

The Alaska Nuggets

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ETA CHAPTER HOSTS 2015 BETA GAMMA STATE CONVENTION

The Convention will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel at C Street and International Airport Road. The hotel has a free shuttle from the airport and DKG members may book rooms between now and March 17 to guarantee the special Convention Rate.

Activities during the convention include a combined Executive Board/General Membership Meeting, Ceremony of Remembrance, and a closing Banquet. Saturday afternoon will feature a group of three speakers addressing the topic "Touching Lives at Home and Abroad."

The Convention will end Saturday evening with an informal President's Reception. Eta members will be ready on Sunday to take people out and about - some suggestions are listed on the Registration Form and other ideas will be honored if at all possible. Special arrangements have been made to have both Cabin Fever and the Quilted Raven

open from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday for those who wish to shop in those stores. Cabin Fever has many made-in-Alaska items, and the Quilted Raven has Alaskan themed fabrics and patterns as well as quiviut and other yarns.

Eta members encourage their DKG sisters to register for the convention, come early and stay for a little while afterwards to enjoy the Anchorage area.

Looking Ahead to the Convention

By Eleanor Houts & Claudia Hall

President Judy Jaspersen appointed an AdHoc Committee consisting of Amy Budge (Omicron), Amy Downer (Zeta), Barbara Kovarik (Nu), Judi Westfall (Zeta), Kathy Adamich (Nu), Mary Ann Curtis (Eta) and co-chairs Eleanor Houts and Claudia Hall (Beta) to discuss state meetings. The committee was charged with addressing the question of whether

Beta Gamma State should continue to have our traditional Workshop and Convention every other year, or change to hold only one face-to-face Convention each biennium.

Some of the concerns centered on training chapter officers...how would this be accomplished if we were to meet only once every other year? Another question presented was how would chapters be chosen to host the state wide meetings? A poll with questions on these topics was distributed by 2nd VP Jennifer Schmitz to members via email, using Survey Monkey. While there were limited responses, the indication was that our membership is fairly well divided on the issues. Because of the poll's outcome, the committee did not feel there was a clear message on the direction to proceed. It was decided to provide more

information and allow member comments on the topic(s) by holding a panel discussion at the State Convention in April. The pros and cons of both viewpoints will be presented. The committee believes this format will have more members involved in the decision and give everyone the opportunity to hear others' opinions and ideas.

Changes to the Bylaws and Standing Rules have been presented to the Rules committee, so a vote can be taken after the panel discussion. We look forward to your participation during the Convention in April in Anchorage (April 17 and 18).

The committee welcomes suggestions, questions or concerns for the panel to address. Ideas may be sent to chall@mosquionet.com

Have you been a Delta Kappa Gamma for a year or more? Are you working on an educational endorsement, certification, or graduate degree? Beta Gamma State may have money for you. Apply for the Alaska Beta Gamma State Scholarship by March 1, 2015. The details and application are on the State website. The scholarship will be awarded at the State Convention in April.

Plan Ahead: DKG Regional Conferences/International Convention

2015 Northwest Regional Conference

07/29/2015 Regina SK Saskatchewan Hotel

2015 Northeast Regional Conference

07/08/2015 Baltimore MD
Hyatt Regency Baltimore

2015 Southwest Regional Conference

07/22/2015 Wichita KS Hyatt Regency Wichita

2015 Southeast Regional Conference

07/15/2015 Savannah GA
The Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort & Spa

2015 Europe Regional Conference

08/05/2015 Borås Sweden
Grand Hotel Conference Center & City Spa

2016 International Convention 07/05/2016

Nashville TN
Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center

Musings from your Beta Gamma State President

Happy New Year, Ladies!

How did you start *your* new year? I've been subbing in a 4th grade classroom. Following the teacher's first-week lesson plans, I had the students brainstorm "goals" for the year. Among other suggestions, *they* came up with "be responsible, help more and donate."

I realized that both personally and professionally, these are good goals. No matter what we're doing, and especially in DKG, there are always opportunities for taking responsibility, helping, and donating.

Chapters have added "Time and Talent" items to their annual silent auctions. The opportunity to socialize and learn from our sisters after we've purchased their service, has generated more money than the displayed auction items. It is a win-win! Not only do we get to know each other better and grow in sisterly spirit when we get together away from a regular meeting, but we also earn more money for our Grants-in-Aid and charitable projects.

An article in this edition of the *Nuggets* tells about Beta chapter's recently established 501(c)(3) Foundation. Without the help of our sisters in TX, we wouldn't have been able to accomplish setting up the Foundation as easily as we did. The process expanded members' horizons as we learned how to form a foundation and considered the many more possibilities of fund-raising available to our group by having a 501(c)(3) designation. It is another, win-win.

