

**Delta Kappa Gamma Society International**  
**Alaska State Organization**  
**Annual Fall Executive Board Meeting Minutes**  
Thursday, October 22, 2020

1. **Call to order:** Cynde Hill, President
2. **Roll call:** Marlin Collins, Co-Secretary
  - a. Officers and related personnel—Exec Board Voting Members
    - i. President Cynde Hill, Eta, ANC
    - ii. First Vice President, Gara (Cesefske) Williams, Epsilon, KTN
    - iii. Second Vice President Cherilyn Ansley, Zeta, ANC
    - iv. Co-Secretaries
      1. Gretchen Klein, Epsilon, KTN
      2. Marlin Collins, Theta, FAI
    - v. Treasurer Joan Lower, Eta, ANC
    - vi. Immediate Past State President Colleen Brown, Nu, ER (absent)
    - vii. Parliamentarian Dianne Coursey, Beta, FAI (absent)
  - b. Alaska Chapter Presidents—Exec Board Voting Members
    - i. Eleanor Houts, Beta, FAI
    - ii. Peaches Wallin, Epsilon, KTN (absent)
    - iii. Karen Wallace, Eta, ANC
    - iv. Marcia Hirai, Iota, SIT
    - v. Helen Harmon Nu, ER (absent)
    - vi. Amy Budge, Omicron, HOM (absent)
    - vii. Aldean Kilbourn, Theta, FAI
    - viii. Jessica Minguez & Nicole Ullman, Zeta, ANC (both absent)
    - ix. Gayle Hammons, State member (absent)
  - c. Past State Presidents—Exec Board Voting Members
    - i. Carolyn Rooker, Eta, ANC (absent)
    - ii. Colleen Brown, Nu, ER (absent)
    - iii. Dianne Coursey, Beta, FAI (absent)
    - iv. Daphne Hofshulte, Beta, FAI
    - v. Eleanor Houts, Beta, FAI
    - vi. Gayle Hammons, State member (absent)
    - vii. Geri Benshoof, Beta, FAI
    - viii. Jeanne Fiske, Zeta, ANC
    - ix. Judy Ireton, Eta, ANC
    - x. Judy Jaspersen, Beta, FAI
    - xi. Kati Rogness, Zeta, ANC
    - xii. Mary Ann, Curtis, Eta, ANC (absent)
  - d. Committee Chairs
    - i. Communication, Gara (Cesefske) Williams
    - ii. Educational Excellence, Gayle Hammons (absent)
    - iii. Expansion and Membership, Amy Budge (absent)
    - iv. Finance, Cherilyn Ansley
    - v. Leadership Development, Judy Ireton

- vi. Nominations, VACANT
- vii. Rules, Barbara Sell
- viii. Scholarship, Tanya O'Brien
- e. Members at Large
  - i. Carolyn Crosby, Eta
  - ii. Barbara Kovarik, Nu
  - iii. Lynn McNamara, Eta
  - iv. Gretchen Van Hove, Eta

3. **Rules of Order:** Judy Jaspersen

- a. Quorum for Executive Board is a majority of the voting members. Cynde went over which members of the Executive Board were voting members. Judy Jaspersen looked over participants list to determine quorum.

Met the quorum of 9                      14 entitled to vote                      Total at meeting 23

When addressing the President, please state your name and chapter. State your name, and chapter when making motions. Motions from a committee need no second.

4. **Minutes of Executive Board:** Cynde

- a. Meeting Minutes from April 16, 2020 Spring Executive Board were reviewed by committee and posted on the State website for members' viewing.

5. **Additions or Approval of the Agenda**

- a. Cherilyn Ansley, Zeta moved to accept agenda as presented, seconded by Aldean Kilbourn, Theta. Motion approved.

6. **Treasurer's Report:** Joan Lower –on the State website and sent to Executive Board. If you have further questions on the budget please talk with Joan Lower or Cynde Hill.

7. **State Committee Reports** were on a PowerPoint that Cynde shared with us visually and will be on our website.

