

THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL TAU STATE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Brooklyn Center, MN
Saturday, April 21, 2012

President Dr. Phyllis VanBuren (Eta) called the Spring Executive Board Meeting of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Tau State, to order on Saturday, April 21, 2012 at 8:10 a.m.

INSPIRATION— Mary Snorek, (Alpha Meta)

Young Living Essential Oils was the source of our inspiration called, "If we all would but did." What matters in this life is more than winning, but helping others to win, even if it means slowing down and changing course.

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SONG—Jewell Mendenhall (Mu)

We sang the Delta Kappa Gamma Song to begin the meeting.

APPROVAL/ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA—President Phyllis VanBuren (Eta)

No additions were made to the agenda.

A motion was made by Jeanette Karjala (Iota), seconded by Arcela Turch (Delta) to accept the agenda as amended. **MOTION PASSED.**

ROLL CALL—Ellen Delaney (Alpha Nu), Recording Secretary

Sign in is completed by using the registration sheets members sign as they arrive to the meeting. A summary of attendance is as follows:

- 0 State Founders
- 9 Past State Presidents
- 8 Officers (Elected and Ex-Officio)
- 9 Chapter Presidents (Voting)
- 4 Substitutes for Chapter Presidents
- 15 Committee Chairs/Representatives or their substitutes

Members present:

Margaret Arney, Marge Bates, Dianna Brusven, Michelle Dahlby, Ellen Delaney, Melissa Dick, Sandi Ekstam, Delores Fletcher, Carolyn Garvin, Ann Harnden, Laurie Huston, Rosalie Huston, Barbara Nickby, Robbie Johnson, Jeanette Karjala,,Diane L Larson, Jeanne Lockner, Arlene Matson, Jewell Mendenhall, Sally Nyhus, Kathryn Patton, Cory Peters, Dr. Diane Rauschenfels, Cindy Rothstein, Jean Rolle, Kay Hultgrew, Mary Snorek,, Sue Stokke, Myrna Strand, Lorraine Traut, Cely Turch, Phyllis VanBuren, Ann Vanvick, Lois Nordling, Barbara Whiting, Diae Whippler

Guest present: Dr. Jensi Souders

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT— Ellen Delaney (Alpha Nu)

The minutes from the winter Tau State Officers' meeting were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT—Dianna Brusven (Alpha Meta)

Dianna Brusven presented all of the spreadsheets in the conference booklet. The report includes all of the spreadsheets and a budget for 2011-2013. Phyllis VanBuren addressed details of the report. The history of the Tau State speakers fund will be explored by the Finance committee, By-Laws Committee, and Historian Myrna Strand. Since the funds have not been used for several years, we may choose to reallocate the funds for other purposes. We will hear the findings and determine the use of the funds next fall.

The safety deposit box was cleaned out and the contents will be delivered to the MN Historical Society which will provide access to the contents for all members.

No changes were made to the report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT— Phyllis VanBuren (Eta)

Phyllis VanBuren thanked members for their condolences on the loss of her father this winter.

Chapter visits have been rewarding experiences for the president. Special thanks to the organizers of the conference. There is a considerable amount of work involved in this event.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT—Diane Larson (Beta Alpha)

Diane Larson reminded the chapter presidents that there will be a Parade of Presidents this evening. There is reserved seating for the presidents at a front table in the banquet. Our fall meeting location is being worked on in St. Cloud.

A correction was made to the report: The 2013 Convention will be at the Crowne Plaza in Brooklyn Center. The 2014 Conference will be at the Holiday Inn in Duluth.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Kathryn Patton (Beta Beta)

Kathy shared the loss of her husband this year. In addition, she shared that she will be working to bring Tau State leadership to chapters.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY REPORT—Carolyn Garven (Eta)

Dr. Melanie Reap (Iota) had minor surgery and was sent a card.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

By-Laws and Standing Rules Project Update – Jeanette Karjala (Iota) and committee

The committee has met a few times to improve the By-Laws and Standing Rules. The committee will meet again in June in Sauk Center. Diane Larson and Kathy Patton will serve to provide reactions to the work completed prior to bringing it to the Executive Committee. There may be a way to include both documents in the same booklet and the booklet may be changed to a standard paper size (8.5 x 11) document. Committee chairs use the current document to guide their work. The documents can also be posted on our website when completed.

