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Convention issue

New officers for 2011 -- 2013

President -- Linda Little First vice-president -- Patricia Taylor
Second vice-president -- Sheila Groves Recording secretary – Patricia Clark
September 17, 2011 -- Called Executive Board Meeting, Elon University

Pre-convention Workshop Inspired Participants

Rev. Joy Heaton, stage four cancer survivor, spoke from experience and her great heart about how important it was to listen to one's body and to take good care of it. Thirty women practiced yoga, shared experiences, journaled insights, hiked round a pond, examined artwork, and meditated. During the process each renewed the conversation with her body, a *real deal* educator.

Some Highlights of the Convention -- “Celebrating Voices of Influence”

Region I outdid itself with a sterling job of hosting our seventy-seventh convention. Every detail was well done. Sharon Frazier, Convention Chairman; Lina Bracey, Region I Director; Dr. Linda Jobe, Convention Registrar; Peggy Lamm, Convention Treasurer; Eta State officers, Eta chairmen, and Region I chapter presidents created an event to remember. The professionally-printed convention program contained everything the delegate needed (and ended our custom of scattering lost committee reports throughout hotel hallways).

President **Betty Marshall** opened the **FRIDAY EVENING** annual Executive Board Meeting in the Gateway Convention Center, Rocky Mount, to conduct the business of the Society. Assembled were presidents representing 107 chapters and 4,257 Active (4.1% decrease) and 352 Reserve (11.1% decrease) members from eleven regions.

***Ellen Gragg**, Executive Secretary, reported that the next convention will be held April 27-29, 2012 at the Embassy Suites, Cary, North Carolina (Region III), and the delegates voted to have the 2013 convention on April 27-29, 2013 at the Hilton University, Charlotte, NC (Region VIII).

***Chris Waters**, Treasurer, emphasized that presidents are to report April or May new initiates to her ASAP (with fee and Form 18) and reminded chapter treasurers that Form 15 was due by July 15.

***Carroll Harrell** asked that member email lists be kept current and sent as a group to International for on-line delivery of next year's *Eta State News*.

The **SATURDAY MORNING General Session** was most informative:

Much of the business concerned the adoption of the proposed amendments to the Eta State by-laws and standing rules, rising from the adoption of the 2010 International Constitution. Please consult the report printed in the 2011 Eta State NEWS. All items passed, with the following exceptions: #2 Article I NAME (which may be considered later) and the following items rendered moot by previous voting: #35 - #41, #43 - 44.

Offer of Training re Constitutional Changes as they affect chapter by-laws

This is an invitation to our regions who might be interested. The workshop on the impact of the revised Constitution on chapter rules was so well attended that everyone could not get in the room and many were turned away. I will be willing to do a workshop for a region or a chapter. I can duplicate the workshop in one hour for a group of officers, interested members, designated Rules chairmen, etc.

Dr. Gwen Simmons simmonsgs@earthlink.net

The delegates passed a statement from the Professional Affairs Committee to encourage the legislature to continue the one cent sales tax for another year.

The following request had previously come from LYNN RAGSDALE, US Forum Representative for NC/Eta State:

Please ask your chapter members to send an email to their House and Senate member with this paragraph in it. They might want to state how long they have been teaching, etc, and their personal concerns first. The email should be brief and please add that they are members of Delta Kappa Gamma. Thanks

We appreciate the difficulty of balancing a \$20 billion budget with a \$2.6 billion deficit. Understanding that education is 60% of the state budget, we respectfully request that you consider keeping the one cent temporary sales tax in place for another year to help offset the tremendous deficit. These monies can hopefully reduce the huge number of positions that will be eliminated by the proposed budget.

