

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING  
84th ANNUAL ILLINOIS (LAMBDA) STATE ORGANIZATION CONVENTION  
DECATUR CONFERENCE CENTER AND HOTEL  
DECATUR, ILLINOIS  
APRIL 27, 2019

DATE AND PLACE	The Illinois (Lambda) State Organization General Business Meeting was held at the Decatur Conference Center and Hotel on April 27, 2019.
WELCOME	President Dr. Debra LeBlanc (Beta Phi) called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. and welcomed all members to the convention.
PLEDGE	Jean Rogers (Alpha Sigma) led the Pledge of Allegiance.
GREETINGS	Beatrice Hall (Beta Sigma) and Judith Larson (Delta) extended greetings to the membership.
CHALLENGE	Becky Czmyr (Gamma Tau) challenged members to set goals and seek out members with whom they can grow professionally and personally.
INTRODUCTIONS OF HEAD TABLE	Dr. Debra LeBlanc (Beta Phi), President, introduced the head table: Dr. Kammie Richter (Xi), Executive Assistant; Sharon Vinson (Zeta), Treasurer; Dr. Margaret Trybus (Iota), Corresponding Secretary; Dr. Felisha Parsons (Eta), Recording Secretary; Carolyn Godby (Alpha Lambda), Parliamentarian; Patricia DeWitt (Zeta), Editor; Lou Ann Jacobs (Alpha Beta), Historian; Rene DeGuzman (Beta Phi), Webmaster; Sylvia Olson (Alpha Nu), Immediate Past President; Dr. Joan Róg (Beta Alpha), Second Vice-President; Beverley Johns (Alpha Phi), First Vice-President; and, Dr. Lyn Babb Schmid (Chi, Pennsylvania), Society Representative.
INTRODUCTION OF SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVE	Dr. Amy Huftalin (Zeta) introduced Society Representative Dr. Lyn Babb Schmid.
GREETINGS FROM INTERNATIONAL	Dr. Lyn Babb Schmid (Chi, PA), Past International President, complimented Illinois State Organization members for their warmth and friendliness and having a premiere state organization. Dr. Schmid recognized Illinois members who had received International awards, those serving at the International level, and recipients of monetary awards.
INTRODUCTION OF PAST STATE PRESIDENTS	Dr. Debra LeBlanc (Beta Phi), President, introduced Past State Presidents: Antoinette Minuzzo (Alpha Nu) 1989-91; Loryann Eis (Beta Epsilon) 1995-97; Christine Berto (Nu) 1997-99; Pamela Rightsel (Beta) 1999-01; Carol Hughes (Alpha Beta) 2001-03; Melinda Davis (Alpha Theta) 2003-05; Barbara Bergdolt (Gamma) 2005-07; Patricia Gaines (Alpha Delta) 2009-11; LaVonne Chaney (Beta Pi) 2013-15; and, Sylvia Olson (Alpha Nu) 2015-17.
REGISTRATION REPORT QUORUM CHECK	Renata Butausklene (Beta Phi), Convention Registrar, reported to the assembly that 340 registered members, two on-site registered members, and 42 guests were in attendance. A quorum was present.
RULES GOVERNING THE BUSINESS OF THE GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING	Britta Peterson (Zeta), Rules Chair, read the Rules Governing the Business of the General Business Meeting as published in the Convention Booklet.

MOTION **Britta Peterson (Zeta), Rules Chair, moved the adoption of the Rules Governing the General Business Meeting as printed in the Convention Booklet.**

**MOTION ADOPTED**

INTRODUCTION OF THE PAGES Dr. Debra LeBlanc (Beta Phi), President, introduced the pages Mary Jane Bauer (Delta Gamma), Mary Ebert (Delta Gamma), Bobbie Finn (Alpha Theta), and Marilyn Myers (Beta).

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 21, 2018 GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING Christine Berto (Nu), Chair, reported she and the committee of Barbara Ragheb (Xi) and Carolyn Embody (Gamma Theta) reviewed and approved the minutes of the April 21, 2018 General Business Meeting as printed.