Although our membership in DKG is a choice, it comes with responsibilities. Think about how *you* want to help this year. Whether you are an officer, committee chair, or general member, there is always a place for your help and commitment to your chapter, our state and International. Remember President Lyn Babb Schmidt's theme for the biennium is "*85 Years and Beyond: Advancing Key Women Educators for Life.*"

Continue to be part of the advancement. Help yourself learn more about DKG and what's in store for 2015 by periodically checking out dkg.org. I'm going to make that one of *my* personal goals for the year. Every time I look, I learn. So will you. Together, we'll be amazing! jj

State Educational Excellence Committee Is Alive and Well

By Claudia Hall and Daphne Hofschulte

The role of this state committee (EEC) is primarily to share information about programs and projects that have been adopted by our State and International organizations.

“Educational Excellence” is the name now given to the committee that includes what we previously called program, personal growth and services, professional affairs, and the arts. Chapters can choose to adopt the new name or continue with the previous committee organization.

Thanks to all the chapters who have given us their contact names. We look forward to seeing everyone at the Convention.

Chapter EEC Contact List:

Beta - Wendy Ward
Delta –Ella Brown
Epsilon - Biz Robbins
Zeta – Jennifer Kueter
Eta - Debra Meigs
Theta – Pam Lambert
Iota – Judy Kearns-Steffen
Kappa - Kayla Wind
Nu – Helen Gonion, Tanya Beck
Omicron – Amy Budge

ETA CHAPTER NEWS

The Eta Chapter in Anchorage supports the Child in Transition/Homeless program in the Anchorage School District as one of its yearly projects. Due to preparation for the Beta Gamma State Conference, the chapter was unable to sew pillowcases as we did last year. Rose Van Hemert, an Eta member, stepped up and talked her ski group into sewing more than 100 pillowcases. Rose and her



husband Willie spent several hours inserting the pillows, purchased by the Child in Transition/Homeless Program, into the pillowcases. When finished, Rose swooned into a pile of cute and adorable pillows. Barb Dexter, head of the program, reported that they gave the pillows, along with a fleece blanket, toys, and books, to students who were experiencing homelessness in the Anchorage School District. She reports that new pillows are a luxury for many.

NEWS FROM BETA CHAPTER

Beta Chapter is excited to announce the formation of the Beta Educational Scholarship Foundation 501(c)(3), a non-profit entity.

A small but dedicated Beta sub-committee, with guidance from Ms. Evelyn Barron, past International President from Texas, worked diligently on creating the Foundation. Donations to the Foundation can be tax write-offs for donors. Already the organization has received donations earmarked for Beta's Grants-in-Aid and other charitable endeavors.

Maryanne Allan, Beta, president of the entity, reported the mission statement reads as follows: The Mission of Beta Educational Scholarship Foundation is to promote educational excellence. The Foundation awards women educators with scholarships for professional development and provides funding for projects that support quality in education.

Having the status of a 501(c)(3) allows and encourages contributions from businesses such as GVEA to contribute to a foundation for its charitable activities. Also, individuals can direct funds through their Alaska PFD Pick, Click and Give Program to be deposited to the organization when it is set up. Recently, Madden Real Estate created a Pay-It-Forward program whereby they would contribute \$50 to match each donation to Fairbanks charities. Several Beta chapter members contributed to the

Beta Educational Scholarship Foundation and met Madden's challenge for these matching funds.

During the April State Convention in Anchorage, directors of the Beta Foundation will be available to answer questions about the steps for setting up a foundation if other chapters are interested. Questions may be sent to BetaFoundation@gmail.com.

TIME IS FLYING BY!!!

Because we're all busy and time is flying, I'd like to remind you of the following dates that are fast approaching.

February 1 is an important deadline...

1. Chapter PRESIDENTS are reminded to download the chapter annual report form from www.dkg.org/forms and return it to me (dkgjasperson@gmail.com).
2. Chapter MEMBERSHIP CHAIRS should complete the chapter necrology report form downloaded from www.dkg.org/forms and send it to Helen Gonion, Membership Chair (ballaten@yahoo.com).
3. Chapters or individuals may nominate someone for the State Achievement Award and send the form to Jennifer Schmitz, 2nd V.P. (schmitz_jennifer@asdk12.org). Info is on the Beta Gamma State web site.

February 15 is an important deadline...

Nominations for Beta Gamma State officers for the 2015 - 2017 biennium are due to Jeanne Fiske, Nominations Chair (jfiske@gci.net). Info is on the Beta Gamma State web site.

Thanks for attending to these forms at your earliest convenience. jj



December 24, 2014

Merry Christmas to all of you partners in the El Salvador Bilingual Leaders project!

