

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING
Delta Kappa Gamma Illinois State Organization (DKG ILSO) Convention
Crowne Plaza Hotel and Convention Center
Springfield, Illinois
SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2022

DATE AND PLACE	The DKG ILSO General Business Meeting was held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel and Convention Center, Springfield, Illinois on April 30, 2022.
CALL TO ORDER/ WELCOME	DKG ILSO State President, Dr. Joan Róg (Beta Alpha), welcomed those attending and called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.
INTRODUCTION OF THE HEAD TABLE	Dr. Joan Róg (Beta Alpha) introduced Linda Adcock (Beta Phi), First Vice-President; Dr. Margaret Trybus (Iota), Second Vice-President; Carolyn Godby (Alpha Lambda), Parliamentarian; Connie Rensink (Theta Chi) TX, International Society Representative; Janet Kilgus (Alpha Beta), Recording Secretary; Dr. Kammie Richter (Xi), Executive Assistant and Editor; Vicki L. Smith (Gamma Phi), Treasurer; Rene DeGuzman (Beta Phi), Webmaster; and Beverley H. Johns (Alpha Phi), Immediate Past President.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Stephanie Athans (Iota), 1 st time attendee, led the Pledge of Allegiance.
GREETINGS FROM SPRINGFIELD	Jenni Dahl (Lambda) and Sadieka Quadeem (Lambda) welcomed the attendees and shared some highlights about Springfield. They expressed pride in the revitalization of their chapter with the assistance from the DKG Illinois State Organization (Lambda State.)
CHALLENGE	Juliet Minard (Beta Epsilon), 1 st time attendee, challenged members and chapters to unlock doors and find the value of the people around them. She noted key women educators are all different, yet each has great value and can make a difference in their chapters and in their classrooms.
INTRODUCTIONS	<p>Dr. Joan Róg (Beta Alpha), President, introduced DKG ILSO Officers Linda Adcock (Beta Phi), First Vice-President; Dr. Margaret Trybus (Iota), Second Vice- President; and Janet Kilgus (Alpha Beta), Recording Secretary. DKG ILSO Personnel introduced included Dr. Kammie Richter (Xi), Executive Assistant and Editor; Vicki L. Smith (Gamma Phi), Treasurer; and additional Board members Carolyn Godby (Alpha Lambda), Parliamentarian; Rene DeGuzman (Beta Phi), Webmaster; Cheryl Cox (Gamma Upsilon), Professional Development Coordinator; and Lou Ann Jacobs (Alpha Beta), Historian.</p> <p>Past State Presidents attending were Antoinette Minuzzo (Alpha Nu), 1989-91; Loryann Eis (Beta Epsilon), 1995-97; Christine Berto (Nu) 1997-99; Melinda Davis (Alpha Theta), 2003-05; Barbara Bergdolt (Gamma), 2005-07; Sylvia Olson (Alpha Nu), 2015-17; Dr. Debbie LeBlanc (Beta Phi), 2017-19; and Beverley H. Johns (Alpha Phi), 2019-21.</p>

DKG ILSO Committee Chairs introduced were Mary Stayner (Pi), Communications and Marketing; Dr. Debbie LeBlanc (Beta Phi), Event Planning and Management; Dr. Patricia Kubistal (Kappa) Official Designee for LaVonne Chaney (Beta Pi), Finance; Susan Cottrell (Beta Psi), Leadership Development; Dr. Margaret Trybus (Iota), Membership; Beverley H. Johns (Alpha Phi), Nominations; Melinda Davis (Alpha Theta), Personnel; Britta Peterson (Zeta), Rules; Joan Funk (Delta), Achievement Award; Linda Adcock (Beta Phi), Educational Excellence; Pat Rinkenberger (Beta Beta), International Projects; Pamela Painter (Chi), Legislation; Marilyn Myers (Beta), Literacy; Mary Wrobel (Gamma Gamma), Music; Delores Jones (Beta Psi), Scholarship; Christine Scheffel (Gamma Epsilon), Women in the Arts; and Cheryl Milewski (Xi), Lambda State Foundation for Educational Studies, Inc., Chair.