COMMITTEE TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 27, 2019 GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING Sylvia Olson (Alpha Nu) Chair, Loryann Eis (Beta Epsilon), and Christine Berto (Nu) were appointed to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2019 General Business Meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE Dr. Margaret Trybus (Iota), Corresponding Secretary, read correspondence from Irene Jinks, Ingeborg Wurm, Carol Beste, Thelma Theodore, and Joan Kalbacken.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT Dr. Debra LeBlanc (Beta Phi), President, quoted William Arthur Ward, "Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it." President LeBlanc gave an overview of the biennium challenges head on. She spoke about membership, mentorship, chapter dissolution, and leadership development. President LeBlanc shared that DKG Illinois partnered with ECET2 (Elevating and Celebrating Effective Teaching and Teachers), Teach to Lead Network, and Department of Education to host the Illinois Teacher Leadership Summit April 5-6, 2019. President LeBlanc shared that Illinois State Organization is making a difference through collaborative efforts, relevant workshops, and marketing strategies that includes updated websites, summits, window decal for cars, and podcasts.

**OTHER OFFICERS AND PERSONNEL**

RECORDING SECRETARY Dr. Felisha Parsons (Eta), Recording Secretary, reported that it is her responsibility to take the minutes of state meetings and thanked the membership for a learning experience as Recording Secretary.

TREASURER Sharon Vinson (Zeta), Treasurer, reviewed the financial reports found in the Convention Booklet and encouraged members to read the reports thoroughly. She reported the excellent money market rate. Sharon also shared the April 2019 membership total was 2,522 compared to the June 2018 membership total of 2,651, noted the Chapter Contributions report, and encouraged attendance at the "All-Electronic Dues Processing" workshop.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT Dr. Kammie Richter (Xi), Executive Assistant, thanked all for using zip drives. She congratulated new officers and asked members to shred all old directories, which would help against identity theft.

- PARLIAMENTARIAN Carolyn Godby (Alpha Lambda), Parliamentarian, stated that her report could be found on page 45 in the Convention Booklet.
- EDITOR Patricia DeWitt (Zeta), Editor, thanked members who sent articles and photos for the *Newscaster* and encouraged them to keep them coming.
- HISTORIAN Lou Ann Jacobs (Alpha Beta), Historian, reported that 33 chapters have sent in their history for 2018-2019.
- WEBMASTER Rene DeGuzman (Beta Phi), Webmaster, stated that forms could be found on the website. The social medium is #DKGExpectGreatThings. DKG is on Facebook and the name is DKG-Illinois Key Women Educators. She encouraged members to go on Amazon, sign up for Amazon Smile, and choose DKG International.

### **SOCIETY BUSINESS**

- CHAPTER VISITATION Dr. Margaret Trybus (Iota), Chapter Visitation Chair, reported that state ambassadors' meetings were valuable. The ambassador visitation was reorganized with 2-3 chapters assigned to an ambassador. Over 75% of chapter visits have been completed and reports are being submitted.
- COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLICITY Mary Jane Sterling (Nu), Communications and Publicity Chair, stated that the committee may soon be called Communications and Marketing and marketing will be the focus. She shared the collaborative success regarding the "Teaming Up for Success in Leadership and Technology Seminar."
- EVENT PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT Melinda Davis (Alpha Theta), Event Planning and Management Chair, thanked everyone for attending the State Convention and stated that the room minimum had been met. Melinda reminded members to tour historic sites, especially the popular popcorn place.
- FINANCE Teena Zindel-McWilliams (Beta Sigma), Finance Chair, reported that the revised budget form and practices reflect changes made at the International level. The Finance Committee determined that using an investment firm to manage the numerous funds would have multiple benefits.
- MOTION **Teena Zindel-McWilliams (Beta Sigma) moved the state convention fee for each chapter in 2019-2020 be \$1.00 per member. Membership is based on the June 30, 2019, Annual Report of the Chapter Treasurer.**