Leadership Training – Barbara Whiting (Beta Beta)

We will be using the CHEERS money, money from dissolved chapters and leadership monies on leadership training. State will cover the expenses for the day but mileage will not be covered. The training will be on May 19 at the Staff Development Center in the Anoka-Hennepin School District.

We will be using the revitalization grant from International for the 3 Rs, “Renew, Revitalize, and Recharge” on June 26-27, 2012. The total cost to a member will be \$40 which includes meals and an overnight. The retreat will be at St. Bens University. The campus setting is beautiful and we expect this to be a reenergizing event for members. Handouts and registration information were provided for both events.

Membership – Marge Bates (Eta)

Chapter presidents are encouraged to seek help if there are concerns within the chapter. Tau State leadership will assist chapters in remaining vital and rewarding for its members. Each chapter will receive two DVDs which may be used to refocus our chapters on our purposes.

Conference 2014 – Diane Rauschenfels (Kappa)

There will be a transition meeting for the Sigma, Alpha Nu, and Alpha Gamma chapters leading the 2013 Convention – April 19-21 at the Crowne Plaza. The 2014 Conference will be hosted by Delta and Kappa Chapters and located at the Holiday Inn in Duluth.

Directory and Database Services – Rosalie Huston (Alpha Rho)

There is a booklet that is created for the chapter presidents, committee chairs, and officers for each biennium. It was suggested that the database person lead the effort for creating this book. Though it has traditionally been the job of the Second Vice President, it will now be the work of the Database Manager to create the book. May 15 is an important deadline for changing the leadership so International is aware of our current leadership. Since we will be meeting on May 19, we will be gathering information on chapter leadership on that date.

There will be an email sent to each chapter president from the database manager. The email will request information regarding all the chapter committee leaders be sent to the database manager by August 1. The three forms needed will be posted on the Tau State website.

NorthStar News – Robbie Johnson (Sigma)

May 11 is the deadline for the NorthStar News. Articles, photographs, and other information can be sent to: Robbie@pclink.com

It is important that everyone have access to this document.

Legislative and US Forum – Cory Peters (Beta Alpha)

Cory is running for reelection as the Northwest Regional Representative to the US Forum Steering Committee. Judy Rohde was able to attend from Tau State. There were two outstanding speakers: Susan Scanlan, President of the Women's Research and Education Institute (WREI) and Siobahn (Sam) Bennett, President and CEO of the Women's Campaign Fund and the She Should Run Program, both of which promote women running for public office or board positions. Speakers from various organizations and websites will be under Legislation on the Tau State website. The US Forum Connection is a monthly newsletter distributed by Dr. Angela Bedenbaugh. Her email address is: angela.bedenbaugh@usm.edu.

Key issues discussed:

- Reauthorization of the Affordable Health Care Act passed in 2010. This will be fully implemented in 2014.
- Reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act
- Repeal of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) which has been known by a variety of titles. Under Clinton, it was called the Improve American Schools Act; under George W Bush, it was called No Child Left Behind under President Obama, it is called the Blueprint for Reform Act. An updated report is available and should be added to the booklet. A correction was made to the report. The Women of Achievement Award will be presented at the Tau State Convention in 2013, not 2012. We are two years from the 100% proficiency requirement, so this is a critical year for addressing this act.
- Preserve Social Security and Medicare
- Passage of HEART for Women Act (Heart Disease Education, Analysis, Research, and Treatment Act)

Music – Jewell Mendenhall (Mu)

Everyone is welcome to join the Happy Warblers today.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

GoToMeeting – This service is available for committee meetings but not chapter meetings.

NEW BUSINESS**It's In the Bag**

President Phyllis VanBuren (Eta) is using this as a theme for her biennium. Please encourage the new teachers in your community and provide any support we can give. New teachers may be invited to a Delta Kappa Gamma meeting for the camaraderie and fellowship.

Past Presidents, Committee Chairs, and Officers are invited to Room 1104 for a reception for our international guest, Jensi Souders.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Laurie Huston (Alpha Rho) is now working with Bethel University and working with doctoral students in education.

ADJOURNMENT

Move to adjourn the meeting by Diane Rausenfels (Kappa) and seconded by Robbie Johnson (Sigma). President Phyllis VanBuren (Eta) declared the meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

Recording Secretary

Tau State President