

COMMITTEE REPORTS

APRIL 12, 2018

Executive Board Go-To-Meeting

Maryanne Allan
Webmaster report
April 10, 2018

My goals for the website are:

1. To have it be responsive to you; to contain information that you find helpful.
2. To keep it updated – this falls into a couple of areas - things that are sent to me from you to post and things sent to me by International to post. The right-hand column on the front page is where notices change fairly often. If you want something posted for all to see quickly, that is the location where you may want your information posted.

New Additions –

Recently, I added two new pages, Celebrations and Member Photographs (password protected). Both pages can be found under the link “About”. Celebrations is a page on which you might want to share the wonderful things that happen to you, or that you are learning, or that one of your “sisters” has done that needs celebration. You are invited to send in any information that deserves celebrating!

Member Photographs is a page on which we can put member names with faces. As our face to face meetings are being changed to GTM meetings, it is harder to learn who our statewide members are, both by name and by sight. All chapters are invited to send group pictures to me that identify the members so that members from other chapters can learn who your chapter members are.

Note - When it comes to pictures, Aldean should be your first consideration. If you aren't going to use a picture for the Alaska Nuggets, then they might be just right for this page. These might be pictures of last year's activities or pictures that have already been in the Nuggets, whatever shows your chapter's personality. I think this addition to the website will enable us to see the fun that you have in your chapter. It reminds me of what Colleen said about pearls in her article on our website; “Each pearl on the strand lusters more brilliantly in relationship to another, united in a circle of unity.” Learning more about each other through seeing what you are doing brings us closer in the circle of unity.

Things to know/remember:

- Your new/best pictures go to Aldean
- Please send captions with your members' names.

- Remember that some members might not want their pictures on the site even though it is password protected.
- I will do some editing on size so that the files are very small.

Finally, One of my concerns is that we are an Alaskan society without any pictures of Alaska on our website. It occurred to me that many of you likely have some great pictures of Alaska that I could put into a wallpaper. This would really add needed texture to the pages. If they are your own pictures, you will be given credit

Again, the password to restricted areas is [BGAlaska1](#).

My **Historian Report** is that I do not have a report at this time.

Just so you know the routine, during each Biennium, copies of the Nuggets are made, a timeline kept, copies of the minutes assembled, and a packet of materials is assembled and deposited in the Archives at the University of Alaska Fairbanks at the end of the Biennium. I have no committee members, but should any be necessary, I would ask the State President to appoint some.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the April 12 meeting and again in Homer.

Judy Ireton

Cherilyn Ansley, Zeta Chapter
State Finance Chair Report
April 12, 2018

The finance committee met to review our financial budget. Per the Executive Board's vote, an additional \$1,500 is being allocated for stipends to Presidents, Treasurers, EEC Chairs and Membership Chairs that attend the 2018 State Leadership Convention.

Looking forward, the finance committee will prepare a proposed budget for 2019-2021 and audit the Treasurer's books.

Sincerely,

Cherilyn Ansley
Finance Chair

Nominations has nothing to report
Aldean Kilbourn

Leadership Committee Report

4-12-18

Committee Members:

Daphne Hofschulte, Chair
Vicky Voley, Membership
Gayle Hammons, EEC/Program
Joan Lower, Treasurer
Cherilyn Ansley, Secretary – supporting member
Colleen Brown, President, ex officio

What we've done

February Go-To-Meeting - planned Leadership Orientation for the Leadership Convention

* Schedule – 2 hr block.

1st hour - Membership Matters –Dr. Pittman, Colleen, Vicky

2nd hour - Nuts and Bolts of being an officer

25 min Officer overview – for everyone

5 min Form breakout groups and move to locations

30 min In-depth orientation for specific leadership roles

✓ President

✓ Treasurer

✓ Membership Chair) \ / (Recruits)

✓ EEC/Program Chair) / \ (Retains)

✓ Communications

* New ideas this year –

Focus on membership and revitalization of chapters, not just officer training

Overview of the jobs for everyone – you, too, could be an officer!

it's ok to do things for ourselves as members - we're not just about helping others

\$\$ common theme – stipends, proxies **encouraged**

Use each other as resources, not relying just on guidebooks

Breakout will have time for Q&A

Goals/ideas for next year:

Schedule, plan and facilitate an orientation with outgoing and newly elected state officers.

Survey effectiveness of 2018 chapter officer/leader orientation and suggest changes
Stay in touch with newly elected/appointed officers/leaders to give assistance
Consider continuing leadership development for all members at the 2019 Online Convention
Consider awards or other encouragement for members who have grown as chapter leaders

Ponderables:

Who are our chapter leaders besides officers and committee chairs? How do we grow them?

For whom should Leadership Orientation be designed and presented?

Where is the pot of gold to help everyone attend state, regional and international meetings?

Scholarship Committee Report

At the conference the Executive board will vote on the proposed changes included in our President's attachment for the Agenda. The two biggest changes regard raising the amount of the yearly scholarship to \$3000, and to changing the due date for awarding the scholarship from October to April at our Executive Meeting or with executive approval even later.