### **MOTION ADOPTED**

- LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT Linda Adcock (Beta Phi), Leadership Development Chair, encouraged officers to attend the Transition meeting and members to attend "Teaming Up for Success in Leadership and Technology Seminar" June 24-26, 2019, at Westlake Hall, Bradley University in Peoria.
- MEMBERSHIP Dr. Joan Róg (Beta Alpha), Membership Chair, directed members to the committee report on pages 54-55 in the Convention Booklet. Those members in attendance at the Membership Luncheon will be recognized and honored for celebrating 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, and 70 years of membership in DKG. At the Celebration of Life Ceremony, those sisters who served diligently, provided strength, and fulfilled promises will be memorialized and honored. "The Top 10 Membership Tips to Recruit, Retain, and Reinstate Members" were presented in a Ten-Minute Takeaway session.

MOTION **Dr. Joan Róg (Beta Alpha), moved to take up a collection at the 2019 Membership Luncheon to send to the International Emergency Fund to help Delta Kappa Gamma sisters who may have been impacted by natural disasters.**

**MOTION ADOPTED**

NOMINATIONS Sylvia Olson (Alpha Nu), Nominations Chair, stated that the report of the Nominations Committee could be found on pages 55-56 in the Convention Booklet. She presented the slate of nominees for the 2019-2021 state elected officers, the slate of nominees for the 2019-2021 state Nominations Committee, and the nominees for the 2019-2023 Lambda State Foundation for Educational Studies, Inc. Board of Directors.

MOTION **Sylvia Olson (Alpha Nu), moved that the following names be placed in nomination for the 2019-2021 state elected offices:**  
**President – Beverley Johns, Alpha Phi**  
**First Vice-President – Dr. Joan Róg, Beta Alpha**  
**Second Vice-President – Linda Adcock, Beta Phi**  
**Recording Secretary – Dr. Margaret Trybus, Iota**  
**Corresponding Secretary – Pamela Painter Chi**

**MOTION ADOPTED**

MOTION **Sylvia Olson (Alpha Nu), moved the following names be placed in nomination for the 2019-2021 state Nominations Committee:**  
**Area 1 – Susan Cottrell, Beta Psi**  
**Area 2 – Karen Sirgany, Pi**  
**Area 3 – Barbara Ragheb, Xi**  
**Area 4 – Judy Hooper, Omicron**  
**Area 5 – Cynthia Schwab, Beta Zeta**  
**Area 6 – Janis Roberts, Psi**

**MOTION ADOPTED**

PERSONNEL LaVonne Chaney (Beta Pi), Personnel Chair, thanked employees Patricia DeWitt, Sharon Vinson, and Dr. Kammie Richter for their service and dedication to DKG. She reminded the membership that the Treasurer position is open and the Editor position will be open.

RULES Britta Peterson (Zeta), Rules Chair, reported that the proposed amendments to the *Bylaws* and *Standing Rules* will bring the state governing documents into compliance with International governing documents. The annual report can be found on pages 57-58 in the Convention Booklet.

MOTION **Britta Peterson (Zeta), Rules Chair, moved the adoption of the Lambda State *Bylaws* amendments en masse as printed in the 2019 Spring Newscaster, except for those that members wish to consider separately.**

**ARTICLE 1 NAME**

Section 1. The name of this state organization shall be Illinois State Organization of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, **formerly known as Illinois, Lambda State Organization. 4/19**

**ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1. The membership of Lambda State shall be composed of active, reserve, and **collegiate** members of Illinois chapters and honorary members of chapters and the

state. All membership in accordance with the *Constitution*, Article III. **4/19**

#### **Section 4. State members**

**State members who are no longer affiliated with a chapter due to dissolution or other circumstances shall pay state and international dues directly to the state treasurer. 4/19**

Section **5**. Termination of membership

Section **6**. Reinstatement

### ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Section 3. State honorary members

B. The state president and the chair of the state Membership Committee shall organize the orientation session and the **induction**, which may be conducted at any meeting such as convention, area meeting or coordinating council. **4/19**

### ARTICLE IV FINANCES

Section 1. Annual dues

B. Annual dues and the scholarship fee shall be paid between July 1 and **September 30** of each year. On **October 1** members shall be dropped for non-payment of dues and fees. **4/19**

### ARTICLE IV FINANCES

Section 2. Financial controls

A. The state shall maintain an Available Fund (an operating fund that requires a budget), **and an Available Fund Reserve**, and a Scholarship Fund according to the *Constitution* Article IV.F.1 and 2.

