### **V. Review of the Minutes**

Patricia Shedlock, Alpha Alpha State Recording Secretary, presented the minutes of the Executive Board Meeting of the 2012 State Convention held on June 8, 2012. Minutes were emailed to members of the Executive Board and available on the website.

Hearing no objections to the minutes, President Louann stated that the minutes will be filed.

The committee to approve the minutes for this session and all 2013 Convention meeting sessions include: Jeannette Thomas, Beta Theta, Kristine Reynolds, Beta Kappa and Lois Brown, Chi.

## **VI. Correspondence**

Barbara Gasperini, Alpha Upsilon, and Alpha Alpha State Corresponding Secretary, read thank you notes from the following scholarship and enrichment grant recipients: Karen Matis, Amy Smith, Barbara Emmer, Nancy Hay, Crystal Header, Phyllis Jenny, Deborah Kern, Lisa Kiss, Terry Klein, Linda Lubben, Donna Kuntz, Susan Mechura, Barbara McDonald, Sandra Millin, Judith Schaffer, and Rita Tamalavage. Barbara also read a note from Dr. Irene Murphy. A letter from Dr. Beverly Helms, International President, naming Monica J. Ochoa, Area Representative from Latin America as the Society's representative to our 2013 State Convention was shared.

A letter was received from Marianne Skardeus, Chair, Cornet Professional Development Awards Committee announcing Amy Smart as the recipient of this award in the amount of \$1,358.00. A bereavement acknowledgement was sent by Deanna Stegeman. A thank you note was received from the family of Ruth Elder acknowledging Omega chapter's contribution to the Scholarship Fund in Ruth's name.

## **VII. Report of the Treasurer**

Linda O'Connor, Omega, Alpha Alpha State Treasurer, reported on the financial status of the State Organization from a four page detailed report. Linda included balance forward, income, expenses and balance forward for 6/30/13. Balances in the following funds were listed: the Scholarship Fund, the Serendipity Fund, the Permanent Fund, and the Visionary Fund. Linda stated that \$20,200 in scholarships and grants will be given on Sunday morning. A listing of contributions to International Funds was part of the report. The listing included contributions to World Fellowship, the Scholarship Fund, the Emergency Fund, the Educational Foundation, the Golden Gift Fund, Speakers Fund, Schools for Africa, the State Scholarship

Fund, the State Visionary Fund, and Alpha Kappa State “The Curriculum of Hope for a Peaceful World”.

### **VIII. Report of the Finance Committee**

Kathy Kuzmiak, Chi and Alpha Alpha State Finance Committee Chairman announced there will be no dues increase this year. The proposed budget will be presented Saturday morning and voted on at Sunday morning’s Second General Session. Kathy invited members to ask questions of any Finance Committee member.

### **IX. Report of the Membership Committee**

Tracey Dusch, Psi, Alpha Alpha State Second Vice President and Chairman of the Membership/Expansion Committee reported that near the end of February before Linda O’Conner, Treasurer was able to get dues from Mu chapter and verify the number of members in Mu. It was then that we learned that the chapter had only 2 members. Communication with International and further contact with the 2 members of Mu resulted in the recommendation that Mu Chapter be dissolved. Tracey then moved the dissolution of Mu Chapter. As the motion to dissolve Mu Chapter is a recommendation from the Membership Committee there is no need for a second.

The motion to dissolve Mu Chapter passed successfully.

It was noted that Louann met briefly with one of the two members of Mu chapter. The chapter charter and memorabilia are in the hands of Alpha Alpha State. President Louann shared information that Marian Spitzer Robling, the benefactor of the Robling Scholarship, was a past president of Mu Chapter.

## **X. Report of Committees at General Session**

President Louann stated that during the General Session the following committees will report: Treasurer, Finance, Nominations, Ad Hoc Personnel Committee, and Strategic Action Planning. The Achievement Award Committee will present a motion and Historical Records and Educational Excellence will make recommendations.

## **XI. Nominations Committee Procedure**

President Louann shared the procedure that will be used for the election Saturday Morning. Sue Stamm, chair of Nominations, will present the list as follows for the 2013-2015 State Officers and elected committee positions. They are:

Kay Stuart, Pi, President

Tracey Dusch, Psi, First Vice President

Barbara Gasperini, Alpha Upsilon, Second Vice President

Vannessa Sral, Beta Epsilon, Recording Secretary

Candace Claar, Alpha Beta, Corresponding Secretary

For Finance Committee – Royce Boyd, Alpha Beta; Mary Wilhelm, Kappa;  
and Joyce Kerrick, Alpha Zeta

For Nominations Committee – Carol Lane, Alpha Zeta; Diane Whitaker,  
Omicron; and Barbara Clark, Psi.

Following the listing of the names for each position, members will be asked if they have any additional names to be placed in nomination for election. If there are none a vote for the slate as presented will be taken. If any additional names are placed in nomination, each office will be voted on separately.

## **XII. Announcement on Proposed Changes to the Bylaws and Standing Rules of Alpha Alpha State**

President Louann announced that the spring edition of the *Keystonian* identified the proposed changes to the by-laws and standing rules as recommended by the Rules Committee. Copies of the language changes and the rationale were sent to all the chapter presidents to be shared with their members. The articles being considered for change are Articles V, VII, IX, and the new Article XIII on Merger and Consolidation and Standing Rules 7 and 9. At Saturday's meeting, Jeannette Thomas, Rules Committee, substituting for Suzanne Long, Chairman, will be recommended that the changes be voted on en masse. The proposed changes will be shown on slides in the ballroom prior to the First General Session so that members can be familiar with them.

President Louann reminded executive board members to attend the general session in order to have a quorum to conduct the business.

## **XIII. Nomination for International Office**

The following motion from the Executive Committee was made to the Executive Board:

Move that the Executive Board of Alpha Alpha State recommend to the membership of Alpha Alpha State the placing in nomination the name of Dr. Lynda B. Schmid for International President of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, 2014-2016.

The motion passed successfully and will be presented to all state members at the First General Session on Saturday. Dr. Barbara Andrews, Chi, and Carol Goodman, Beta Rho will make the motion from the Executive Board to the membership during the first general session on Saturday.

## **XIV. New Business**

### **Report of the Ad Hoc Personnel Committee**

Carolyn Sutton, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Personnel Committee, moved that the Executive Board accept the recommendation that Wanda Keller, Iota, fill the position of Alpha Alpha State Treasurer. Wanda has the experience of working on the Finance Committee and has served as its chairman.

## **XV. Announcements**

A. Kay Stuart announced that in the absence of Linda Nickerson, evaluation forms should go to Carol Lane.

B. President Louann invited members to visit the atrium and see the project by Beta Omicron and to see the information provided by the Erie Chapters. A DVD of the Album of Distinction was being shown there as well.

C. President Louann announced that Claire Flynn, President of Alpha Kappa has turned that chapter around and has recruited new members. President Louann announced that she has named Claire Flynn to the Nominations Committee. She is replacing Nikki McWilliams who has moved out of state.

D. President Louann reminded members of the Executive Board that they need to get a form from Pat Crouse in order to present a motion at the First General Session.

## **XVI. Adjournment**

President Louann adjourned the meeting of the Executive Board of the 2013 Alpha Alpha State Convention at 9:35 P.M.

Prepared by Patricia A. Shedlock (pas), Alpha Alpha State Recording Secretary on June 28, 2013.

Reviewed and approved by Louann Shrader, (ls), Alpha Alpha State President, 2011-2013, on July10,2013.