

**Delta Kappa Gamma Society International**  
**Alpha Psi State, Maine**  
**General Session, Spring Convention 2017**  
**Saturday, April 29, 2017**  
**Hilton Inn, Bangor**

**Call to Order:** President Mary Whitten called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 A.M.

**Welcome, Introductions:** Kappa Chapter President Gail Smith welcomed us to Convention and read two selections from the booklet, "Inspirations from Alpha Psi State," which was a project of the Personal Growth and Services Committee during the 1999-2001 biennium.

**Report of the Registrar:** Gail Smith reported that a total of 90 people were registered: 35 for the Executive Board Dinner, 89 for the Birthday Luncheon, 66 for the President's Banquet, and 53 for the Fellowship Breakfast.

**Collect:** Second Vice President Donna Kennison led us in the recitation of the Collect.

**Thought:** First Vice President Elaine Hendrickson reminded members of last fall's challenge to try horizontal and vertical stretches. She referred to the recent *Collegial Exchange* (Volume 83-4) article "STRETCH GOALS: Strategies to Break the Cycle of Disconnect Within DKG" and acknowledged that taking on roles to help the organization involves emotions. Elaine shared her own emotions around coordinating the STRETCH workshop, which involved letting go and trusting, as she felt the success or the failure of STRETCH workshop would be a reflection on her. She gave a report on the whole process, admitting that she felt alone at first and then gained the support from DKG sisters. With that support, her determination returned. So allow that to be a lesson for us all. Elaine elaborated on the specific efforts of various chapters and thanked everyone for the support. We all can take on the challenges and work together to grow our organization.

**Roll Call:** Recording Secretary Mary Hyland conducted the Roll Call.

State Officers - 8

Past State Presidents – 7

Chapter Presidents – 12

**Action on Printed Minutes:** The minutes from the October 22, 2016 General Session at the Hutchinson Center in Belfast (Beth Chamberlain moved and Rena Kearney seconded) were approved as corrected.

**Correspondence:** Corresponding Secretary Rachel Danner shared the following correspondence:

- 1) Alpha Psi State sent a letter and a rose to Maine's Teacher of the Year, Tammy Ranger.
- 2) Assistant Treasurer Myrna Duplessie apologizes for missing Convention for the first time in memory due to needed recovery from surgery on her right leg. She sends further apologies for needing to resign from the asst. treasurer position.
- 3) Elaine Hendrickson expresses sincere thanks for all the STRETCH workshop support and help, with specifics as to what each chapter did to help!

**Review of Executive Board:** Corresponding Secretary Rachel Danner reviewed the work of the executive board meeting, especially as it relates to 1) scholarship and Founders Fund, 2) the 75<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration, 3) budget, 4) nominations, 5) the STRETCH workshop, and 6) our bylaws and standing rules. There will be more on these topics as we progress through this session's agenda.

**Report of the Treasurer:** Treasurer Maureen Downs announced that Chapter Treasurers or their representatives should see her about all chapters receiving checks in the amount of \$100.00 for assistance with Convention expenses (to encourage participation and to help defray costs). Maureen summarized her report from 9/30/16 to 3/31/17 (see attached).

Current balances:

Checking - \$24,342.91

Clara Soule - \$4,352.23

Permanent Fund - \$1,518.25

    Investment in CD - \$3,000.00

Scholarship Fund - \$12,105.63

    Investment in CD - \$10,615.07

Founder's Fund - \$1,656.23

    Investments in CD - \$5,000.00

Key Saver - \$13,380.47

Business Service Account/UBS Financial Services - \$208,793.96

Reminder: Last fall, the Expansion Fund was rolled into the Founders Fund, but money is still available for expansion, if needed.

**Committee Reports:**

a. 75th Anniversary Committee: Chair Georgene Coombs reported on the ordering information for apparel to recognize and honor our 75<sup>th</sup> birthday. Rena Kearney and Georgene modeled the lavender golf shirts, and Rena explained the options/order forms. **ORDERS ARE DUE SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>** for delivery at fall workshop and **MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>** for delivery at State Convention. In-between orders about apparel will be honored and items mailed.