It was my great privilege and pleasure to visit our scholarship students in December. The students from San Francisco Goterra came to the San Miguel site to make it easier for us to see all of them. The other three Alaska TEACHER-TO-TEACHER volunteers went with me, and we were in for a real treat. How I wish each of you could have been there to receive the grateful thanks from these wonderful young people!

First, after being welcomed to the building by school staff, students, parents, and small children running around, we were escorted to the upper floor where a special program had been prepared for us. The room was festively decorated and our names were on the wall.



Through your generosity, six new students joined the group of scholarship students making the total number twenty. After only 3-4 months of language study, each one introduced himself/herself to us and told us a little about his/her background -- in English! What brave and poised young people!



The founder of the schools and Bilingual Leader program, Herberdh Chicas, gave a welcome speech – translated back to Spanish for the parents in attendance. Then the students from

Goterra sang a long and complicated song in English – they are good singers with good pitch and rhythm. At this time there are only 2 boys in the group of 10. I tried to remember the previous students, but they have changed from their pictures last year – becoming more grown up.

Then some of the girls in the San Miguel part of the program performed a traditional “folklorico” dance. It’s good to know young people still enjoy and respect their past. Again, it was quite complicated and they performed so beautifully.



At the end, we Alaskans had a chance to give little speeches, and we were each given a gift. You all were thanked many times over. You are very much appreciated!

God bless you, Herberdh, Daphne, and the Bilingual Leaders

Ashley Vanessa Fuentes Martínez
Ivonne Isabel Serrano Torrez
Mayra Guadalupe Alvarenga Maravilla
Rosa Nohemy Salas Cruz
Daniela Ivonne Hernández Guzmán
Vanessa Gómez
Luis José Lara Ulloa

Jairo Alberto García Salamanca
Krissia Floridalma Parada
Keiri Yulisa Pérez Sánchez
Patricia Lilibeth Portillo Hernández
Johanna Julissa Flores
Lorena Yasmín Villanueva Amaya
José Sebastián Chicas Guevara

Iris Vanessa Portillo Benítez
Marcela Lisseth Romero Vanegas
Ethel Johanna Hernández Cabrera
Gricelda Saraf Martínez Romero
Josué Adonay Hernández Robles
Tania Marelin Álvarez Márqu

¡Bienvenidos a Nuestra El Salvador Galería de Fotos!

Many of you know about TEACHER-TO-TEACHER: Alaska to El Salvador. In this issue, we thought we'd take you through a photo gallery emphasizing activities that are familiar to us but new to our Salvadoran teachers. We are grateful for Beta Gamma State's continuing support for our literacy project. Sincerely, Dianne Coursey and Daphne Hofschulte

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1-Our B&B bedroom, stacked full of supplies purchased with grant money & donated funds. We do, on occasion, sleep here!

2-Dialog practice encouraging participants to use whatever vocabulary & level of English they have.

3- Creating a play in a small collaborative group. Participants use all 4 strands of English: reading, writing, speaking & listening.

4-Performing a skit, with an evaluation rubric in the background. Teachers are not familiar with ways to evaluate projects & activities.

5-Traditional fairy tales have creative and modern twists, as shown here -- the 3 little pigs and wolf take a break in their chase scene to take a "selfie."

6-Public speaking, again emphasizing communicative language rather than perfection in a large group setting.

7-Five of our beautiful "Ladies Waiting" for class to begin. It's amazing what a close-knit group we become in just 3 weeks.

