



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

Alpha Alpha State Convention

First General Session

Alumni Ballroom, Nittany Lion Inn

State College, PA

June 15, 2013

## **I. Call to Order**

Alpha Alpha State President, Louann Shrader, Omega, called the First General Session of the 2013 Alpha Alpha State Convention (76<sup>th</sup> Convention) of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International to order on Saturday, June 15, 2013 at 8:06 a.m. Linda Makarevich, Alpha Sigma, and Patricia Carpenter, Beta Rho, led the Procession of Officers and presented the flags.

They were accompanied by Shirley Newhart, Beta Theta at the piano. The session opened with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the singing of the Star Spangled Banner.

## **II. Welcome and Introductions**

President Louann welcomed all members and guests of the Alpha Alpha State Organization to the gathering of Key Women Educators. President Louann then introduced the following members seated at the head table: Kay Stuart, Pi, First Vice President, Educational Excellence Committee Chair; Patricia Shedlock, Nu, Recording Secretary; Barbara Gasperini, Alpha Upsilon, Corresponding Secretary; Linda O'Connor, Omega, Treasurer; Kathy Kuzmiak, Chi, Finance Committee; Jeannette Thomas, Beta Theta,

Rules Committee, substituting for Suzanne Long, Beta Theta, Rules Chairman; Pat Crouse, Kappa, Parliamentarian; Tracey Dusch, Psi, Second Vice President; Susan Scanlan, Keynote Speaker; Monica Ochoa, International Guest and Latin American Representative to the International Board; and Susan Stamm, Lambda, Immediate Past State President.

President Louann introduced the Past State Presidents in attendance: Marion Miller, Nu; Rebecca Place, Beta Rho; Terri Stetler, Eta.

President Louann announced that Alpha Alpha State has been transitioning from Program of Work Committees to an Educational Excellence Committee. The following work together to coordinate the goals of this committee: Linda Nickerson, Alpha Zeta; Shirley Newhart, Beta Theta; Karen Ball, Psi; and Liz Brewer, Sigma. The Educational Excellence Chair, Kay Stuart, and the 4 coordinators were recognized along with all committee members who worked with them.

Other Alpha Alpha State Committee Chairmen were introduced:

Bonnie Barnes, Alpha Sigma – Keystone Editor

Cindy Devonshire, Alpha Zeta – State Webmaster

Carolyn Sutton, Alpha Upsilon – Past State President 2007-2009 and Chair of the Ad Hoc Personnel Committee

Barbara Emmer, Psi – Historical Records

Lois Brown, Chi Chapter – Scholarship

Deanna Stegeman, Omega – Convention Coordinator

Barbara Tobias, Nu – Convention Treasurer

Barbara Hartle, Beta Xi – Protocol

Mary California, Beta Xi – Protocol

Dr. Lyn Schmid, Chi – International Second Vice President, Past State President 2005-2007 and Leadership Development Chair

Carol Hartley, Chi – State Achievement Award

Kate Chronister, Omega– Communications

Polly Delaney, Alpha Rho – Past State President 1999-2001 and World Fellowship Chair

Carol Kruskie, Sigma – Photographer

Members of the Membership /Expansion Committee, chaired by Tracey Dusch, Psi, and Second Vice President, were recognized.

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

Pat Crouse, Kappa and Parliamentarian, reviewed the Rules for the Convention, General Session as found on page nine (9) of the Convention Program booklet.

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

Patricia Shedlock, Nu and State Recording Secretary conducted the Roll Call of Chapters. A total of 290 members were present for the First General Session.

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

Barbara Tobias, Nu and Convention Treasurer reported 290 reservations for the day. A quorum was present for the meeting.

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

Alpha Alpha State Recording Secretary, Patricia Shedlock, Nu, presented the minutes of the First General Session of the 2012 State Convention held on June 9, 2012. Minutes were emailed to the members of the Executive Board and available on the state website.

Hearing no objections to the minutes, President Louann declared them approved and stated they will be filed. The committee to approve the minutes for this session and for all the 2013 Convention minutes is: Jeannette Thomas, Beta Theta, Kristine Reynolds, Beta Kappa; and Lois Brown, Chi.

## **VII. Correspondence**

Barbara Gasperini, Alpha Upsilon and State Corresponding Secretary read a letter from Marianne Skardeus, Chair of the Cornetet Professional Development Awards Committee of the Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation notifying Alpha Alpha State that Amy Smart received a Cornetet Professional Development Award in the amount of \$1358.

A letter was read from Dr. Beverly Helms, International President, naming Monica J. Ochoa as the Society Representative to the 2013 State Convention.

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 MacDonald, Sandra Millen, Judith Schaffer, and Rita Tamalavage.

## **VIII. Introduction of Keynote Speaker**

President Louann introduced Susan Scanlan, our Keynote Speaker and newest honorary member.

