

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL
BETA GAMMA AK
Joint Executive Board/General Membership Minutes
Saturday, April 18, 2015
ETA Host, Anchorage
“60 Years of Touching Lives Here and Abroad”

1. Call To Order - 8:44 a.m.

Judy Jasperson, President...Judy called the meeting to order by asking everyone to think out of the box to help solve the current challenges facing DKG.

2. Collect: Choral Reading led by Mary Ann Curtis & Judy Ireton, convention co-chairs. (included in documents for this meeting)

3. Roll Call: Claudia Pierson, State Secretary

Officers and Related Personnel (5)**:

State President – Judy Jasperson, Beta, FAI
First Vice President – Judi Westfall, Zeta, ANC
Second Vice President – Jennifer Schmitz, Zeta, ANC...absent
Treasurer – Joan Lower, Eta, ANC
Secretary – Claudia Pierson, Theta, FAI
Parliamentarian – Geri Benshoof, Beta, FAI
Immediate Past President – Gayle Hammons, Tau, SIT...absent

Alaska Chapter Presidents (10):

Angela Pirtle, Iota, SIT...absent
Barbara Kovarik, Nu, EGR
Bonnie Roberts, Beta, FAI
Denise Hearn, Epsilon, KTN...absent
Emily Earns, Kappa, PAL...absent
Gara Cesefskes, Epsilon, KTN...absent
Gayle Hammons, Tau, SIT...absent
JoAnn Bantz Delta, ANC...absent
Judy Kern, Eta, ANC
Judy Tolbert, Beta, FAI...absent
Judi Westfall, Zeta, ANC
Kathy Adamich, Nu, EGR
Rebecca Paul, Omicron, HOM
Sandy Buhite, Theta, FAI...absent. Claudia Pierson voting for Theta.

Past State Presidents (9):

Dianne Coursey, Beta, FAI
Daphne Hofshulte, Beta, FAI

Eleanor Houts, Beta, FAI
Geri Benshoof, Beta, FAI
Jeanne Fiske, Zeta, ANC
Judy Ireton, Eta, ANC
Kati Rogness, Zeta, ANC...absent
Mary Ann Curtis, Eta, ANC
Sarajustine Black, Epsilon, KTN...absent

Committee Chair (0):

Communications, Maryanne Allan, Beta, FAI
Educational Excellence, Daphne Hofschulte
Educational Excellence, Claudia Hall, Beta, FAI
Expansion and Membership, Helen Gonion, Nu, EGR
Finance, Cherilyn Ansley, Zeta, ANC
Leadership Development, Helen Gonion, Nu, EGR
Nominations, Jeanne Fiske, Zeta, ANC
Rules, Geri Benshoof, Beta, FAI
Scholarships, Jackie VanDaff, Zeta, ANC

*() Indicates number allowed to vote

4. Rules of order: Geri Benshoof...(included in documents for this meeting)

Quorum for Executive Board is a majority of the voting members (executive officers, treasurer, and chapter presidents). There are 15, plus past presidents (determined at roll call) entitled to vote. Total entitled to vote 24. Quorum 15, which is 62.5%.

Robert's Rules used. Motions should be written down and passed to secretary.

5. Minutes of Executive Board: Claudia Pierson

The October 2014 Minutes of the Fall Executive Board meeting, (via Go-to-Meeting) were published on the Website. The **minutes were approved** at this meeting by Executive Board only.

6. Minutes of General Membership Meeting: Claudia Pierson

The April 2013 Minutes of the Spring General Membership meeting hosted by Zone 2 in Fairbanks, were published on the Website. The **minutes were approved** by the General Membership only.

7. Additions to and/or Approval of Agenda...approved with no changes or additions

8. Treasurer's Report: Joan Lower (included in documents for this meeting)

Short discussion of scholarship money...no scholarship has been awarded for four years. Money can be carried over for one year only and added to the present scholarship.

Treasurer's report was **accepted** unanimously by the **General Membership**.

