

**Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Alpha Psi State
General Session Meeting
Saturday, April 28, 2018
Bangor Hilton Garden Inn**

Call to Order: President Elaine Hendrickson called the meeting to order at 9:04 A.M.

Welcome and introductions: Elizabeth Haynes, Epsilon welcomed us to the General Session Meeting of Alpha Psi State.

Collect: Second Vice-President Mary Hyland led us in the recitation of the Collect.

Thought: First Vice President Donna Kennison remarked that things change in Education and the hot topic currently is Proficiency Based Learning. In her research she found that not everybody is doing it the same way. There are many pros and cons to it. It is important to remember the needs of the community you serve and to adapt. DKG is not so different. We have to adapt and remembering the words that Annie Webb Blanton wrote a long time ago will help us, "Be progressive. Keep with the moving world while not discarding what in the old has value. But, don't cling to the old when its worth has passed. Don't be a person so set in your views that nothing can change you." Donna also reminded us that our DKG Purposes will help guide us through this process of change and adaptation especially # 4. To initiate, endorse and support desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interests of education and of women educators. We must advocate for education.

Roll Call: Recording Secretary Rachel Danner conducted the roll call:
State Officers: 9
Past State Presidents: 10
Chapter Presidents: 17

President Elaine and First Vice-President Donna celebrated each chapter by reflecting its past, present and future. The results of the President's Challenge will be recognized with a certificate and chocolates. There were 4 chapters who met all 3 parts of the challenge: Epsilon, Zeta, Kappa and Mu.

Report of the Registrar: Sharon Romanow, Epsilon reported that there are a total of 152 registrations, 47 for the Executive Board Dinner, 152 for the 75th Birthday Luncheon, 111 for the Banquet, and 94 for the Fellowship Breakfast and Celebration of Life Ceremony. There were 11 registered first timers.

Action on the Printed Minutes: The minutes of the Fall Workshop General Session Meeting at the UMaine Hutchinson Center, Belfast were approved.

Correspondence and Executive Board Update: Corresponding Secretary Priscilla McFarland shared the following Correspondence:

1. Terry Azote Past President of Alpha Kappa State Connecticut wrote a note of good wishes for our 75th Anniversary Celebration to Georgene Coombs.
2. Mary Ann Child, sister of Madelyn Linscott, sent a thank you note on behalf of Madelyn who was greatly appreciative for all the cards she received. Madelyn recently celebrated her 96 birthday. Madelyn Linscott at Memory Care in Brunswick, 624 Durham Road, Brunswick 04011 She would welcome any letters you send.
3. Priscilla McFarland sent a sympathy card to the brother of Wanda Callahan and a card to Madelyn Linscott on Alpha Psi's behalf.

Board Update: President Elaine energized the group with her enthusiastic introduction. Georgene Coombs introduced our invited International Guests. Carolyn Pittman, DKG International President, also greeted us. Donna Kennison cleverly tied present educational practice to a quote from one of our founders, Annie Webb Blanton and DKG purposes. Alpha Psi has a lot to celebrate: a great turnout for the conference, staying under budget, Roberta Rogers Fund good annual growth and the success of the S-T-R-E-T-C-H workshop.

Report of the Treasurer: Treasurer Maureen Downs summarized her report from September 30, 2017 to March 31, 2018:

Current balances:

Checking- \$ 22224.04

Clara Soule- \$4393.11

Permanent Fund- \$1523.24

Investment in CD- \$3000.00

Scholarship Fund- \$11,710.95

Investment in CD- \$10,615.07

Founders Fund- \$1166.35

Investment in CD- \$5000.00

Key Saver- \$9,768.45

Business Service Account/UBS Financial Services-\$216,641.11

Welcome to our Special Guests: Georgene Coombs, 75th Anniversary Chair sent invitations to 4 dissolved chapters, Pi, Tau, Rho and Upsilon. She received a response from 3 of the invitations. Rho and Tau sent their regrets but Pi represented by Jackie Thurlow has joined in our celebration. Pi represented the Lincoln Area. In the 80's both Jackie and Georgene served as chapter presidents. Georgene also introduced Pat Kubistal from Chicago, Illinois. Pat has visited Maine many times and is usually present at NE Events. She has presented at several Alpha Psi Conventions as well as NE Conferences. Yesterday she was involved in a new chapter officers' training seminar. A second invitation was accepted by Linda Gustafson. Linda Gustafson was unable to make it because her plane was grounded in Virginia. Linda was a DKG Alpha Psi

Epsilon Chapter State Member. Linda was a librarian at Belfast Area High School. She served on many committees as well as Alpha Psi State Music Chairman. She currently resides in Williamsburg, VA. She sends her best wishes for our celebration.