INTRODUCTION OF
OUR SOCIETY
REPRESENTATIVE

Cindy Schwab (Beta Zeta) introduced Connie Rensink (Theta Chi) TX, our International Society Representative.

GREETINGS FROM
OUR SOCIETY
REPRESENTATIVE

Connie Rensink (Theta Chi), TX, welcomed the attendees, shared several stories about her DKG experiences, and challenged us to reach out to our members to build relationships.

REGISTRATION
REPORT

Martha Vache (Alpha Phi), Registrar, reported 196 registered for the convention. One hundred seventy-nine (179) of the registrants were members with 163 in attendance at the time of the meeting. (Note: Final registration data was reviewed post-convention with the following final numbers: 194 registered with 174 being DKG ILSO members. One hundred sixty (160) were in attendance on Saturday morning.)

RULES OF THE
GENERAL BUSINESS
MEETING

Britta Peterson (Zeta), Rules Chair, reviewed the rules governing the business of the DKG ILSO General Business Meeting.

MOTION

Britta Peterson (Zeta) moved the adoption of the rules governing the General Business Meeting as printed in the Convention Program.

MOTION PASSED

INTRODUCTION OF
PAGES

Dr. Joan Róg, introduced and thanked Cheryl Cox (Gamma Upsilon), Emilee Baldwin (Gamma Gamma), and Karyn Baldwin (Gamma Gamma) for serving as the pages for the meeting.

REPORT OF
COMMITTEE TO
APPROVE MINUTES OF
APRIL 24, 2021,
GENERAL BUSINESS
MEETING

President Róg reported that the committee of Christine Berto (Nu), Chair, Patricia Gaines (Alpha Delta), and Pamela Rightsel (Beta) reviewed and approved the minutes of the April 24, 2021 General Business Meeting as printed and distributed.

COMMITTEE TO APPROVE MINUTES OF APRIL 30, 2022 GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

Sylvia Olson (Alpha Nu), Chair, Jane Yoder (Pi), and Kennshunna Siggers (Beta Psi) were appointed to approve the minutes of the April 30, 2022 General Business Meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dr. Joan Róg (Beta Alpha), Interim Corresponding Secretary, shared that she has received many calls and communications from members including an email from Irene Jinks (Gamma Iota) wishing us a good convention.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Dr. Joan Róg (Beta Alpha), President, encouraged chapters and coordinating councils to use the *DKG ILSO Strategic Action Plan for Renewal* when planning their meetings and events. She highlighted the February Teach to Lead Summit and the DKG ILSO plans for implementing the goals set by our team at the Summit. These include updating our website to align our vision with meeting the needs of our members and appointing an Ad Hoc Committee to address the changes to meet these needs. She also reported that the US Forum in March was thought provoking, interesting, and fun and she urged members to attend the March 24, 2024 Forum.

OTHER OFFICERS AND PERSONNEL

TREASURER

Vicki L. Smith (Gamma Phi), Treasurer, reviewed the financial reports found in the Convention Booklet. She reported a decline in some of our investments due to the current world situation and is working with our management company to move our investments. However, she stated that a slow rebound has begun. Membership was 2279 with a loss of 16 members as of March 7, 2022. The projected Cash Receipts and Disbursements Available Fund July 1, 2021 – February 28, 2022 Report was not in the Convention Booklet but was shared with the membership via the screen. The report showed an Available Fund Balance of \$215,201.10, about \$5,000.00 higher than a year ago. An anonymous donation helped offset the additional expenses of the hybrid Fall Executive Board Meeting. Total funds in the Foundation for Educational Studies, Inc. accounts as of February 28, 2022 were \$448,109.52, also about \$5,000.00 higher than a year ago.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Dr. Kammie Richter (XI), Executive Assistant, asked members to work with their chapter treasurers to update member emails, phone numbers, and addresses. She shared information about the Volunteers in Technology Assistance program and offered program help to those who need it.

EDITOR

Dr. Kammie Richter (Xi), Editor, requested that *Newscaster* submissions be proofed and sent in a timely manner. Concise articles

with photos are needed, and the Permission to Post for all persons in the photos must be on file.