9. State Committee Reports (Chairs report, unless otherwise noted.)

- A. Communication:** Maryanne Allan, Beta, FAI (reports included in documents for this meeting)...goal this biennium was to evaluate the Beta Gamma State website which was done to make sure it is up to standards of International and other websites.
- a. The *Nuggets*, Aldean Kilbourn...made a plea for more articles and well-labeled, large jpeg photos. May 1st will be the deadline for a third *Nuggets* edition each year. Also, there are still many problems with incorrect or outdated emails to send out the *Nuggets*. Please get new emails to Aldean.
 - b. Webmaster, Marlin Collins...Reiterated need for correct and new emails. Her report is included in the documents for this meeting.
 - c. Historian, Judy Ireton...Will be archiving items from dissolved chapters. Presented Judy Jaspersen with Presidents' biography book. This is the 60th year of DKG in Alaska, so 30 presidents are listed in the book.
 - d. U.S. Forum, Joan Webster...forwarded information to members from International, through email, as it came in.
 - e. World Fellowship, Joan Webster...forwarded information to members from International, through email, as it came in.
- B. Educational Excellence:** Daphne Hofschulte & Claudia Hall (report included in documents for this meeting)...They worked to get liaisons from each chapter to pass information from the committee to members. In addition to advertising the Schools for Africa project, they distributed information to the contact people in the area of state legislative issues they thought were important for our members to know about. They also sent a list of ideas for supporting early-career educators.
- C. Expansion and Membership:** Helen Gonion (report included in documents for this meeting)...Helen started by thanking Dianne Coursey for once again doing a remarkable Celebration of Life ceremony Friday night. Helen reported a total of 267 active, 12 reserve, and 2 chapter honorary members at this time. We lost five members through death, over the biennium. Helen also gave another reminder that necrology reports need to be sent in, even if there was no death in the chapter. The paperwork is required by and forwarded to International.
- D. Finance:** Cherilyn Ansley (lilac colored report included in documents for this meeting)...Cherilyn gave many thanks to her helpers. Membership was down from about 600 members in '05 - '07 to 373 over five years. We have also gone from 19 chapters to 10 chapters in 10 years, with the 4 newest chapters already dissolving, as well as Alpha, which was the first AK chapter. Because of the continued loss of membership from 310 to 281 (total) in the past biennium, our finances are not as rosy as they used to be and some money had to be shifted. Cherilyn encouraged us to look at what some chapters are doing to increase membership, while most of us are dwindling in size.
- Vote on budget postponed until after Ad Hoc Committee Report.

E. Leadership Development: Helen Gonion...The committee provides leadership opportunities and training for members at the workshop and for new state officers at the convention. Committee includes chairs of the Educational Excellence and the Expansion and Membership committees and the Treasurer.

F. Nominations: Jeanne Fiske

Slate for the next biennium...President - Judy Jasperson
1st Vice Pres. - Helen Gonion
2nd Vice Pres. - Amy Budge
Secretary - Cherilyn Ansley
Nominations committee...
Interior - Aldean Kilbourn
South Central - Minoo Minaei
Southeast - Vacancy

No one from Southeast had responded to being on the nominating committee, so Jeanne Fiske suggested suspending the rules about having one person from each region. She said she'd keep trying to locate a nominee, yet this morning.

G. Scholarships: Jackie VanDaff...After four years there is a candidate for this scholarship.

Motion: To add \$215.85 from the available checking account, as a one time allocation, to the \$1,284.15 available for this year's scholarship, to make the total amount to be awarded as \$1,500.00 for 2015. Motion made by committee so no second is required. **Motion passed by both Ex. Board and General Membership in separate votes.**

Jackie mentioned to still pass the word, through chapters and the *Nuggets*, about this scholarship, so that all members will know it is available! The committee also asked that the current source of funding for scholarships be rewritten in the Bylaws, since the formula doesn't work anymore, with current interest rates so low.

(The **Scholarship recipient** was later announced as **Kelly McBride of Kappa Chapter.**)

H. Rules: Geri Benshoof (Barb Sell gave report because Geri could not give it since she was the presiding Parliamentarian. The report is included in documents for this meeting)...International did approve our 2013 Standing Rules and Bylaws, with just a small number of editorial changes. They are on the website and Barb invited everyone to check them.

Rules changes postponed until after Ad Hoc Committee Report.

10. Ad Hoc Committee Report: Eleanor Houts & Claudia Hall, Chair

President Judy explained that we will first hear from the Panel, and then the Rules Committee will present motions about how to proceed with meetings. Depending on the outcome of the vote and if changes are needed, the Rules Committee also has new Standing Rules and Bylaws ready to discuss. If we don't change the meeting format, we won't change much of the Standing Rules and Bylaws.

Panel Discussion: Claudia Hall introduced and gave history, Eleanor moderated.

The task of the committee was to determine what meetings Beta Gamma AK should have, and who should host. A survey was sent to members to give their opinion on changing the rotation of conventions and workshops to another format. The surveys collected were about 50/50 for and against change, so the Ad Hoc Committee felt they could not recommend changing the pattern, without much more input from the general membership.

Panel - Judi Westfall; Barb Sell, Eta, ANC; Kathy Adamich; Daphne Hofschulte.