We Understand You

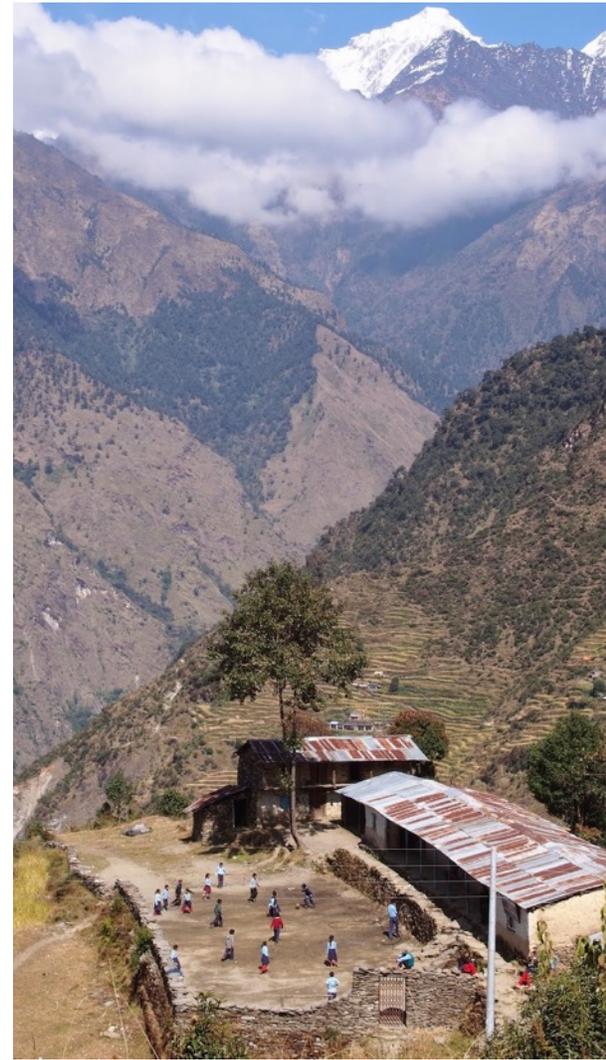
by Lindy Kinn

I am a member of Delta Kappa Gamma Theta in Fairbanks, Alaska. After 33 years, I retired from full-time teaching to work as a part-time mentor. This year my new job allowed me the flexibility to experience some of the long awaited items on my bucket list. I recently returned from a volunteer trek to remote Nepal where I was able to visit a school and work with teachers.

Volunteering in a third world country was always something I wanted to do, but I never thought I'd be brave enough to actually do it. When I became friends with two women, Moreen and Janice, who do just that on a regular basis, I got the opportunity of a lifetime: Participating in a supported trek with an established organization.

You know how you want to click that "donate" button on a website, but you can never be sure where the money is actually going? Moreen and Janice knew where the money was going. They had seen it up close by repeatedly participating in one of the projects sponsored by Himalayan Health Care, treks that bring doctors to remote villages in Nepal. They encouraged me to participate but it had not been possible with my full time teaching job. This year, when Moreen said she was going, I was finally able to join her.

HHC takes as many volunteer medical professionals as possible and fills the remaining spots with helpers. My friend Peg (also a retired teacher), her husband Pete, and I signed up as helpers. We were told that helpers are generally "gophers", helping where needed. Since Peg and I are teachers, we were asked to help contribute ideas for some school improvements that HHC planned to support.



My favorite kind of travel includes being outside and being physically active. So an opportunity to hike in a beautiful remote setting while helping other people was especially appealing, combining what I love to do. I was nervous and excited.

Our group of fourteen volunteers gathered in Katmandu. In addition to Peg and me, there were health care professionals from the United States, Canada, and Great Britain. This included six doctors, two nurses, a physical therapist, a pharmacist, a social worker, and an archeologist. On the trek, we were supported by HHC staff members and fifty porters. Fifty additional porters proceeded us in order to take medical equipment and school donations to the villages we would visit. Our trek was hair-raising, difficult, exciting,

challenging, exhausting, breathtaking. As we walked and scrambled along narrow trails, Peg and I

learned that we would be leading a two-day teacher workshop at each village. We were delighted and a little panicked. We had done no prep and had brought no materials, but we started brainstorming ideas.

We were given a list of topics the principals thought the teachers might find useful. We hiked with an HHC intern, Ellie, who had been teaching English in one of the schools, so we got some critical insight and incorporated what we learned from her into our plan.



We arrived at our first village, Tipling, early enough in the day to visit the school. We were pleasantly surprised, because we had been told that we wouldn't have time to see the school in session. Visiting the Tipling School was the highlight of my trip. You can see pictures and watch documentaries of third world schools, but nothing replaces the experience of standing in a classroom surrounded by children.

The floors were dirt, with big rocks sticking out everywhere. There was no glass in the windows, and the children sat in rows on long boards. Another long board made their desk. When we visited each classroom, the teacher stopped teaching and we were introduced through an interpreter. Peg asked each teacher a few questions, but I was so

awestruck, I could hardly find my words. In one classroom, I did ask to see the students' work. They opened their small composition books and showed me the words they had copied from the board.

Our understanding is that teachers have limited training, materials, and support. They teach the way they were taught because that's what they know. I thought I would see similarities to the remote Alaskan schools that I have worked in, but really there was no comparison. This school, not accessible by plane and a three-day hike from any road, is not on the infrastructure radar, because "It's a long hike up the mountain". I felt at once grateful and small, a tiny speck in a giant universe.

That night, Peg and I worked late, sitting in her tent and scribbling our plans onto damp paper by the light of our headlamps. We planned some collaboration activities and incorporated some Kagan structures. The supplies that we had brought to donate to the schools became our workshop materials.

