

***The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
2009 Alpha Alpha State Convention***



**Executive Board Meeting  
Board Room 2 at the Nittany Lion Inn  
State College, PA  
June 12, 2009**

**I. Call to Order**

Alpha Alpha State President, Carolyn Sutton, called the Executive Board Meeting of the 2009 Alpha Alpha State Organization of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International to order on Friday, June 12, 2009, at 8:40 PM.

**II. Welcome and Introductions**

President Carolyn welcomed the State Officers, the Past State Presidents, the State Committee Chairmen, the 2008-2010 Chapter Presidents, and other members to the session.

Carolyn then introduced the following members seated at the head table: Susan Stamm, Alpha Alpha State First Vice President; Cindy Reynolds, Alpha Alpha State Recording Secretary; Patricia Shedlock, Alpha Alpha State Corresponding Secretary; Linda O'Connor, Alpha Alpha State Treasurer; Wanda Keller, Alpha Alpha State Finance Committee Chairman; Jeannette Thomas, Rules Committee Chairman; Suzanne Long, Alpha Alpha State Parliamentarian; Louise Garverick, Alpha Alpha State Achievement Award Committee Chairman; Louann Shrader, Alpha Alpha State Second Vice President; Dr. Lyn Schmid, Alpha Alpha State Immediate Past President and Leadership Development Chair; and Tracey Dusch, Projects Committee Chairman.

Suzanne Long, Alpha Alpha State Parliamentarian, reviewed the Rules for the convention as printed on page 11 of the program booklet. Suzanne read them to the assembly and asked whether there were any questions.

### **III. Roll Call of Chapters**

Cindy Reynolds, Beta Rho Chapter and Alpha Alpha State Recording Secretary, conducted the roll call of the chapters. Thirty-nine (39) chapter presidents or their designees out of sixty-four (64) chapters were represented.

### **IV. Review of the Minutes**

The Alpha Alpha State Recording Secretary, Cindy Reynolds, presented the minutes of the Executive Board Meeting held on June 13, 2008, from the 2008 Alpha Alpha State Convention. Cindy had tried to send the minutes through e-mail but because of computer difficulties, had copies distributed and available at the convention. Hearing no questions on the minutes, President Carolyn declared the 2008 Alpha Alpha State Convention minutes for the Executive Board Meeting to be filed.

President Carolyn declared a quorum present for the meeting.

The committee to read and approve the minutes for the Executive Board Meeting of the 2009 Alpha Alpha State Convention includes Barbara Emmer, Psi; Catherine Stemmler, Alpha Omega; and Stephanie Fulena, Alpha Sigma Chapter.

### **V. Correspondence**

Patricia Shedlock, Nu Chapter and Alpha Alpha State Corresponding Secretary, read items of correspondence which included the following:

- ✓ A letter of correspondence was read from the family of Helen Moseley, Alpha Beta, for money donated in her name to the Scholarship Fund.
- ✓ Jensi Souders, International First Vice President, explained with regret, that she was unable to fulfill her commitment as international guest at the convention due to the death of two

very close family members. The funerals were on Friday and Saturday.

- ✓ The letter from Alphi Pi Executive Board on behalf of the chapter members, requested the dissolution of the chapter. In compliance with the State By-Laws, the chapter will have completed the one year requirement on October 29, 2009.
- ✓ A letter from Linda McCrary, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Educational Foundation, announced that Donna Winch had received a Lucile Cornetet Individual Award to attend the World of Possibilities in Music Conference to enhance her professional expertise in music.

#### **VI. Report of the Membership Committee**

Louann Shrader, Omega, 2nd Vice President and Membership Committee Chairman, moved that the Executive Board accept the request for the dissolution of Alphi Pi Chapter. The motion carried and Louann was charged with following through with the steps to the dissolution of the chapter.

Last year the H.O.P.E. initiative, Honor the Legacy, Offer the Gift of Membership, Promote Passion, and Envision the Future, was proposed. She explained that membership has been monitored utilizing the chart posted in the atrium. The hope at that time was to increase by 600 members. Unfortunately, there has been a decline of 199 members since last year which was influenced by the International dues increase. International's membership "Shoe-In" initiative has given credence to Pennsylvania's initiative. Louann made the recommendation from her committee to endorse the H.O.P.E. initiative for the next 2 years. The motion carried.

#### **VII. Report of the Treasurer**

Linda O'Connor, Omega Chapter and Alpha Alpha State Treasurer, reported on the financial status of the State Organization from her detailed six-page report. Included in her report was the excel sheet listing all Certificates of Deposit as of June 4, 2009. The last two pages of her report listed contributions which individual chapters had made to the State Organization in the State Scholarship Fund, the Visionary Fund, the Serendipity Fund, and the Permanent Fund. The

chapters were listed, the amounts contributed, and if the money donated was in memory of a member, the name was listed.

President Carolyn called for questions on the Treasurer's report. Clarification on what the Serendipity Fund is for was requested. Linda explained that it is money available to help members pay their dues if anything catastrophic occurs. Another question was posed about contributions made in members' names to specific funds. Linda stated that she does not get a listing of individual contributions from International in any of these areas. She only receives the total amounts in each category. Therefore, if contributions were made and they are not listed, they needed to contact Linda sometime throughout the convention so the information can be a part of her report. She reminded everyone that if they make a contribution themselves, they need to send her a note in writing to let her know.

