

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
Alpha Alpha State Convention  
First General Session  
Alumni Ballroom, Nittany Lion Inn  
State College, PA  
June 13, 2015



## **I. Call to Order**

Alpha Alpha State President, Kay Stuart, Pi, called the First General Session of the 2015 Alpha Alpha State Convention (78<sup>th</sup> Convention) of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International to order on Saturday, June 13, 2015, at 8:00 a.m.

The Pledge to the Flag was led by Virginia Shenk, Girl Scout Troop #40411, and Katherine Shenk, Girl Scout Troop #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. Inspiration**

An inspirational message was presented by Gisele Siebold, Chi.

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

Suzanne Long, Beta Theta and Parliamentarian, reviewed the Rules for the General Session as found on page 2 of the Convention Program booklet.

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

Barb Tobias, Nu and Convention Treasurer, reported 232 reservations for the day.

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

Vanessa Sral, Beta Epsilon and State Recording Secretary, gave a report of the Chapters present: 44 chapters out of 58 and a total of 227 members present. A quorum was present for the meeting.

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

Alpha Alpha State Recording Secretary, Vanessa Sral, Beta Epsilon, presented the minutes of the First General Session of the 2014 State Convention held on June 14, 2014. A copy of the approved minutes was sent to each member of the

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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 2015 First General Session is:

Kathy Lauer, Beta Beta  
Linda Morrison, Alpha Omicron  
Barbara Clark, Psi

### **VIII. Correspondence**

Candace Claar, Alpha Beta, read correspondence concerning Christina Myers, Cindy Reynolds, and Sally Becker; notifications that 3 members received \$500 from the DKG Emergency Fund; numerous sympathy cards for Dr. Irene Murphy.

### **IX. 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 12, 2015:
  - a. The budget for the 2015-2016 was reviewed and will be acted on at the Sunday morning session.
  - b. A report of the Ad Hoc Strategic Action Plan Committee was reviewed. Their work is complete and will now be dissolved.
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 Dr. Irene Murphy, Beta Delta chapter.
5. Purposeful Seminar Report – Tracey Dusch, Psi and First Vice President, reported that 42 sisters attended the Purposeful Seminar in Lancaster on September 26-28, 2014.
6. Arts Retreat Report – Grace Schauer, Pi, reported that 65 sisters attended the Arts Retreat in McKeon County.
7. Leadership Management Seminar Report – Barbara Gasperini, Alpha Upsilon and Second Vice President, reported on her experience as a Golden Gift recipient.

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8. President's Report – Kay Stuart, Pi, gave a very short summary of her biennium where she encouraged us to take action, to engage potential members and equip ourselves with the many benefits of membership. President Kay's full report can be found on the Alpha Alpha State Website.

## **X. International Update**

Cathy Daugherty, International First Vice President, brought greetings from the Administrative International Board and a special message from Dr. Lyn Schmid, International President.

## **XI. New Business**

No new business was discussed.

## **XII. Nominations**

Louann Shrader, Nominations Chair, moved the following candidates be presented for election as the 2015-2017 biennium State Officers, Nominations Committee, and Finance Committee:

- President, Tracey Dusch, Psi
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Barbara Gasperini, Alpha Upsilon
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Eileen Little, Chi
- Recording Secretary, Linda Konczal-Evans, Theta
- Corresponding Secretary, Heather Lilienthal, Beta Pi
- Finance Committee: Sally Coyne, Alpha Upsilon  
Sharon Herzog, Phi
- Nominations Committee: Clare Flynn, Alpha Kappa  
Kathy Kuzmiak, Chi  
Haddie Weber, Alpha Phi

The nominations committee moved that the vote be taken en masse for these candidates.

The motion was successful.

## **XIII. Keynote**

Dr. Daria Brezinski, founder and CEO of What Wize Women Want, challenged us to empower women's voices by supporting and advocating for improvements for autistic children and adults; recognizing and supporting women in STEM fields; improving services for single mothers; and valuing education for all.

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#### **XIV. Announcements**

President Kay made several announcements concerning Northeast Regional Conference and Road to Nashville sales.

#### **XV. Adjournment**

President Kay adjourned the First General Session of the 2015 State Convention and the 78<sup>th</sup> year of Alpha Alpha State Organization of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International at 10:03 a.m.

Submitted by Vanessa Sral, Beta Epsilon  
Recording Secretary