Susan is President of the Women's Research and Education Institute in Washington D.C. (WREI). The Institute provides data and policy analysis to men and women in the U.S. Congress. She is Chair of the National Council of Women's Organizations and serves on the Board of the National

Women's History Museum. Susan presented her remarks titled "A Place at the Table."

## **IX. Report of the Executive Board**

Patricia Shedlock, Recording Secretary announced the following items of business acted on at the Executive Board meeting on Friday, June 14, 2013:

1. The budget for 2013-2014 was reviewed and will be voted on at the Sunday morning meeting.
2. The dissolution of Mu Chapter was approved.
3. A motion to nominate Dr. Lyn Schmid for International President was adopted by the Alpha Alpha State Executive Board and will be presented to the members of Alpha Alpha State during new business this morning.
4. The Executive Board moved to approve the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Personnel Committee that Wanda Keller be named as Alpha Alpha State Treasurer.

## **X. Report of the Treasurer**

Linda O'Connor, Omega and Alpha Alpha State Treasurer, provided an all-inclusive report listing income and expenses. Linda reported on the positive balance forward, the total income and expenses to date, May 30, 2013. There are 2,589 active members, 193 reserve members and 137 new initiates. The expected balance forward as of June 30, 2013 is \$28,100.83.

Linda announced that \$20,200 in grants and scholarships will be awarded on Sunday morning. The report included balances for the Scholarship Fund, Serendipity Fund, the Permanent Fund, and the Visionary Fund. A sheet including contributions to International Funds was also part of the report.

Donations for Schools for Africa went directly to UNICEF. It was noted that part of Sigma Chapter's donation was given by the Shikellamy High School National Honor Society. A donation was also given by Beta Delta, Eta, Beta Beta, and Beta Gamma as a result of their combined chapter meeting.

The Treasurer's Report will be filed for audit.

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

Kathy Kuzmiak, Chi, reported that due to diligent monitoring of the budget there is a balance forward to the new budget. The committee was able to meet most of the requests for funds from state officers and chairmen.

The committee is recommending no increase in dues. The vote on the 2013-2014 budget will take place at Sunday morning's meeting.

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

Carolyn Sutton, Alpha Upsilon and Chairman of the Ad Hoc Personnel Committee thanked Cynthia Devonshire, appointed in 2012 as Webmaster, for doing an outstanding job on the website. Carolyn announced that the committee is nominating Wanda Keller, Iota Chapter as the new Alpha Alpha State Treasurer. Having completed its job, the committee is now dissolved.

### **XIII. Report of the Nominations Committee**

Susan Stamm, Chairman of Nominations, presented the following slate of candidates for election as State Officers for the 2013-2015 biennium and for the election of members to the Nominations and Finance Committees:

President – Kay Stuart, Pi

First Vice President – Tracey Dusch, Psi

Second Vice President – Barbara Gasperini, Alpha Upsilon

Recording Secretary – Vanessa Sral, Beta Epsilon

Corresponding Secretary – Candace Clair, Alpha Beta

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

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

The vote was taken en masse and was successful. Incoming officers and committee members were congratulated.

#### **XIV. Report of the Strategic Action Planning Committee**

Susan Stamm, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee for Strategic Planning presented the following motion: that the adoption of the Alpha Alpha State strategic action plan be adopted as presented. The plan, “SAP... a Plan for Your Chapter’s Future” will be given to each president and later will be posted on the web site. This plan can act as a model and resource for chapters to develop their own plans. The motion to adopt the Alpha Alpha State Strategic Plan as presented was approved.

#### **XV. Report of the State Achievement Award**

Carol Hartley, Chair of the Achievement Award Committee, presented the following motion: The committee moves that in even numbered years, a recognition known as the “Rosebud Recognition” be given to a young member of Alpha Alpha State. The following criteria should define the chosen recipient:

1. No more than 40 years of age.
2. A member of Alpha Alpha State for three to five years and not have been a previous recipient of the recognition.

3. Will have shown leadership qualities within her chapter and participated in the state level in one or more activities/events. The description of her work is to be linked with one or more of our society's seven purposes.
4. Her chapter's officers would have endorsed her nomination.
5. The recognition budget would include payment of the recipient's banquet meal, a representative gift, and minimal committee costs – all not to exceed \$100.

The motion passed and the amount of \$100 is reflected in the upcoming proposed budget. The motion is now part of the bylaws.

## **XVI. Report of the Historical Records Committee**

Barbara Emmer, Chair of Historical Records recommended that in order to continue the work of Judy Meinert we are looking for a member artist who can draw portraits of the State Presidents. The names of any members who can share their talents in this capacity should be shared with the committee.

## **XVII. Report of the Educational Excellence Committee**

Kay Stuart, Chairman of Educational Excellence Committee, recommended the following: that the state organization fully adopt the Educational Excellence Committee structure using the design outlined in the proposed changes to the bylaws and standing rules. The current committee has been operating with the first vice president as the committee facilitator, four (4) members who have worked as co-chairman, and additional members to work with the co-chairman. Under this structure, the committee is free to work as a whole or in groups to accomplish the responsibilities for personal growth, educational legislation, visual and performing arts, professional affairs and U.S. forum.