**B. Lambda State shall maintain an Available Fund Reserve which equals one year's operating expenses. The Available Fund Reserve shall be used mainly for the purpose of purchasing articles and equipment of a permanent nature and licenses for computer software. The Available Fund Reserve may be used at the discretion of the Lambda State Executive Board upon recommendation by the Finance Committee. 4/19**

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### ARTICLE V ORGANIZATION

Section 2. New Chapter

C. Rules governing **induction** of new members and the installation of a new chapter shall be adopted by Executive Board. **4/19**

### ARTICLE VII MEETINGS

Section 1. Convention

A. Business of the state shall be conducted annually at a time and place as determined by the Executive Board, for the purpose of receiving reports and adopting policy, amending the Lambda State *Bylaws* and *Standing Rules*, electing officers, and conducting such other business which may properly come before it.

B. Only members of Lambda State are eligible to vote.

C. Every member who is registered may vote. A roll call vote as specified in the *Constitution*, Article IX may be ordered.

D. A quorum shall be a majority of those members who have registered at the convention.

**E. Mobile phones, pagers, and other electronic devices should have audible sound alerts turned off and be positioned as not to be disruptive to others during business meetings. The use of personal recordings of any type are not permitted during business meetings. 4/19**

### ARTICLE VIII EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1. State Executive Board

A. The members of the Executive Board shall be the past state presidents who are members of Lambda State, elected officers, the chairs of all the standing committees, the Chair of the Foundation Board and the chapter presidents. The editor, executive assistant, historian, parliamentarian, treasurer, **professional development coordinator**, and webmaster shall be ex officio members, without vote. Members who assume a nonvoting position in Lambda State shall relinquish their voting privilege while serving in that position. Each chapter president, state committee chair, and the Chair of the Foundation Board has the privilege of appointing an official designee to serve in her voting position. **4/19**

#### ARTICLE VIII EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1.D. A vote by mail (postal or electronic) is authorized when necessary.

**Ratification of all voting by mail (postal or electronic) must be made at the next face-to-face meeting of the Executive Board. 4/19**

#### ARTICLE IX COMMITTEES

Section 1. Standing committees shall be:

A. Society Business

Chapter Visitation

Communications and **Marketing**

Event Planning and Management

Finance

Leadership Development

Membership

Nominations

Personnel

Rules

State Planning

#### ARTICLE IX COMMITTEES

Section 2. General procedures

**G. Committee reports requested shall be submitted in the format specified by Society Headquarters. 4/19**

#### ARTICLE IX COMMITTEES

Section 3. Duties of committees

**(2) \* The Communications and Marketing Committee shall promote and stimulate effective communication between and among members at all levels of the Society; shall promote effective internal and external marketing;** shall cooperate in promoting the use of the publications of the Society; shall assist with the publications authorized by the state; shall be responsible for publicity for state activities; and shall assist chapters in publicizing **and marketing** the Society. The editor and webmaster shall be members of the committee. **4/19**

#### ARTICLE X ACTIVITIES

**Section 4. Available Fund Reserve**

**The Available Fund Reserve shall be used at the discretion of the State Organization Executive Board upon recommendation by the Finance Committee. 4/19**

#### MOTION ADOPTED

MOTION

**Britta Peterson (Zeta), Rules Chair, moved the adoption of the Lambda State *Standing Rules* amendments en masse as printed in the 2019 Spring *Newscaster*, including two amendments inadvertently omitted in the *Newscaster* and included in this Convention Program book, except for those that members wish to consider separately.**

**Section 1.11 A. was pulled for discussion.**

Section 1.11 B.