HISTORIAN Lou Ann Jacobs (Alpha Beta), Historian, reminded chapter presidents to prepare a short history of their biennium for inclusion in the archives and recommended preparing a flash drive containing pertinent information and chapter records for the incoming president. Guidelines have been created and shared to help committee chairs prepare their records for inclusion in the archives.

SOCIETY BUSINESS

CHAPTER VISITATION Dr. Joan Róg (Beta Alpha) read a March 3, 2022 communication from Dr. Jennifer Stringfellow stating her resignation with regret as DKG ILSO Corresponding Secretary and Visitation Chair. Dr. Róg will appoint a replacement for the remainder of the biennium.

COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING Mary Stayner (Pi), Communications and Marketing Chair, announced that a sub-committee chaired by Mary Jane Sterling has been formed to create a new “user friendly” website. She shared that marketing techniques targeting younger members are being formulated to promote the benefits and privileges of membership.

EVENT PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT Dr. Debbie LeBlanc (Beta Phi), Event Planning and Management Chair, summarized the work of her committee including planning of the 2022 Creative Arts Retreat, reviewing the contracts for the Fall 2022 Executive Board Meeting in Bloomington, the 2023 DKG ILSO Convention in Oak Brook, and the 2023 DKG ILSO State Leader Transition Meeting at the Ramada Springfield North. The committee is also exploring virtual conventions and meetings to be more fiscally responsible.

FINANCE Dr. Patricia Kubistal (Kappa), Official Designee LaVonne Chaney (Beta Pi), Finance Chair, moved the following motion.

MOTION **Dr. Patricia Kubistal (Kappa) moved that the state convention fee for each chapter for fiscal year 2022-2023 be \$1.00 per member based on June 30, 2022 report of the Chapter Treasurer.**

MOTION PASSED

MEMBERSHIP Dr. Margaret Trybus (Iota), Membership Chair, addressed the goal of bringing members together across the state for job alike and special interest groups. She reported that membership recruitment ideas will be shared in the *Newscaster*.

MOTION **Dr. Margaret Trybus (Iota) moved to take up a collection at the 2022 Membership Luncheon to send to International Emergency Fund to help Delta Kappa Gamma sisters who may have been impacted by natural disasters.**

MOTION PASSED

- NOMINATIONS** Beverley H. Johns (Alpha Phi), Nominations Chair, shared that her committee updated current forms and has been working with new chapter leaders via information and leadership tips on the website, contacts, and a Zoom meeting to help them prepare for their next biennium.
- PERSONNEL** Melinda Davis (Alpha Theta), Personnel Chair, thanked LaVonne Chaney (Beta Pi) and her committee for filling the editor's and the treasurer's positions last year. She reported that the performance appraisals for the treasurer and the editor have been completed and that contracts will be presented after approval by the Executive Board. The committee also took an inventory of the equipment and will upgrade some equipment upon approval by the Executive Board.
- RULES** Britta Peterson (Zeta), Rules Chair, reported that approved changes in the *Bylaws* and *Standing Rules* at the General Business Meeting and Executive Board Meeting will be incorporated into DKG ILSO documents. The committee will work with chapters to ensure that their Chapter Rules are aligned with state and international rules.
- MOTION** **Britta Peterson (Zeta) moved the Illinois State Organization Bylaws amendments en masse as printed in the 2022 Spring Newscaster, except for those that members wish to consider separately.**
- 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 Illinois State Organization, elected officers, the chairs of all the standing committees, the Chair of the Foundation Board, **the historian**, and the chapter presidents. The editor, executive assistant, parliamentarian, treasurer, professional development coordinator, and webmaster shall be ex officio members, without vote. **4/22**
- ARTICLE VIII EXECUTIVE BOARD
Section 1.
C. Meetings of the Executive Board shall be held at least once per year. **After thirty (30) days' notice, Executive Board meetings may be held in person, electronically, or a combination of both to transact business provided members can hear each other simultaneously and can actively participate in the meeting.** Special meetings may be called by the president with a minimum of thirty (30) days' notice. **4/22**
- ARTICLE IX COMMITTEES
Section 2.
C. The president shall be an ex officio member, **with vote**, of all committees, except the Nominations Committee. **4/22**

ARTICLE IX COMMITTEES

Section 2. General Procedures

A. through G. remain unchanged.

H. Employed personnel and related personnel serving on committees shall be ex officio with vote. 4/22

ARTICLE IX COMMITTEES

Section 3.