We were scheduled to start at 10:00 the next morning, but we had been warned about "Nepali time". So we planned to be ready by ten, but prepared to start later. After breakfast, we turned the dining hall into an "American style" classroom with tables of four. We hoped to introduce the concept of collaboration. Our interpreters wrote our goals and the teachers' requests in Nepali and we posted them on the walls with duct tape (A little wrapped around a broken pencil is an essential Alaskan travel staple). We got started at 11:30.

Our first universe-shift of the day was when we gave teachers paper clips to attach their nametags on their shirts. At this point, we didn't understand how little paper was available to teachers and, consequently, how little experience they had had with paperclips. Imagine teaching without paper.

The teachers were good sports, pretending to be students, but shy to start. Our first Think-Pair-Share activity was very subdued, but once they got into groups of four, they started to talk.

Peg and I both grew to adore our interpreters, Apurva, 21, a student volunteer and Sidhant, 22, an HHC intern. We learned that interpretation is not a straightforward path. There were long conversations about what things meant and the teachers who understood a little English, pitched in. When we saw confused faces, we were never sure whether teachers were not understanding the concepts or struggling with the language. It was clear that ideas like “flash card” and “brainstorm” were new. A student written letter to parents was a totally alien concept that we never did get across. At one point, after multiple tries at communication, a teacher who had not previously spoken any English, said, “We understand you.” and it felt like such a gratifying breakthrough.



One teacher joined us right before lunch. He apologized for being late. We were told that he had walked three hours from his outlying village to attend the workshop. I was struck with awe at the commitment of those teachers. Every day they do so much with so little and they brought such enthusiasm to our little classroom.

We turned our classroom back into a dining hall. Over lunch we shared our experiences with the medical staff. They were excited to hear about our morning with the teachers and we were curious to find out about their first day of clinic.

The afternoon flew by and the timing just worked itself out. The Inner Circle, Outer Circle activity was a big hit and the cook

staff delivered milk tea and cookies just as we were finishing. We asked the teachers what time they wanted to start the next day and after a little discussion, they settled on 11:00.

Peg and I spent another evening preparing our lessons. At one point, we heard the sweet voice of Apurva outside my tent, “Lindy, Peg, sorry to interrupt, but everybody is having a beer and peanuts in the dining hall and I didn’t want you to miss it.” We couldn’t resist that opportunity and called it a night.

The next morning at 11:00 on the dot, everybody arrived, plus a few more teachers from outlying areas. Our total was 17. We laughed and said, “You are here on Alaskan time.” One teacher said, “Yesterday was so good, we didn’t want to miss anything”.

We had another good day, followed by two more days of teacher workshops at Shertung Village. We felt like we had met our goal of meeting teachers’ requests by introducing strategies they might not otherwise be exposed to. We got so much more out of the experience and we hope they did too.

Ellie will continue to volunteer at the school this winter. She hikes back to areas with Internet access periodically, and has offered to keep us informed about any sign that the ideas we introduced are being implemented.

On our hike back we learned that ours was the first teacher workshop that these village teachers had experienced and they asked for more. Anil, HHC co-founder and program director, is considering including teachers who want to deliver workshops as a regular part of future treks.

HHC’s support has grown from providing medical clinics to addressing many community issues. You can learn more about HHC at the link below. The award winning video is worth watching.

<http://www.himalayan-healthcare.org/>

What is covered by copyright

Copyright protects “original works of authorship” that are fixed in a tangible form of expression. The fixation need not be directly perceptible so long as it may be communicated with the aid of a machine or device. Copyrightable works include the following categories:

- literary works
- musical works, including any accompanying words
- dramatic works, including any accompanying music
- pantomimes and choreographic works
- pictorial, graphic, and sculptural works
- motion pictures and other audiovisual works
- sound recordings
- architectural works

What is not covered by copyright

- titles, names, short phrases, and slogans; familiar symbols or designs; mere variations of typographic ornamentation, lettering, or coloring; mere listings of ingredients or contents
- ideas, procedures, methods, systems, processes, concepts, principles, discoveries, or devices, as distinguished from a description, explanation, or illustration
- works consisting entirely of information that is common property and containing no original authorship (for example: standard calendars, height and weight charts, tape measures and rulers, and lists or tables taken from public documents or other common sources)

Copyright Myths

- Anything you find on the Internet is copyright free. - FALSE
- If there isn't a copyright symbol © on the published work, it is permissible to use without permission. – FALSE
- It is acceptable to use a copyrighted work as long as you cite your source. - FALSE
- I copied it from a book I owned so I can copy/post it. – FALSE
- We are a not-for-profit organization so it is acceptable to use this since we will not profit from the use of the copyrighted material. - FALSE
- If I get caught using something that is copyrighted, I will just claim ignorance and nothing will happen. – **IGNORANCE IS NO EXCUSE, YOU WILL STILL BE SUED FOR MONETARY DAMAGES AND THEY DO NOT COME CHEAPLY!**

October 2014 Mini Grant Breakfast

The Anchorage Area Council held the Mini Grant Breakfast on October 11, 2014 at the Chart Room of the Hilton Hotel in downtown Anchorage. Delta Kappa Gamma sisters and guests enjoyed a delicious catered breakfast and each other's company.