1. The chapter fee, based on membership as of the June 30 annual report of the chapter treasurer, shall be determined annually by the convention. The fee shall be paid to the state treasurer by **September 30. 4/19**

Section 1.11 C.

1. To fund the leadership development program, each Lambda State chapter will pay a thirty-dollar (\$30) fee annually to the state treasurer by **September 30. 4/19**

Section 1.12 A.

2. The state president shall receive cost of transportation at the approved Lambda State mileage rate and one-half (1/2) the cost of a double room when in attendance at International Executive Board meetings, **international** conference, and/ or international convention. **4/19**

Section 1.12 A.

3. If not reimbursed by International, **the state executive assistant (if new) and the state treasurer who attend pre-international conferences or pre-international convention training** planned for them or those planned within the framework of the aforementioned meeting, including executive board meetings for the executive assistant, shall receive one-half (1/2) the cost of transportation at the approved Lambda State mileage rate and one (1) night at one-half (1/2) the double room rate. **4/19**

Section 1.12 A.

4. The state president shall receive compensation for registration and special meals at **international** conference and/or international convention and Lambda State convention. **4/19**

Section 1.12 B

State Committee Chairs, the Chair of the Foundation Board, and International Leadership Training Participants **4/19**

Section 1.12 B.

3. Lambda State Committee chairs who attend **pre-international** conferences or pre-international convention **training** planned for them, or those planned within the framework of the aforementioned meetings, shall receive one-half (1/2) of the transportation expense at the approved Lambda State mileage rate and one **night at one-half (1/2) the double room rate. 4/19**

Section 1.12 G.

4. State Executive Board members: officers elected and appointed, past presidents, state committee chairs, the Chair of the Foundation Board, personnel, **professional development coordinator**, and webmaster, when on official business for the state, shall be covered by an officers' liability policy. **4/19**

Section 1.13

B. The state shall pay for courtesy recognition for the **Society** representative and/or a guest speaker. Other recognition must be approved by the state president. **4/19**

Section 1.14 D.

**2. The treasurer, with the approval of the Executive Committee, shall invest funds according to the guidelines in the Investment Policy. 4/19**

Section 1.22 E.

**4. The chapter is responsible for electronically submitting the completed application packet no later than the specified date. 4/19**

Section 1.23 E.

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Section 1.31 Society Business

A. Chapter Visitation

1. State ambassadors shall be elected state officers, treasurer, executive assistant, editor, parliamentarian, historian, **professional development coordinator**, webmaster, past state presidents, state committee chairs and the Chair of the Foundation Board. **4/19**

B. Communications and Marketing

**1. Provide chapters with training and support regarding effective communications and marketing with internal (DKG members) and external groups. 4/19**

5. The committee shall sponsor, develop, and conduct a self-funded Lambda State **Communications and Marketing Seminar** to be held each biennium if there is sufficient interest. **4/19**

D. Finance

2. The chair of the chapter Finance Committee shall send a copy of the chapter budget after approval as per Chapter Rules to the chair of the Lambda State Finance Committee before **August 1**, and the budget shall be reported on the standardized budget form. **4/19**

9. All requests for expenditures from the **Available Fund Reserve** greater than five hundred dollars (\$500) shall be reviewed by the Finance Committee. **4/19**

10. Any request for equipment costing over five hundred dollars (\$500) from the **Available Fund Reserve** shall include a minimum of two (2) bids. **4/19**

**11. The Available Fund Reserve shall be maintained at no less than one year's operating expenses in the Available Fund. 4/19**

**13. Available Fund Reserve interest shall remain in the fund. Should the Available Fund Reserve drop below the level of one year's operating expenses, an amount shall be budgeted from the Available Fund over the course of up to five years to replace the deficiency. 4/19**

Section 1.31 F.