1. By convention end over **300 delegates** were present, fifty-three for the first time (and 63 from Region I).
2. **Dr. Lace Brogden** from Eta Province, Saskatchewan, Canada, was the International representative.
3. The executive board gave approval for a new chapter to be formed in Region X.
4. The **World Fellowships** Committee reported a total of \$2348.72 from chapters since the Asheville Convention. The grand total for the 2009-2010 fiscal year is \$9972.79. From July 1, 2010 to February 28, 2011, thirty-five chapters have donated \$5174.66. **Kappa** has made the largest gift: \$791.00. During the convention the raffle of a hand-thrown porcelain tray and sauce bowl raised \$220.00.
5. The "Passing of the House" among the delegates yielded a collection of \$1790.72 for the **Headquarters Budget**. Headquarters expenses are not part of the Eta State budget. Only thirty-six of the 107 chapters contributed the voluntary \$2 per member; if all contributed, the annual budget would be met. *Has your chapter assumed this responsibility?* The car decals sold by the Membership Committee brought in \$1,041 during the past year. There are still some available. Contributions can also be made through the Planned Giving program. The 2011-2012 Headquarters budget was adopted.
6. The **Leadership Development Committee** announced the June 10 deadline for registration for "Tapping the Heart of Authentic Leadership," June 23-24, 2011, at Peace College. **[Presidents, look for a forth-coming email from Betty Marshall about the details of this event.]**
7. The **Personnel Committee** announced that the Summer 2011 issue of *Eta State News*, edited by **Carroll Harrell**, will be her last. The new editor is Sue Roberts (*Beta Tau*) from Charlotte.
8. The **Research Committee** reported the completion of the "Women of Influence" booklet, to be distributed at the Saturday night banquet.
9. **Betty Marshall** announced that presidents were to send the names and email addresses of two members who have demonstrated the ability and a willingness to grow into greater leadership roles.
10. Webmaster **Beth Winstead** distributed to chapter presidents their membership rosters so that they might edit and up-date them for the future membership directory. Most were returned to her by the close of the convention.

There is so much more information to be found within the reports in the convention program. As you are able, you may want to feature these details in subsequent newsletters for your members.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON was filled with **seventeen workshops** divided into four forty-five minute-long sessions, built around four strands: personal growth, society goals, professional growth, and international issues.

On **SATURDAY EVENING** the banquet began with the procession of the chapter presidents.

*The **Scholarship Committee** announced Sara Massey (Alpha Chapter) as recipient of the 2011 Eta State Scholarship in the amount of \$4000 and that three Eta State sisters were among 26 scholarship award winners worldwide receiving 2011 international scholarships in the amount of \$6000 each: Dedra Davis (Alpha Iota), Shirley Simpson (Beta Xi), and Christine Moore Smith (Alpha Lambda).

*Betty Marshall announced the **Chapter Excellence Awards**. This year there were 61 in all: 18 Honorable Mention, 25 Bronze, 11 Silver and 7 Gold.

Honorable Mention: Epsilon, Omicron, Sigma, Alpha Kappa, Alpha Tau, Alpha Pi, Alpha Omega, Beta Alpha, Beta Gamma, Beta Lambda, Gamma Alpha, Gamma Epsilon, Gamma Tau, Gamma Psi, Gamma Omega, Delta Gamma, Delta Theta, and Delta Omicron

Bronze level: Alpha, Beta, Delta, Theta, Kappa, Tau, Alpha Gamma, Alpha Epsilon, Alpha Theta, Alpha Omicron, Alpha Chi, Beta Beta, Beta Delta, Beta Eta, Beta Theta, Beta Iota, Beta Upsilon, Gamma Iota, Gamma Omicron, Gamma Pi, Gamma Chi, Delta Mu, Delta Xi, Delta Rho, and Delta Sigma

Silver level: Gamma, Chi, Alpha Zeta, Alpha Iota, Alpha Upsilon, Alpha Phi, Beta Epsilon, Gamma Delta, Gamma Kappa, Gamma Upsilon, and Delta Zeta

Gold level: Mu, Nu, Alpha Lambda, Alpha Nu, Alpha Psi, Beta Tau, and Gamma Phi

*The new officers for 2011 - 2013 were installed.

On **SUNDAY MORNING** during the service of worship and remembrance white roses were ceremoniously placed among the red ones and written tributes were inserted into the Book of Remembrance to celebrate the lives of **fifty-seven sisters** who had passed away within the last year.