This year four grants were awarded to local educators. Each recipient shared how Delta Kappa Gamma grant monies were used to enhance the learning of their students. Bev Kirk (Whaley School) spoke about her "Music Box" project that helped students develop woodworking, drumming, and rapping skills. (They rap historical information.) Vicky Otte (Gruening Middle School) demonstrated the ease of taking on a new character and dialogue with a simple hat and cape. Her acquisition of Shakespearean costumes for her language arts classes has truly enhanced students' delivery of passages from Shakespeare. Kelly Frost (Mt. Iliamna/Whaley School) used grant money to purchase ukuleles so her students could learn to play a stringed instrument. Cardboard ukuleles with yarn strings were created and could be taken home to practice fingering for chords. Needless to say, the performance engagement rate is high. Our final recipient this year, Jessica L. Willis (Chester Valley Elementary), shared how she is now better able to promote interest in engineering among her young students. Her project, "Engineering Is Elementary," funded by DKG Mini Grant money, allowed her to purchase a high interest, hands-on curriculum called STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics). Her students are excitedly exploring the creative engineer they have inside.



L to R: Vicky Otte, Bev Kirk, Jessica Willis, and Kelly Frost

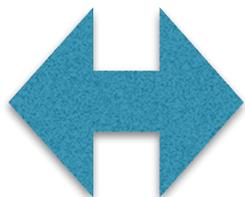
Delta Kappa Gamma Anchorage Area Council extends congratulations and thanks to our outstanding recipients this year. The work they do changes lives.

Thank you also to our sisters from Eta, Delta, Nu, and Zeta for organizing this excellent event that provides an opportunity to honor women in education.

2015 marks the 60th year of Delta Kappa Gamma in Alaska. Eta Chapter hosted the Beta Gamma State Convention in 2005 and is the host Chapter for the 2015 in Anchorage April 17 and 18. The registration form is in this newsletter and is also available on the State website.

Please be sure to register by April 3 to avoid paying a late fee.

Help celebrate Beta Gamma State's 60th Anniversary!



Proposed changes to Beta Gamma State's

Bylaws and Standing Rules

Concerns regarding state meetings and the costs of them were discussed at the last Workshop in Anchorage in 2014. A committee was set up to survey and make recommendations regarding changes to state wide meetings.

IF the membership decides on changes, it may require changes to the Bylaws and Standing Rules. These proposals are offered to give the membership a beginning for discussion and to provide changes at the 2015 convention, rather than put it off for another two years.

Chapter discussions would be valuable so Chapter presidents will understand what the chapter members feel about this. Early talks with your chapters should make discussion in April go more smoothly.

Please feel free to contact me, or any Executive Board Member, with your concerns or questions.

Geri Benshoof, Chair

Beta Gamma Rules Committee

Proposed changes to By Laws – 2015

Revised 1-14-15

~~Deleted, new wording~~

ARTICLE VII MEETINGS (pp 6 &7)

Section A. State Convention

1. Business of the state shall be conducted biennially at a state convention held in odd-numbered years, ~~at a the time, and place and hosting~~ chapter(s) will be as determined by the State Executive Board for the purpose of receiving reports, adopting policy, amending bylaws, electing officers, and conducting other business which may properly come before it.
2. Every member who is registered may vote. A roll call vote as specified in the CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE IX, Section B, Number 2. c., may be ordered.
3. The quorum shall be a majority of those members who have registered at the convention.

Section B. Other Meetings

1. ~~Spring workshops~~ Chapter Presidents Training shall be held in even-numbered years for the purpose of leadership training and dissemination of Society information. The Training is for newly elected Chapter Presidents.
2. The time, place and hosts shall be determined by the State Executive Board.
 - a. A training committee shall consist of members from the Leadership Committee and members of the Executive Committee, with the Leadership Chair as Chair of the Training Committee.
 - b. The Training shall be a day or partial day session.
3. Meeting of the State Executive Board shall be held face to face during the State Conventions. ~~and State Leadership Workshops at least once a year.~~ The State Executive Board shall meet annually in the fall, using available technology. Available communication technology is also acceptable for additional State Executive Board meetings.