Georgene summarized her report from last night's executive board meeting: Since October, the following activities have taken place: 1) requests for money from the Roberta Rogers Fund and the

Finance Committee to help chapter members meet expenses, 2) progress toward confirming the hotel venue so that we will hear a Supreme (with a capital S) invitation from Epsilon, 3) solicitations for material for a 75th anniversary booklet, 4) order forms for commemorative attire, 5) progress on the memorabilia display, and 6) continued discussions on other topics such as music, fashion, and mementos for the occasion. Georgene also commented on the discussion from this morning's committee meeting: 1) Music and fashion from certain eras will be highlighted at some point during the Convention - perhaps after luncheon OR before/after the banquet. 2) Certain chapters will be responsible for certain decades, with attempts to line this up with charter dates. 3) Delta will be responsible for the luncheon, but may also do the 40's decade if desired. 4) Kappa is not assigned due to its efforts with this 2017 Convention. 5) Epsilon has not been assigned a decade as it is the hostess chapter for Convention 2018 with other responsibilities. This celebration is about stretching **diagonally!** Each chapter, as well as collectively as a state organization, we all have lot to offer as a group; let's put our energy together for this supreme celebration **AND ENJOY IT!**

b. Finance Committee: Chair Rita Lachance-Stevens opened her report by sharing that she had the opportunity to pair with Dr. Hannah Fowler last night during the golden nugget activity and says, "Boy! Are we making plans for Texas?!?!?" Now that should motivate us all to head to Austin in the summer of 2018!☺

Rita summarized discussion from the committee's recent meeting. The Roberta Rogers Fund is growing well, which allows us to demonstrate to members that Alpha Psi State can help in visible ways, such as for the 75<sup>th</sup> celebration. With no site or keynote speaker fees, the STRETCH workshop broke even; the Roberta Rogers Fund can help us to finance that visible endeavor. At their meeting, the committee also discussed dropped memberships due to family, health, and financial reasons. It is important to remind all that membership reinstatements can occur at any time during the year. In the end, the Finance Committee decided to continue use of the Roberta Rogers Fund for the following: 1) taxes/gratuities for workshop and convention meals, 2) \$100 for each chapter president (or representative) to attend Spring Convention, 3) Fall Workshop registrations for first time attendees, and 4) donations to the achievement award. In addition, the committee recommends the following:

- 1) Funds for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration-
  - a. printing the booklet
  - b. \$200 for each chapter to disburse as it deems appropriate (with an accountability factor)
  - c. compensation for speakers
  - d. purchase of special mementos with jewelry being a strong possibility
- 2) funds for the STRETCH workshop
  - a. facility rental
  - b. speakers

Rita also presented the proposed budget and explained the rationale for changes. Please note that several items are every other year expenses and thus are kept in the budget during the "off" years by

budgeting just \$1.00 for them. Since the role of the past president is significant, the \$450.00 budgeted for international travel will remain in the budget each year rather than every other year. Overall, we are in “good shape,” concluded Rita.

These proposals and the budget will be handled under new business.

c. Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee: Under New Business, Chair Kathryn Wilcox will present the proposed changes and a vote will be taken.

d. Nominations of State Officers: Chair Melanie Ruark presented the new slate of officers and this vote will be conducted under new business.

President – Elaine Hendrickson

First Vice President – Donna Kennison

Second Vice President – Mary Hyland

Recording Secretary – Rachel Danner

Corresponding Secretary – Priscilla McFarland

Parliamentarian – Dottie Martin

Nominations Committee – Janet Buck, Toni Hamlin, and Nancy Ruark.

It was noted that Nancy Ruark will serve on the Nominations Committee as a reserve member.

