

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
Alpha Alpha State Convention  
First General Session  
Alumni Ballroom, Nittany Lion Inn  
State College, PA  
June 14, 2014



## **I. Call to Order**

Alpha Alpha State President, Kay Stuart, Pi, called the First General Session of the 2014 Alpha Alpha State Convention (77<sup>th</sup> Convention) of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International to order on Saturday, June 14, 2014 at 8:00 a.m.

The Pledge to the Flag was led by Lila Mathias, Girl Scout Troup 41220, and Tori Korman, Girl Scout Troup 40435. The pledge was followed by the singing of the Star Spangled Banner.

## **II. Welcome and Introductions**

President Kay welcomed all members and guests of the Alpha Alpha State Organization to the gathering of Key Women Educators. President Kay introduced the head table, the past state presidents in attendance, and the state committee chairs in attendance.

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

Suzanne Long, Beta Theta and Parliamentarian, reviewed the Rules for the General Session as found on page 10 of the Convention Program booklet.

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

Vanessa Sral, Beta Epsilon and State Recording Secretary, gave a report of the Chapters present: 46 chapters out of 58 and a total of 262 members present.

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

Barb Tobias, Nu and Convention Treasurer, reported 262 reservations for the day. A quorum was present for the meeting.

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

Alpha Alpha State Recording Secretary, Vanessa Sral, Beta Epsilon, presented the minutes of the First General Session of the 2013 State Convention held on June 15, 2013. 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 Kay declared them approved and stated the minutes will be filed. The committee to read/approve the minutes for the 2014 First General Session is:

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Cathy Stemmler, Alpha Omega  
Patricia Harrison, Alpha Beta  
Sherry Griggs, Omicron

## **VII. Correspondence**

Candace Claar, Alpha Beta, read correspondence from Annette Hickey, Nancy Hay, Sally Becker, and Irene Murphy. She also asked that all chapter presidents respond to the online survey she prepared in order to assist in the creation of the directory.

## **VIII. Reports**

1. Executive Board – Vanessa Sral, Beta Epsilon and Recording Secretary, announced the following items of business acted on at the Executive Board meeting on Friday, June 13, 2014:
  - a. The budget for the 2014-2015 was reviewed and will be voted on at the Sunday morning meeting.
  - b. Noted the approval by the Executive Committee to invest our Scholarship Money in a CD at Slovenian Savings and Loan.
2. Treasurer's Report – Wanda Keller, Iota and Alpha Alpha State Treasurer, provided an all-inclusive report listing income and expenses. See attachment.
3. Finance Committee – Kathy Kuzmiak, Chi, gave an in-depth report on the financial status of the organization. See attachment.
4. Membership Committee – Barbara Gasperini, Alpha Upsilon and Second Vice President, reported the loss of two past state presidents, Marion Miller and E. Margaret Gabel.
5. Rules Committee – Patricia Crouse, Kappa, gave the report. She explained the Rules Committee had received and reviewed the amendments to the Alpha Alpha State By-Laws, specifically Article IV --Finances, Section 1, Letter E-Visionary Fund. The Committee moved to change the name of the Visionary Fund to the Nancy Grove Visionary Fund and to make the past state presidents the administrators of the Nancy Grove Visionary Fund disbursements. An active teacher member may apply for up to \$500 for an item/items that will support educational excellence in her classroom or school. One award will be presented at the annual state convention. The motion was successful.

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6. President's Report – Kay Stuart, Pi, gave a very short report thanking everyone who contributed to the planning of this year's convention. President Kay's full report can be found on the Alpha Alpha State Website.

## **IX. International Update**

Mary Lee Makinen, Northeast Regional Director, brought greetings from the Administrative International Board. She recognized first-time participants at the convention and urged them to continue to attend. Mary Lee explained that our members belong to a complex society and that every member has a voice.

## **X. New Business**

No new business was discussed.

**Break: Sing Along with Carol Goodman, Beta Rho**

## **XI. Keynote**

Tracy Dusch, Psi, introduced the keynote speaker, Ryan Devlin, 2013 PA Teacher of the Year. Mr. Devlin summed up teaching in 5 words: "Selflessly dedicated to others' successes." He also likened teachers to superheroes. Both change the world every day.

## **XII. Announcements**

President Kay made several announcements including a request for prayers for the Franklin Regional High School students and staff in light of what happened a few months ago and also reviewed the society business workshop choices.

## **XIII. Adjournment**

President Kay adjourned the First General Session of the 2014 State Convention and the 77<sup>th</sup> year of Alpha Alpha State Organization of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International at 9:25 a.m.