**3. The Membership Chair confirms with the State Treasurer the list of deceased members and sends notes of sympathy to persons designated on Form 6. 4/19**

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Section 1.32 G.

**5. The William Charles Iwert and Elizabeth J. Iwert Scholarship**

a. **The William Charles Iwert and Elizabeth J. Iwert Scholarship was established by a legacy from Elizabeth J. Iwert (lota) in 2018. A gift of \$100,000 was made from this legacy to the Illinois State Organization. The State Scholarship Committee administers the award. 4/19**

b. **The scholarship shall be used by a student at an accredited college or university to pursue a planned program for undergraduate or graduate study leading to a degree or certificate in education. 4/19**

c. **The scholarship award is in the amount of up to \$2500 for a minimum of three semester hours of undergraduate or graduate course work. 4/19**

6. Scholarships shall be given in the following categories.

7. Scholarship fund distribution:

8. Requirements for awarding State Scholarships:

Section 1.32 G.

7.a. The Lambda State Scholarship Fund shall maintain a fifty thousand dollar (\$50,000)



minimum balance, excluding the Emma Reinhardt, Emilie U. Lepthien, **and the William Charles Iwert and Elizabeth J. Iwert** bequests. **4/19**

Section 1.51

D. Only those designated in Article VIII, Section 1, A. of the Lambda State *Bylaws* shall vote in the meetings of the Executive Board. **4/92**

“The members of the Executive Board shall be the past state presidents who are members of Lambda State, elected officers, the chairs of all the standing committees, the Chair of the Foundation Board and the chapter presidents. The editor, executive assistant, historian, parliamentarian, treasurer, **professional development coordinator**, and webmaster shall be ex officio members, without vote. Members who assume a nonvoting position in Lambda State shall relinquish their voting privilege while serving in that position. Each chapter president, state committee chair, and the Chair of the Foundation Board has the privilege of appointing an official designee to serve in her voting position.” **4/19**

Section 1.51

G. **Mobile phones, pagers, and other electronic devices should have audible sound alerts turned off and be positioned as not to be disruptive to others during business meetings. The use of personal recordings of any type are not permitted during business meetings. 4/19**

ARTICLE 2 FOR STATE AND CHAPTER

Section 2.11 B.

**Strike:** 3. Prepares for duplication the list of names, addresses, telephone numbers, and teaching positions of the new members; sends this list to International;

Section 2.11 B.

**3. Prepares electronic copy of materials from most recent Training for Chapter Leaders and other pertinent information for the new chapter president; 4/19**

Section 2.11 B.

**4. Supplies small brass candle holders and red candles, ritual books, and official song cards for the initiation. 4/19**

Section 2.11 C.

1. Orders and pays for all International supplies:

- Invitations
- Society Information Brochure
- Order blanks for Key pin purchase
- Membership Certificates
- Official Register 4/19**

Section 2.11 C.

6. Presents check from Lambda State for **two hundred dollars (\$200)** to the new chapter, if initiation equipment has not been given to the new chapter. This gift shall be applied on the purchase of the chapter's initiation equipment. **4/19**

ARTICLE 2 FOR STATE AND CHAPTER

Section 2.21 B.

**Strike:** 3. Prepares *Constitution* statement to be signed by initiate.

Section 2.21 C.

**3. Submits the honorary membership fee to International. 4/19**

Section 3.2

B. The chapter should consider contributing toward the expense of its president to **international** conferences and international conventions. **4/19**

## MOTION ADOPTED

**Britta Peterson (Zeta), Rules Chair, moved the adoption of Standing Rule Article 1, Section 1.11A.** Annual dues for Lambda State, which include the *Newscaster* subscription, shall be twenty-three dollars (\$23) for active members, eight dollars (\$8) for reserve members **and zero dollars (\$0) for collegiate members.** The chapter shall pay the *Newscaster* subscription for each chapter honorary and life member. Dues and subscription fees shall be paid to the state treasurer by **September 30. New members who pay dues after January 1 and before April 1 shall pay active dues of five dollars (\$5.00). New members who pay after April 1 shall pay the full annual dues of twenty-three dollars (\$23) for the following fiscal year.**