President Carolyn then thanked Linda for the fine job she had done.

#### **VIII. The Report of the Finance Committee**

Wanda Keller, Iota Chapter and Chairman of the Finance Committee, recognized and thanked her committee members for their work. They met in Bedford in May, 2009, to do the financial review which included a review of specific wording. She then presented the Report of the Finance Committee. About half of the evaluations for the Alpha Alpha State Treasurer, *Keystonian* Editor, and Webmaster were submitted by and are the responsibility of each chapter's first vice president. All evaluations were fine. Wanda explained that the evaluations are rotated so that chapters only evaluate each position every three years.

Wanda Keller stated that the Finance Committee supported the recommendation of the Achievement Award Committee for its proposal to give the award once a biennium, in the odd-numbered years. The proposed budget for 2009-2010, copies of which had been distributed, was then presented. President Carolyn called for questions on the report from the Finance Committee. Hearing no questions, she announced that a vote on the budget will be taken during the Second General Session on Sunday morning. Wanda and

her committee members were available throughout the convention to answer questions. She expressed a huge measure of gratitude to Wanda for completing two four-year terms as chairman of the Finance Committee. She then announced that Wanda will serve as the Ways and Means Committee Chair for the NE Regional Conference in Hershey in 2011.

#### **IX. Report of the Nominations Committee**

Dr. Lyn Schmid, Immediate Past President and chairman of the Nominations Committee, stated that the committee was unable to secure one member for the finance committee prior to the deadline for publication in the *Keystonian*. Joan McGreevey agreed to serve on the committee and as a result, it is recommended by the nominations committee that her name be added. The motion carried. President Carolyn announced that the slate of Alpha Alpha State Officers and elected committee positions will be voted on Saturday morning.

President Carolyn Sutton announced that only the Executive Board (Officers, Past State Presidents, Chapter Presidents or their designees) may vote. Alpha Alpha State By-laws, Article VI, Section 5.B states that there is only one vote per chapter.

#### **X. Report of the Rules Committee**

Jeannette Thomas, Nu Chapter, Rules Committee Chairman, referred to the changes proposed for the Alpha Alpha State By-Laws and Standing Rules and thanked the members of her Rules Committee. These changes were published in the Spring 2009 *Keystonian*. Jeannette announced that the committee had reviewed the State By-Laws and made corrections to bring the document into agreement with current practice and previous convention votes. The International Constitution Committee recommended changes to the Alpha Alpha State By-Laws to bring our state By-Laws into compliance with the International Constitution. There is no fiscal impact and does not require a vote by the membership. These changes go into effect immediately.

She then referred to the amendments proposed by the Historical Records and Leadership Development Committees to the By-Laws and Standing Rules that were published in the Spring 2009 *Keystonian*. The Rules Committee will present the proposed changes at the First General Session on Saturday morning.

President Carolyn asked if there were any questions on Jeannette's report. There were no questions.

**XI. Report of the Alpha Alpha State Achievement Award Committee**

Louise Garverick, Alpha Alpha State Achievement Award Committee Chairman, reported on the proposed change to the award guidelines and the reason for the change. President Carolyn asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, the vote was taken and the following change will go into effect immediately:

*II. J. The award is presented every two years on the odd-numbered year at the State Convention.*

*III. B. The Achievement Award Selection Committee each biennium shall screen, evaluate, and select one member for this honor from the designated nomination forms submitted by the chapter executive boards.*

**XII. Report of the Projects Committee**

With excitement and pride in the members of Alpha Alpha State, President Carolyn introduced Tracey Dusch, Psi Chapter and Projects Chairman for her report. Keeping with the "Once Upon a Time" theme, Tracey told the story of the Ethiopia Reads Project. She encouraged members to attend the Friday Fun and Fellowship Night immediately following the Executive Board Meeting. She thanked her committee and everyone for helping to raise funds for the project to build a library in Ethiopia. She reminded the membership that author Jane Kurtz would be autographing books from 3:30 to 4:30 PM in the Atrium. All monies raised will go to the project to plant a library in Ethiopia.

**XIII. New Business**

President Carolyn called for new business. Hearing none, she moved to the announcements.

#### **XIV. Announcements**

President Carolyn then made the following announcements:

- ✓ Members were asked to please sign the list on the bulletin board if they are planning to attend the Northeast Regional Conference in July, 2009.
- ✓ Friday Evening Fun and Fellowship, sponsored by the Projects Committee, will follow immediately in Alumni Lounge and Lobby.

#### **XV. Adjournment**

Hearing no further announcements, President Carolyn, Alpha Alpha State President, adjourned the Executive Board Meeting of the 2009 Alpha Alpha State Convention at 9:20 PM.

Prepared by Cindy G. Reynolds (cgr), Alpha Alpha State Recording Secretary, on June 26, 2009.

Reviewed and approved by Carolyn Sutton (cs), 2007-2009 Alpha Alpha State President on July 15, 2009.