The **Brunch**, "Hats off to Influential Voices," began with a collaborative table activity about the seventy-seven years of Eta State presidents. Delegates will be able to share the information sheets and answers with their chapters after returning home.

*Betty McCain, 2005 Founders Award Recipient, charmed her hearers with hilarious recollections from her career in leadership and public service.

*The recipient of the 2011 Founders Award is Mrs. Jo Ann Norris, Executive Director of the Public School Forum of North Carolina, Inc. She is a former North Carolina Teacher of the Year and has worked tirelessly and tenaciously to improve education in North Carolina.

*Carmen Redding presented **Betty Marshall** with a special notebook of letters, notes, and memorabilia, celebrating her biennium.

Certificates Issued to Chapters for Newsletters and Websites

The following chapters received certificates for their newsletters: Alpha, Delta, Theta, Kappa, Nu, Phi, Chi, Alpha Beta, Alpha Gamma, Alpha Delta, Alpha Zeta, Alpha Theta, Alpha Iota, Alpha Kappa, Alpha Lambda, Alpha Nu, Alpha Upsilon, Alpha Psi, Alpha Omega, Beta Beta, Beta Gamma, Beta Delta, Beta Epsilon, Beta Eta, Beta Xi, Beta Omicron, Beta Tau, Beta Upsilon, Gamma Alpha, Gamma Delta, Gamma Eta, Gamma Kappa, Gamma Iota, Gamma Pi, Gamma Upsilon, Gamma Phi, Gamma Chi, Delta Alpha, Delta Gamma, Delta Theta, Delta Mu, Delta Rho, and Delta Sigma.

The following chapters received certificates for their websites: Gamma, Epsilon, Mu, Nu, Xi, Sigma, Upsilon, Psi, Alpha Beta, Alpha Epsilon, Alpha Eta, Alpha Iota, Alpha Lambda, Alpha Omicron, Alpha Phi, Alpha Psi, Beta Alpha, Beta Epsilon, Beta Iota, Beta Tau, Gamma Delta, Gamma Eta, Gamma Phi, Delta Zeta, Delta Mu, and Delta Xi.

Certificates will be postal mailed to the presidents of those chapters who were not able to pick them up from the Communications Committee convention table on Saturday morning or elsewhere afterwards.

The emphasis has always been that newsletters reflect more than the local level. Recognized publications were those that included information from the state and international levels (not just the dates of events) and that featured the professional achievements of the members. An email that includes the comments of the review committee will be sent to each president/editor. The guidelines that the committee will use for next year's evaluation and that are posted on the website will be attached to each chapter email.

Members of the Eta State Communications Committee 2009 - 2011

Sylvia Eaglin (*Chi*), Chairman
Wanda Love (*Alpha Lambda*)
Missey Weaver (*Gamma Delta*)
Beth Winstead (*Beta Alpha*),
Eta State Webmaster
Carroll Harrell (*Delta Zeta*) *Eta*
State NEWS Editor

IF YOU ARE GOING TO LOUISVILLE – HURRAH! LET BETTY MARSHALL KNOW. IF YOU NEED A ROOMMATE OR A TRAVEL COMPANION, SHE MAY FIND YOU A MATCH.

Hotel Reservations for the Southeast Regional Conference :

Marriott Downtown: <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/ff0379a1> (final digit is one-1)
or [1-800-266-9434](tel:1-800-266-9434) Ask for "Delta Kappa Gamma SER Conference Hotel Reservations 2011."

To attend the Editor Training at SER Conference send registration of \$45 by May 20 to Carolyn Pittman, 30424 Bandy Road, Little Rock, AR 72223

**Provide the following Information: *Name and address *Chapter, State, Position
*Email and phone contact information See the International website.**

**Eta Committee
Chairmen: Send in
your expense forms
to Betty ASAP.**

**Look for the final
Eta Data issue
for this biennium
on – June 15.**

Chris Waters, Eta State Treasurer, has (even yet) Southeast Regional Cookbooks for sale. Purchase several for gifts for your friends and family to help increase the resources within the International Emergency Fund (to which one of our North Carolina members has already applied after the recent weather damage). [<waterscs@gmail.com>](mailto:waterscs@gmail.com)