President Elaine invited NE Regional Presidents and two graciously accepted. Bette Bridges is Massachusetts State President and Roberte Melanson is New Brunswick State President. Roberte introduced some of the members of her group who also joined her to celebrate our Anniversary Celebration. They are from Beta Joan Somerville, Linda Bell, Margie Goodin, Marjorie Sinclair and Dianne Caron.

Greetings from International: President Elaine introduced Carolyn Pittman, DKG International President. She is glad to help us celebrate our 75th Anniversary and shared with us some helpful information about the many proposed constitutional changes coming at the International Convention in Austin, Texas in July. There will be 2 webinars coming up on April 29 and May 8.

Presentation of the 2018 Fashion Through the Years Fashion Show: This was narrated by Dawn MacPherson-Allen.

Committee Reports:

S-T-R-E-T-C-H Workshop: Mary Whitten reported on the second annual S-T-R-E-T-C-H Workshop at the Hutchinson Center, Belfast on March 17, 2018. There were 47 attendees with 3 no shows. Of the attendees, 40% were not members of DKG and 4 were men. There is a copy of the report in your folder. Finances: Receipts \$1600, Expenditures \$1427.81. The International Keynote Speaker was Dr. Sylvie Bastien-Doss. Please note next year's suggested date, March 16, 2019, Hutchinson Center. If you have any suggestions for next year's presenters please let her know. Also, if you have any suggestions for anyone who would like to be part of the next biennium, let her know.

Legislative Update: Crystal Ward informed us that there are 2 bills on the Appropriations Table. One is to raise the state contribution to insurance from 45% to 50% and 5% each year after. The second bill is for insurance companies to pay \$3000 for hearing aids. It is an election year, ask a lot of questions, elections have consequences, do your research and vote. Make wise choices.

Publicity/Communication: Kay Grindall introduced the new brochure. Make sure you have a supply to hand out to colleagues. Make them available in schools. There were 1000 copies made so take what you might need for your chapter.

Chapter Histories: Judy Gilbert is here to collect the chapter histories.

Finance Committee: Melanie noted that there is a 6-page report in your folder. The items discussed at the meeting included 1) the trip to the Katahdin Woods and Waters, 2) the 75th Supreme Celebration where it was moved to spend \$7400 and Georgene came in under that amount, 3) to cover via the Roberta

Rogers fund Mary Hyland's deposit for the Leadership Management Seminar in Austin, Texas \$600, 4) to raise the scholarship amount to \$1000 with a bylaw change next year, 5) the great rate for the cost of the new brochure, 6) the registration cost for working chapters at convention, 7) to defray the cost for the State President's expenses and 8) a list was made to show where the money goes for the Roberta Rogers Fund and to continue to offer these items . The next part of the report concerns the proposed budget, which was approved by the Executive Board last night. The proposed budget results in estimated expenses of \$13,222.00, which is an increase of \$307.00 over last year. Subtracting the total estimated expenses of \$13,222 from the total estimated available income of \$28,614.87, we get \$691.97 less than 2017.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

- President Elaine explained that there is some concern about Standing Rule, Banquet # 4 and is recommending a suspension of the rule for this year to be discussed next year. What is needed is a motion to suspend. It was moved last night at the Executive Board, but it is also needed from the members of the General Session. The motion was so moved by Rena Kearney and voted unanimously.
- President Elaine explained the proposed trip to Katahdin Woods and Waters for Alpha Psi Members on June 27,28. It is a 2-day trip; you can do one day or day two.

Announcements:

After breakfast please pick up your memorabilia
Suggestions for Presenters at Fall Workshop, Names of those going to International
Bringing Social Studies Alive- Nancy Ruark, Gamma
Invitation to Fall Workshop hosted by MU

Upcoming Events:

Tour of Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument, June 27-28,2018
DKG International Convention, July 18-20,2018 Austin, Texas
Administrative Board Meeting, August 9, 2018
Fall Workshop, October 19-20,2018 Hutchinson Center Belfast, ME
S-T-R-E-T-C-H Workshop, Suggested date, March 16,2019, Hutchinson Center
Spring Convention, April 26-28, 2019 Hilton Garden Inn, Bangor, ME

The meeting adjourned at 11:34 A.M.

Respectfully submitted, Rachel Danner, Recording Secretary

Elaine Hendrickson, President