Each panel member gave her opinion of the convention and workshop pattern as we have traditionally done, or for a change.

Kathy Adamich - felt training could be done by GTM; expenses can be reduced with fewer conventions or workshops.

Barb Sell – felt we need professional exchange face-to-face, and a chance to meet with others. Ideas to cut cost include getting our own GTM or using computers to do leadership training. Venues to hold meetings are expensive. We need the best *change* we can get.

Judi Westfall - felt training is best when you just do it on the job. She said she received mentoring and got information from ladies as she did her job.

Daphne Hofschulte – felt members might think, “out of sight is out of mind,” so she would like Beta Gamma AK to meet every year. Also, said the big picture is not about changing time frames for conventions and workshops, but to help retain members and make DKG more viable. Otherwise we will have no society.

All members suggested technology can help and it can hurt. Aldean Kilbourn said there are great programs out there for training our leaders e.g. OWL.

Suggestions that followed...combining convention and workshop
offering one credit continuing education course on training
using Facebook for our state organization
doing training in state regions so no one has to travel.

Wrap-up - not enough time now to change bylaws in one day. There is a problem and it needs to be discussed and a committee needs to work on it. It is just too much to change in one day.

Vote on panel discussion topics will be under Old Business.

11. State Literacy Report: Dianne Coursey & Daphne Hofschulte...moved to afternoon.

12. Chapter Reports (By President, unless noted. Please email secretary written report.)

Beta: Bonnie Roberts and Judy Tolbert - report attached

Besides touring the new Fairbanks Childrens' Museum, and the new North Pole Library, Beta gave six grants-in-aid. The highlight of the year was to receive the status of a non-profit, which will greatly increase their opportunities for fundraising.

Delta: Jo Ann Bantz - no report

Epsilon: Gara Cesefske & Denise Hearn - no report

Zeta: Judi Westfall - report attached

Along with six new initiated members, Zeta has had fun with a wine-tasting, touring the new Covenant House, filling backpacks with school supplies and conducting a brunch and silent auction, which helped fund buying hats and gloves for local shelters.

Eta: Judy Kern - report attached

Most of their year, of course, was spent preparing for this wonderful convention. They also supported the Child in Transition Program and ran a successful garage sale to earn funds.

Theta: Sandy Buhite (given by Aldean Kilbourn) - report attached

Theta's long-standing traditions of providing picture bus signs for school busses, giving rhyme books to newborns, and going on a summer field trip provided for a fun and busy year. The mini grant presentations of innovative and useful educational programs enlightened both active and retired teachers. Plus, who can resist vying for the famous homemade pie at the Christmas brunch and "Steal-a-thon" gift exchange?

Iota: Angela Pirtle - no report

Kappa: Emily Earns - no report

Nu: Kathy Adamich & Barbara Kovarik (given by Barbara) - report attached

Nu Chapter never stops having fun - from hands-on "Fiber Arts" presentations to the Christmas potluck and silent auction, there is never a dull moment. They learned how to produce and edit a video while producing their advertisement for next year's Beta Gamma AK workshop and assembled 300 "Baby Book Bags" for newborns at Alaska Regional Hospital.

Omicron: Rebecca Paul - report attached

What fun Omicron has in gathering food with the local Rotary Club for the Homer Food Pantry. They are positive about the age range of their members as it keeps the group "vibrant and interesting." But the most fun project this year was producing "superhero capes" to support children from abuse or domestic violence. Rebecca modeled a cape and said Omicron is very willing to share the pattern!

11:00 a.m. Elections: Jeanne Fiske...Nominating Committee Chair

Committee proposed suspending the Bylaw requiring members of the nominating committee to be from each of the three regions. Parliamentarian ruled the President could appoint a temporary person until one from Southeast is found.

President - Judy Jaspersen

1st Vice President - Helen Gonion

2nd Vice President - Amy Budge

Secretary - Cherilyn Ansley

Nominating Committee...

Interior - Aldean Kilbourn

South Central - Mino Minaei

Southeast - Vacancy...

Rebecca Paul will temporarily fill this position

Membership vote - slate was unanimously approved.

13. Old Business

A. Dissolution update: Alpha...Their paperwork is complete. This was our first Alaskan chapter.

B. AK Workshop and Convention vote

Rules Committee proposed: "We move that the workshop be held in even-numbered years, as stated in the Bylaws," thus continuing the present pattern for workshops.

Motion made by committee so no second is required.

Discussion: No change needed to Bylaws on this subject. No need to look at changing the Bylaws if this vote passes. Thus, 2016 would be a Workshop.