- a. Communication: Gara (Cesefske) Williams
  - i. The Nuggets: Jennifer Kueter and Jeri Pickerel, Zeta
  - ii. Webmaster: Maryanne Allan, Beta
    - 1. Please send Maryanne an updated list of your Chapter members for 2020-2021
    - 2. If you have photographs from meetings and/or events please send them to our webmaster
  - iii. Historian: Judy Ireton, Eta
    - 1. Materials are up to date and will include anything this year and will be sent to the archives June 2021
- b. Educational Excellence: Gayle Hammons, State member
- c. Expansion and Membership: Amy Budge
- d. Finance: Cherilyn Ansley
- e. Leadership Development: Judy Ireton
- f. Nominations: VACANT Geri asked what is the status of nominations. Cynde will be working on a Committee to be in place for Nominations by the first of the calendar year. Geri volunteered to be on it. (This committee is 1 from the North, 1 from the Middle and 1 from the South).
- g. Rules: Barb Sell
  - i. Quiet time due to no Convention
    - 1. Bylaws and Standing Rules are on website

2. As for the Rules Committee reviewing Chapter Rules, 2022 International Convention is likely to present a lot of changes to Constitution and Alaska should wait until after the 2022 International Convention to review our Chapter Rules.
- h. Scholarships: Tanya O'Brien  
Peaches Wallin-Epsilon is our Scholarship recipient.

8. **Chapter Reports**—Cynde used her PowerPoint to show each Chapter report with highlights orally by Chapter Presidents—reports will be on the website

- a. Eleanor Houts, Beta, Fairbanks
- b. Peaches Wallin, Epsilon, Ketchikan
- c. Karen Wallace, Eta, Anchorage
- d. Marcia Hirai, Iota, Sitka
- e. Helen Harmon, Nu, Eagle River
- f. Amy Budge, Omicron, Homer
- g. Aldean Kilbourn, Theta, Fairbanks
- h. Jessica Minguez & Nicole Ullman, Zeta, Anchorage
- i. Gayle Hammons, State member

9. **Unfinished Business**

- a. Ad Hoc Committee State Foundation report: Daphne Hofshulte
  - i. The Leadership Convention passed a motion to establish a committee to research options in forming a DKG Foundation
    1. About one-fourth of our members attended and voted on this motion at the Leadership Convention and the motion passed by a slim margin
    2. An 8 person Task Force with a liaison with each chapter has been established. This group represents positions of members on all sides of a Foundation (for, against and uncertain). They are tasked with relaying questions from Daphne to their members and give the opinions back on specific issues to Daphne relating to forming a Foundation or not forming a Foundation.
    3. Contacted 6 other States with existing Foundations, our conversation is revolving around two points:
      - a. What are the advantages of having their Foundation or put another way, what does their Foundation do that could not be done through the basic State Organization structure?
      - b. How have current tax laws effected their Foundations finances?
    4. In contact with Evelyn Barron from International, delete our conversation is around the advice International is giving to new states or chapters regarding forming a Foundation especially in light of the new tax laws
      - a. Some of the liaisons are giving me internet links to research
    5. Liaisons will be in touch with their chapters once we start having questions and hearing people's opinions
- b. Literacy Project Committee report: Lynn McNamarra
  - i. The recommendation of the Literacy Project Committee is that Alaska State Organization make a onetime donation of \$500 to the Alaska Imagination Library Fund this year. Question to Joan is do we have the money. Joan: Yes we do. Aldean moves

that we donate \$500 this year to the Alaska Imagination Library Fund. Judy Ireton seconds. Motion approved.

## **10. Other Business**

- a. April 2021 Online Convention
  - i. Spring Executive Board Meeting: Thursday, April 15, 2021 from 6:30pm and Alaska State Convention: Saturday, April 24, 2021
  - ii. International speaker requests:
    1. A speaker in the digital environment
    2. Cynde thinks we are going to see many changes in education
    3. Protocol inviting the International President
  - iii. State Online Convention shall be held in odd-number years for the purpose of:
    1. Electing officers
    2. Accepting the budget for the biennium
    3. Disseminating Society information
    4. Conducting other state business, which, may properly come before it
  - iv. Does Alaska State Organization want to buy Zoom?
    1. Gara feels that it is premature at this time
    2. Gara looked at the cost for 10 licenses of Zoom-\$1,999/year
    3. Cynde wants to wait to see what International has in mind

## **11. Announcements/For the Good of the Order**

We were informed that Patty Bickar passed away in August 2020.

## **12. Adjourn at: 8:08 pm Cherilyn Ansley moved that we adjourn the meeting, Judy Ireton seconded**

Respectfully submitted,  
Marlin Collins, Co-Secretary

Reviewed by Committee: Cherilyn Ansley, Kati Rogness and Cynde Hill