**Teena Zindel-McWilliams (Beta Sigma) amended the motion as follows: move the adoption of Standing Rule Article 1, Section 1.11A.** Annual dues for Lambda State, which include the *Newscaster* subscription, shall be twenty-three dollars (\$23) for active members, eight dollars (\$8) for reserve members **and zero dollars (\$0) for collegiate members.** The chapter shall pay the *Newscaster* subscription for each chapter honorary and life member. Dues and subscription fees shall be paid to the state treasurer by **September 30. New members who pay dues after January 1 and before April 1 shall pay active dues of eleven dollars fifty cents (\$11.50). New members who pay after April 1 shall pay the full annual dues of twenty-three dollars (\$23) for the following fiscal year.**

## MOTION ADOPTED

### STATE PLANNING

Dr. Debra LeBlanc (Beta Phi), President, encouraged members to attend upcoming state events. The state website will continue to be updated and suggestions are welcomed.

### SOCIETY MISSION AND PURPOSES

#### ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Pamela Painter (Chi), Achievement Award Chair, stated that voting was better; 45% of the Executive Board voted, an increase of 7% from 38% last year. The Achievement Award recipient will be announced at the Membership Luncheon

#### EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Beverly Johns (Alpha Phi), Educational Excellence Chair, thanked everyone for their participation in this year's convention. There were 15 poster sessions, 19 vendors, three double sessions, 16 one-hour sessions, seven of which offered Professional Development, and 21 Ten-Minute Takeaways.

#### INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

Teresa Maguire (Gamma Upsilon), International Projects Chair, encouraged chapters to donate to Schools for Africa and Marion Medical Mission. Chapters were recognized for their contributions totaling \$7,457 to build wells in Africa and \$1,174 to support schools in Africa.

#### LEGISLATION

Linda Lucke (Alpha Nu), Legislation Chair, encouraged members to raise awareness of legislation regarding education. Four legislators will receive Legislative Awards.

#### LITERACY

Suzy Perkins (Beta), Literacy Chair, stated that 27 student original writings are displayed as well as the poster display of the non-fiction book, *Schools Belong to You and Me* by Deborah Meier and Emily Gasoi.

#### MUSIC

There was no report.

SCHOLARSHIP Delores Jones, (Beta Psi), Scholarship Chair, reported that Iota Chapter donated \$100,000 establishing the William Charles Iwert and Elizabeth J. Iwert Scholarship. Scholarships totaling \$7,200 will be awarded at the Membership Luncheon. The scholarship and stipend applications can be found on the state website. Applications must be submitted electronically by January 9th of each year.

WOMEN IN THE ARTS Sue Dion, (Alpha Lambda), Women in the Arts Chair, announced that the 40<sup>th</sup> annual Creative Arts Retreat will be held at Allerton Park, Monticello June 28-30, 2019. She reported the minimum had been met for the retreat. She encouraged members to stop by the Chapter Bazaar to see the Allerton Park slide show, pick-up a registration form, and consider sharing talents as a presenter. Presenter forms can be found on the website.

LAMBDA STATE FOUNDATION FOR EDUCATIONAL STUDIES, INC. Beverly Ann Madsen (Omicron), Foundation Chair, thanked all donors that contributed to the Foundation. She emphasized that all members of Illinois State Organization can apply for a stipend. The applications can be found on the state website. The deadlines are May 1 and November 1 of each year.

NEW BUSINESS There was no new business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Antoinette Minuzzo (Alpha Nu) shared that because of the flood at Headquarters, the pioneer dolls were removed and she has the Illinois dolls. Dr. Debra LeBlanc (Beta Phi), President, stated that the Membership Luncheon will begin promptly at 12:15 in Holiday Hall, so following the Executive Board Meeting, members should clear the room

ADJOURNMENT The General Business Meeting was adjourned at 10:57 a.m.