Proposed changes to Standing Rules – 2015

Revised 1-14-15

Deleted, new wording

D. MEETINGS (p. 2)

1. State conventions ~~and workshops~~ shall be self-supporting from registration fee receipts. A treasurer shall be appointed for each of these meetings. The treasurer shall record all receipts, list all expenditures and pay all expenses, submitting an itemized report to the State Treasurer before the close of the fiscal year, June 30. Any excess funds shall be returned to the State Treasurer for deposit in the Available Fund. Any deficits shall be reimbursed from the Available Fund, following approval by the State Executive Board.
- ~~2. Locations for conventions and workshops shall follow the following Zone order: 2012 Workshop, Zone 1—Omicron; 2013 Convention, Zone 2—Beta, Theta, Pi; 2014 Workshop, Zone 3—Delta, Zeta; 2015 Convention, Zone 4—Iota, Epsilon, Tau; 2016 Workshop, Zone 5—Nu, Kappa; 2017 Convention, Zone 6—Eta, Alpha; 2018 Workshop, Zone 7—Beta; 2019 Convention, Zone 1—Omicron; 2020 Workshop, Zone 2—Theta.~~
2. Expenses incurred in housing for the state convention ~~or workshop~~ guest shall be the responsibility of the convention ~~or workshop~~ and shall be for the days of the convention or workshop.
3. State funds may be made available to the host chapter as an advance, one year before a convention ~~or workshop~~.
4. For newly elected Chapter Presidents, Chapter Presidents' Training shall be held in the spring of even numbered years.
5. Expenses for the Chapter Presidents' Training shall be shared by the State (75%) and all chapters (25%).

I. TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT (p 4)

1. Travel by the most direct route, hotel and official meals by the State President for attendance at International conventions, regional conferences, state conventions or ~~workshops~~ Chapter Presidents' Training, chapter visits and travel incidental to installation of new chapters shall be reimbursed, within the limits of the established budget. Reimbursements for chapter visits are limited to one visit each biennium to chapters and only one visit to include all chapters in an area.
2. State officers shall be reimbursed for transportation costs by the most direct route ~~to one official meeting each year~~ to the State Convention. Mileage reimbursement for those who drive their own vehicle will be at the prevailing state mileage rate; the total mileage reimbursement may

not exceed minimum airfare between her home and destination. For travel reimbursement, state officers shall include the state treasurer, state parliamentarian and the state editor.

3. Each Chapter President, ~~or her representative,~~ shall be reimbursed for transportation costs to ~~one official meeting each biennium~~ the State Convention. Mileage reimbursement for those who drive their own vehicles will be at the prevailing state mileage rate; the total mileage reimbursement may not exceed minimum air fare between her home and destination. The Chapter President's transportation costs to the Chapter Presidents Training, using the same guidelines, will be shared by the State (75%) and her Chapter (25%).
4. Chapter Presidents' Training Committee shall be reimbursed for transportation costs according to the above guidelines. The Training Committee shall not exceed 5 in number plus the State President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

J. ACHIEVEMENT AWARD (p 4)

1. The purpose of the Beta Gamma State Achievement Award is to honor a member who has demonstrated outstanding service at the state level, enthusiasm and leadership, and who has promoted the purposes and policies of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.
2. The nominee shall be an active chapter member of Beta Gamma State. She shall have demonstrated a leadership role in Beta Gamma State. Members may be nominated more than once but may receive the award only once. The state president is not considered for the award during her term of office.
3. The Second Vice President of Beta Gamma State shall send nomination forms to all chapter presidents by November 1, prior to the state convention ~~or workshop~~. Nominations must be returned no later than February 1. Nominations may be made by any member, but nominations forms must be signed by three members of Beta Gamma State.
4. The selection committee shall be composed of the Second Vice President of Beta Gamma State who shall serve as chair, and three members, one from each of the three geographical areas of the state, appointed by the State President to serve for one biennium. The award shall be presented only when the committee selects a qualified recipient, not necessarily on an annual basis.

5. ~~The Beta Gamma State Achievement Award shall be presented to the recipient by the Second Vice President of Beta Gamma State. The award shall be presented at the final banquet of the state convention, or at an appropriate event at the workshop.~~ The Second Vice President of Beta Gamma State shall present the Beta Gamma State Achievement Award at the final banquet of the state convention. If the recipient is not in attendance, the award will still be announced at the convention, and her chapter president shall present the award to the recipient at their next chapter meeting. The recognition shall consist of a certificate and the Achievement Award Medallion. The Second Vice President shall also write a congratulatory message for the Nuggets.
6. The Beta Gamma State Achievement Award winner's name shall be placed in a sealed envelope and given to the State Secretary at either the combined Executive Board/meeting or the General Membership meeting, so that the winner's name can be entered in the official minutes.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT IF YOU ARE SUBMITTING PHOTOS/
WRITE UPS FOR **THE NUGGETS MAY ISSUE**, THESE ARE DUE BY
MAY 1.**

**CHAPTER MEETING PHOTOS, CONVENTION PHOTOS, AND
WRITE UPS ON CHAPTER ACTIVITIES ARE DESIRED.
SEND TO akilbourn@gci.net**

Dear Beta Gamma State Sisters,

Anchorage ETA Chapter is looking forward to seeing you at the Beta Gamma State Convention, April 17-18, 2015. Plan now to attend! Our theme is "Touching Lives at Home and Abroad".