Once again our Committee has not received any applications for a Scholarship this year.

Our committee has several changes that will be voted on at the conference in Homer by the Executive Board and have been sent out by our President as attachments. Mary Ann Curtis, Gayle Hammons and myself, Tanya O'Brien are in agreement with the proposed changes of the amount of the scholarship, the due date change for submission and the promotion by all chapter presidents to acquire recipients for this year's award. The qualifications are the same and the application process has not yet been revised. I am enclosing an attachment of a new Certificate that we are proposing to use when a scholarship is given.

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Respectfully submitted,
Tanya O'Brien-chair
Mary Ann Curtis
Gayle Hammons

To: Colleen Brown, Beta Gamma State President

From: Gayle Hammons, **Education Excellence Committee** Chair, and Tanya O'Brien, member

Date: April 9, 2018

The very definition of the phrase "educational excellence" is varied throughout DKG.

Thus, some states focus on promoting teacher training; others encourage programs in schools; still others seek to raise public awareness of good things happening in schools.

Regardless of these different goals for states and chapters, one reality stands out: nothing will happen of any quality without quality teachers. In this state, this year, districts opened with a shortage of classroom teachers. Some will say that coming to Alaska for new teachers is no longer a goal, as the long-term benefits for teachers are shrinking or non-existent.

In fact, around the country, even when new teachers are hired, they do not stay for the long term. The difference seems to lie in the use or non-use of teacher mentors. "Of the first year teachers assigned a mentor in 2007 – 2008, around 8% left the profession in 2008 – 2009. Of the first year teachers not assigned a mentor in the same years, about 16% were not teaching in 2008-2009 and about 23% were no longer teaching in 2009 – 2010." (Beginning Teacher Attrition and Mobility, Institute of Education Science, 2011, p. 3).

In our chapters, regardless how each celebrates or highlights educational excellence, we must also encourage and participate in new teacher mentoring as a goal for Beta Gamma State. This is not an easy task. We realize that our presence in some districts is not welcome, or is difficult to organize. Perhaps chapters could choose to focus on helping new teachers by offering a weeknight or Saturday breakfast or luncheon for **all** new teachers in their areas, (yes, men and women), with a short program offering something for their "bags of tricks" i.e. tried and true teaching tactics, easily learned and practiced. This is but one idea that has worked elsewhere.

We are certain each chapter can develop a way to help our new teachers, and for the new women teachers, we can be seen as a resource for their professional and personal lives.

Beta Gamma State **Rules Report**

4-12-2018

The Rules Committee has worked diligently to prepare the State Bylaw and Standing Rules Amendments which will be presented for a vote at the Go-to-Meeting Executive Board Meeting and the State Leadership Convention to be held in Homer April 21, 2018.

After two years of work these documents are ready for a vote.

The Amendments that are ratified by the membership will be put into our Bylaw and Standing Rules documents and will be forwarded to the International Constitution Committee for their approval.

At the Delta Kappa Gamma International Convention in July 2018, amendments to the Constitution and International Standing Rules will be brought forward for a vote. After this takes place, any changes that are passed that effect our State Bylaws and Standing Rules will need to be updated. The Rules Committee will meet this summer to update the State Bylaws and Standing Rules to match the changes made at the International level.

This has been a busy time for the Rules Committee and we look forward to the completion of this project. Thank you to the Rules Committee members, Gretchen Van Hove and Barbara Kovarik for their efforts and their support of this important effort.

Thanks, also, to the Ad Hoc Committee who met to begin the process of changing our meeting schedule and updating our Bylaws and Standing Rules: Geri Benshoof, Daphne Hofschulte, Judy Jaspersen, Judy Ireton, Gretchen Van Hove, and Joan Lower. Without the dedication and commitment of these talented women this project would not have been completed.

We also appreciate all of our Alaska DKG members who were willing to vote to take a chance on trying something new. Without your support this could not have been accomplished.

Barbara Sell, Rules Chair

Nuggets Report by Aldean Kilbourn

Email notification to check state website for the January 2018 Nuggets went out January 14 to Beta, Epsilon, Eta, Iota, Nu, Omicron, Theta and Zeta chapter members for which I have correct emails.

Four of the eight chapters sent me info/photos for the January Nuggets.

Deadline is May 1, 2018, for the spring edition of the Nuggets. My email is akilbourn@gci.net I will respond that I receive something - if you don't hear from me, assume I did not get what you sent and ask me about it.

Photos should be jpg files, as big as possible (send in separate emails if really large and they won't go for you; e.g., GCI limits how many mbs an email can be) Information about the photos should be separate info, preferably as a txt email rather than formatted like in a Word document or a Pages document. It is easy to label a photo by using the file # (e.g., IMG_0114.JPG) : 114 is LtoR: Tanya O'Brien, Claudia Pierson, Sandy Buhite, Patti Walkotte, Marilyn Hunter; They are standing in front of the Ruth Burnett Fish Hatchery before our tour started.