## **XVIII. Report of the Purposeful Seminar**

Kay Stuart, Chairman of the Educational Excellence Committee, reported that the Purposeful Seminar was uplifting, relaxing and beautiful.

Participants enjoyed an arts festival and a visit by Sarah “Salty” Sands Ferguson from the All- American Girls Professional Baseball League. The highlight was the fellowship of Alpha Alpha State Sisters.

## **XIX. President’s Report**

President Louann gave the following report related to her biennial goals:

1. With the goal of raising \$6,000 for our Schools for Africa Project, as of May 2013, \$5,869.24 was donated and 98% of her goal was achieved.
2. With the goal of initiation or reinstating 400 new members during the biennium, the following as reported in the *Keystonian* beginning with the fall edition of 2011 and including those initiated after April 1, 2013, was achieved: 322 new or reinstated members were initiated or 80% of the goal was achieved.
3. With the goal of increasing communications the following were achieved:
  - a) We have a new and user - friendly state website and many chapters have designated web searchers to keep their chapters abreast of what is happening and posted on both our state and international websites.
  - b) A new state brochure was developed and a second printing done to reflect the installation of our newest country, Japan.
  - c) Templates to be used following state events are now posted on our website for chapters to access and use in local media.
  - d) One-fourth of our chapters have a local chapter website with more to be developed following state convention 2013 when a workshop session designed to help chapters launch websites will be offered.

e) The DKG/Alpha Alpha State social network site on Facebook was launched to facilitate communication and the sharing of ideas among chapters

f) More chapters are finding success in getting media coverage for events and broadcasting the buzz.

4. With the goal of increasing attendance at State Convention and Leadership Training the following were achieved:

a) One (1) Leadership/Presidents' Training was held during this biennium unlike two (2) held in previous biennium years. Thirty-eight (38) members attended the training. Several chapter presidents were staying in their position and so had attended the training previously.

b) My goal was to hit the 300 mark for State Convention. State Convention 2012, marking our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, topped 340 attendees, far exceeding my goal of 300 or more at State Convention. The registration for State Convention 2013 is currently at 290 attendees. We achieved more than 100% of the goal in 2012 and this year 97% of the goal was achieved.

President Louann encouraged chapters to work on ways to keep all generations actively engaged and minimize the number of members lost.

**Break - Shirley Newhart led the group in singing.**

## **XX. Report of the Rules Committee**

Jeannette Thomas, Rules Committee, substituting for Suzanne Long, Chairman, announced that the amendments were reviewed and the proposed changes were sent to Chapter Presidents to be shared with their members. The proposals were also posted on the state website. Jeannette moved that

the amendments be voted on en masse. President Louann called for amendments to the by-laws and standing rules separately. Hearing none, the votes were taken and passed successfully. The changes take effect immediately.

### **XXI. Nomination of International Officer**

Dr. Barbara Andrews, Chi, presented the following motion:

Move that Alpha Alpha State place in nomination the name of Dr. Lynda B. Schmid for President of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, 2014-2016 biennium. The motion was seconded by Carol Goodman, Beta Rho. The members of Alpha Alpha State unanimously supported the nomination.

### **XXII. New Business**

President Louann called for new business and hearing none, moved to announcements.

President Louann recognized Kristine Reynolds for preparing a power point presentation of the by-laws and standing rules and a power point of Monica Ochoa, International Representative, as she gives her remarks.

### **XXIII. Report from International**

Kay Stuart, member of the 2012 Golden Gift Leadership Class, introduced Monica Ochoa, Latin America Area Representative to the International Administrative Board and Convention Guest. Monica announced there are 88,000 Delta Kappa Gamma members in 18 countries who are leading women educators worldwide. International projects include Supporting Early Educators (SEE), Schools for Africa, and encouraging chapters to develop strategic action plans. International supports the following: “You

don't need barbells to strengthen chapters," membership revival, communication with all members, using technology and social media, and creating innovative programs.

#### **XXIV. Announcements**

1. President Louann announced that a collection for the Emergency Fund will be taken at the luncheon in Portland, Maine. Anyone not going to the Northeast regional conference can get information and a form on the International website.
2. Two DVD's of Portland and a DVD of the Album of Distinction will be showing in the atrium.
3. Beta Omicron has information for members to look at as well as the Erie chapters.
4. Sunday morning's brunch will have assigned seating. There will be seating in the back for anyone not attending the brunch.
5. Kay Stuart announced that Workshop presiders should collect evaluations and give them to Carol Lane.

#### **XXV. Adjournment**

President Louann adjourned the First General Session of the 76<sup>th</sup> 2013 Alpha Alpha State Organization Convention at 10:13 a.m.

Prepared by Patricia 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 July 10, 2013.