Executive Board - passed with a vote of 11 - 3

Membership - passed with a vote of 24 - 16

Therefore, Standing Rules and Bylaws remain the same.

President will appoint Ad Hoc committees to research this proposal.

C. Hosting Redo...Barb Sell discussed Section 2 of Bylaws.

Proposed to **remove section 2D - Meetings**, of Bylaws, scheduling Conventions and Workshops 2016 - 2020.

Executive Board - motion passed

General membership - motion passed

14. New Business

A. Request for Dissolution of Tau - President Judy read a letter from Tau Chapter President, Gayle Hammons, to dissolve the chapter due to health, inactivity, and lack of interest in what DKG provides, by many members.

Motion proposed by Lynn McNamara, Eta, ANC and seconded by Cherilyn Ansley.

Dissolution vote...

Executive Board - passed motion

General Membership - passed motion

B. Request for continuing State Literacy Project status for TEACHER-TO-TEACHER: Alaska to El Salvador.

Daphne Hofschulte moved and Judy Ireton seconded...”Madam President, we move that...Beta Gamma AK continue to support TEACHER-TO-TEACHER: Alaska to El Salvador as the authorized Beta Gamma AK Literacy Project. The project may advertise, recruit volunteers, and raise funds using the *Nuggets*, the state Web site, and other State informational networks.”

“Rationale: Because literacy is central to the TEACHER-TO-TEACHER project, and the project has a history of effectiveness, it is appropriate for Beta Gamma AK to continue to authorize it as the state’s literacy project.”

Executive Board - motion passed

Membership - motion passed

C. Business of International Executive Board: President Judy stressed the need for us to use all of our DKG websites: chapter, state and International. They are very informative.

a. International Achievement Award—Nominees are:

Dr. Constance (Connie) Hoag (1962); Carolyn H. Pittman (1981);
Corlea S. Plowman (1980); Dr. Elizabeth I. Tarner (1982)

Judy Ireton, moved to choose Corlea S. Plowman as the Alaska nominee for the International Achievement Award. Seconded by Mary Ann Curtis. There was discussion in favor of Corlea by Jeanne Fiske. Geri Benshoof, discussed that Corlea was paid staff and worked as a DKG employee, not a volunteer. **General Membership** voted and accepted **Corlea S. Plowman** as the nominee.

b. Leadership Management Seminar, 2016 - every 2 years. Deadline is December 1, for this two-week training.

c. DKG.ORG...

New “Journey for Life” (consolidates two other membership brochures)

“Collegial Exchange”—August 1 is deadline for submissions to this new publication.

d. Donations: Eunah Temple Holden Leadership Fund—\$7,000 donated by International.

World Fellowship Fund—\$7,000 donated by International.

Emergency Fund—International allows collections at Regional workshops by putting jars at each table. A considerable amount was also collected in Indianapolis. Members who have experienced natural disasters can use the fund.

15. Other business

A. Budget Vote with Cherilyn Ansley - Motion made by committee, so no second is required. **Executive Board** only, voted. **Budget proposal passed.**

B. Geri Benshoof moved to thank ETA chapter for all their work on this convention.

Seconded by Aldean Kilbourn. Kathy Wright, Eta, ANC, spoke to thank her chapter. "All in favor stand up and shout!" per Judy J.

16. Announcements

- A. N.W. Regional Conference in Regina, Saskatchewan, July 28 – Aug. 2, 2015
- B. International Convention in Memphis, Tennessee—July 5 – 9, 2016
- C. NW Regional will be in South Dakota, 2017
- D. SW Regional has proposed Hawaii for their regional in 2017
- E. International Convention: Austin, TX, July 2018

17. Adjourn: 11:52 a.m.

Lynn McNamara, Eta, ANC motioned to adjourn

Judy Ireton, seconded.

Motion passed.

18. And By The Way (ABTW)...

Non-DKG announcements that are of statewide interest, if time allows.

Readers for these minutes were selected.

- 1. Judy Jasperson, State President
- 2. Cherilyn Ansley, incoming State Secretary
- 3. Geri Benshoof, State Parliamentarian

60th Anniversary Luncheon awards.

50-year Membership Certificate:

Wynoaka Baumgardner, Founding member of Nu, PAL and past member of Eta, ANC.

25-year Membership Certificate:

Bonnie Roberts, Beta, FAI

Clea Laudermilk - Nu, EGR

Colleen Brown, Nu, EGR...absent

Elizabeth Merideth, Beta, FAI...absent

Minoos Minaei, Delta, ANC