Maureen Downs will serve as treasurer and Venise Philbrook will serve as assistant treasurer – both are appointed positions.

e. Other:

- Nancy Ruark gave a commercial for the rescheduled workshop at the Viles Estate in Augusta on May 20, 2017.
- Linda Hussey thanked all those who brought baskets for World Fellowship – Over the course of the last 70 years, \$91,200 has been raised for 941 women in 22 countries! \$1,190 was raised in 2016 at Alpha Psi; \$5,905.58 has been raised during the 6 years that Linda has been chair of the committee!

### **Unfinished Business:**

a. Nominations of State Officers: President Mary Whitten took the vote and the entire slate of officers (see above) passed.

b. Paraphernalia Collection – NO further action will be taken on the collection until after it is used for the 7<sup>th</sup> anniversary display. Then we will determine what to do with it.

c. On behalf of all members of Alpha Psi State, President Mary reported that she submitted Rena Kearney’s nomination papers for the International Achievement Award!!!

### **New Business:**

a. It was noted that, although the budget has approved by the Executive Board, it still needs to be approved by the membership. Lorraine Bowdoin mentioned that Roberta Rogers would be very

happy with the budget expenditures for meals and celebrations, both here at Alpha Psi and at International. The budget passed.

b. Bylaws and Standing Rules – Chair Kathryn Wilcox reminded chapters to update their documents and send an electronic copy to Kathy. Kathy reviewed the amendments process. She added that extra set of eyes for editing purposes is always welcomed!

The changes in standing rules and bylaws acted upon last night (refer to Executive Board Meeting notes) were presented to the members, with further action/discussion as follows:

1) Section 3 WORKSHOP 3: Lisa Dalrymple moved, and Sue Stinchfield-Plaisted seconded, to strike the words “via e-mail or in person.” The motion was tabled, voted on later in the meeting, and passed as amended.

2) Section 2 STATE CONVENTION Banquet 3: Katie Yando moved and Beth Chamberlain seconded that this should read: “Dressy attire is suggested.” This would allow wording to reflect our beliefs, but leaves it somewhat flexible by suggestion. There was more discussion of the words “dressy” and “professional.” The motion was tabled, voted on later in the meeting, and amended to read: “Dressy attire is suggested for the banquet.”

3) Section 2 Convention Banquet 4, (a) – (f): This item regarding corsage purchase had been tabled at the Executive Board Meeting. Rachel Danner spoke to the importance of recognizing those members/officers, as the red rose is a symbol of beauty of mind and spirit. Georgene Coombs commented, “the rewards are far beyond the token gift.” Sue Stinchfield-Plaisted spoke to “not needing anything as past state president.” Beth Kingsbury referred to changes in DGK that she has seen in the last 40 years and cautioned us to be sure that we are “no different than my staff meetings.” Beth shared that DKG “needs to be special” and that it “hurts when it [a special tradition like corsages] disappears.” It was acknowledged that roses would still be presented for installations. Melanie Ruark moved, and Beth Chamberlain seconded, the following motion: “Alpha Psi State will replace the cost of corsages for state officers and incoming chapter presidents with the purchase of 1) a rose guard for the President, First Vice President, and Second Vice President in odd-numbered years; and 2) purchase of the gavel dangle for incoming Chapter Presidents in even numbered years.” The motion passed with five members opposed.

Chapters will receive updates on these revisions – President-elect Elaine’s goal is to revamp the website, so plans are to include the documents there as well.

Please refer to the Statement of Neutrality that was included in your registration folders.

### **Announcements:**

Alpha Psi Fall Workshop

October 20 - 21, 2107 Hutchinson Center, Belfast - Hostess: Eta

Alpha Psi Spring Convention - Alpha Psi’s *Supreme* 75th Birthday

April 27- 29, 2018 - Hilton Garden Inn, Bangor - Hostesses: Epsilon, Delta, Sigma  
State Planning Meeting - TBA

DKG International

Austin, Texas July 16th - 20th, 2018

The meeting (Julie Gardner moved, Jenny Kirchoff seconded) adjourned at 11:32 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary I. S. Hyland, Recording Secretary

Mary Whitten, President