The Crowne Plaza Hotel is close to the airport with 24-hour shuttle service. Call and make your reservations if you are staying at the hotel, 907-433-4100. Be sure to mention you are a Delta Kappa Gamma member for the reduced rate.

There are two kinds of rooms you can book. STANDARD: \$114.00 plus a 12% tax, \$127.68 or CLUB: \$134 plus the 12% tax, \$150.08. The hotel has reserved some of the Standard rooms for our convention, which have double beds in them. We are requesting you make your reservations by **March 17th** for the special room rate. The CLUB rooms are not guaranteed for DKG, so if you want one, make your reservation early. Club Rooms are on the 5th and 6th floor and are considered the quiet floors. Check with the Hotel regarding the special room rate if you wish to arrive early or extend your stay. There is a restaurant (6A.M. to 11 P.M.) and a bar (5-11 P.M.) in the hotel.

If you have special dietary needs please let us know. Check the registration form.

Here is the agenda for the weekend:

Friday Evening: 3:00 P.M. Registration begins
5:00-7:00 P.M. Welcome reception with appetizers
7:00 P.M. Necrology, "Celebration of Life"

Saturday:

7:30-8:30 A.M. - Breakfast buffet for DKG members
8:30 A.M.- Executive Board/General membership meeting
Panel discussion on results of Ad Hoc Committee on Statewide meetings
Voting on Bylaws and Standing Rules changes. Election of officers for 2015-2017
12:30-2:00 P.M.- Lunch - DKG Alaska's 60th Birthday Luncheon with entertainment
2:30 P.M. - Panel discussion - "Touching Lives at Home and Abroad"
4:00 – 5:00 P.M.– New State Officer Training
5:00 - 6:00 P.M.– Social Time
6:00 – 9:00 P.M.– Banquet, Speaker, entertainment, and State Achievement Award
9:00 – 10:00 P.M. President's Reception, social time in hotel lounge, no host bar/refreshments
Convention officially concludes Saturday evening

Sunday: ETA chapter members and others are offering transportation on Sunday to the following places: shopping including downtown, Costco, Dimond Center; Anchorage Museum; Cabin Fever and Quilted Raven (open 1:00-3:00); Performing Arts (*The Odd Couple* - 4 P.M.); and your choice. Check the registration form for details.

We are so looking forward to this convention. Make a commitment NOW to attend. Copies of the registration form will be on the web site www.DKG-AK.org, published in the Nuggets and your chapter president will have copies as well.

Sincerely,
ETA Chapter

REGISTRATION

BETA GAMMA STATE CONVENTION APRIL 17-18, 2015
CROWNE PLAZA -109 West International Airport Road, Anchorage, AK

NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY

STATE

ZIP

CHAPTER - NAME/LOCATION _____ INITIATION YEAR IN DKG _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

IS THIS YOUR FIRST TIME ATTENDING A **STATE CONVENTION**? _____

CONVENTION REGISTRATION FEE _____ **\$150.00**

***** **AFTER APRIL 3RD** _____ **\$160.00**

The registration includes Friday evening and Saturday meals. This does not include Hotel stay at the Crowne Plaza. Call and make reservations if you are staying at the hotel, 907-433-4100. For convention rate special, mention DKG. Reserve your room by March 17, 2015.

Do you need dietary accommodations? If so please explain: _____

Please make checks payable to: ETA CHAPTER DKG

Mail registration and check to:

Kathy Wright
1825 Parkside Drive
Anchorage, Alaska 99501-5751
907-229-1351 for questions

****For those flying into ANC, The Crowne Plaza offers a 24-hour shuttle.****

The convention is offering transportation on Sunday. Check the following if you would like to go:

__ shopping - (__ downtown __ Dimond Center __ Costco __ Cabin Fever __ Quilted Raven)
__ Anchorage Museum __ Performing Arts (*The Odd Couple 4P.M.*) __ Your choice _____

I grant permission to use my name, photo and email address on the Web site www.DKG-AK.ORG/Nuggets and in the Nuggets Newsletter. __ Yes __ No