A (3) The Event Planning and Management Committee shall be responsible for investigating meeting sites, recommending to the Executive Board dates and locations for conventions, workshops, and Executive Board meetings, negotiating contracts, and planning/managing events. The committee shall maintain a calendar of events including state, regional, and international meetings. The immediate past president and the executive assistant shall serve on the committee. **4/22**

Article IX COMMITTEES

Section 3.

B (2) *The Educational Excellence Committee shall promote professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education. The **professional development coordinator and the executive assistant** shall be members of the committee. **4/22**

MOTION PASSED

MOTION

Britta Peterson (Zeta) moved the Illinois State Organization Standing Rules amendments en masse as printed in the 2022 Spring Newscaster, except for those that members wish to consider separately.

MOTION

Dr. Patricia Kubistal (Kappa) moved to postpone Standing Rules Section 1.31 C.2. to the Fall Executive Board Meeting.

MOTION FAILED

38 Affirmative, 103 Negative

MOTION

Britta Peterson (Zeta) moved Standing Rules Section 1.31 C.2.

Section 1.31 C.2. The plan is to use central locations for the fall State Executive Board meetings **and** state conventions when appropriate facilities are available. **4/22**

MOTION PASSED

MOTION

Dr. Patricia Kubistal (Kappa) moved to postpone Standing Rules Section 1.31 C.3. to the Fall Executive Board Meeting.

MOTION FAILED

MOTION

Britta Peterson (Zeta) moved Standing Rules Section 1.31 C.3.

Section 1.31 C.

3. Fall Executive Board meetings shall be held in person in even-numbered years and virtually in odd-numbered years. State conventions and Executive Board meetings held in conjunction with conventions shall be held in person in odd-numbered years and virtually in even-numbered years. 4/22

MOTION PASSED

MOTION

Britta Peterson (Zeta) moved Standing Rules Section 1.31 C.4. and 1.31 C.5

Section 1.31 C.

4. Training for Chapter Leaders Workshops shall be held virtually or in person in regional locations. 4/22

5. The committee shall report to the State Planning Committee annually. 9/10

MOTION PASSED

MOTION

Britta Peterson (Zeta) moved the adoption of this amendment to ARTICLE 1 FOR STATE page 3c Section 1.32 G.7.d. In a year when designated scholarship funds are not awarded, seventy-five percent (75%) of the funds not awarded may be made available for special study stipends. Add: In a year when designated special study stipend funds are not awarded, one hundred percent (100%) of the special study stipend funds not awarded may be made available to supplement available scholarships.

MOTION PASSED

STATE PLANNING

Dr. Joan Róg (Beta Alpha), State Planning Chair, encouraged members to read the Annual Reports of the committees.

SOCIETY MISSION AND PURPOSES

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Joan Funk (Delta), Achievement Award Chair, discussed the electronic voting system used this year for selecting the Achievement Award recipient from the three candidates. She also hoped that members were able to view the poster display highlighting past Achievement Award recipients Friday evening during the Poster Session.

EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Linda Adcock (Beta Phi), Educational Excellence Chair, recognized her committee members who assisted with the many responsibilities of the committee and at the convention. She reported that the convention evaluation would be emailed to each convention

participant with a deadline to submit the following week. She announced cancellations of two workshops.

MUSIC

Mary Wrobel (Gamma Gamma), Music Chair, introduced the New Jubilation Singers director for this convention, Holley McKee (Gamma Gamma). She added that the Music Committee history has been completed and that there are plans to establish a chamber ensemble for next year's convention.

WOMEN IN THE ARTS

Christine Scheffel (Gamma Epsilon), Women in the Arts Chair, acknowledged the success of the Music Project with the Fairview School students and Mrs. Jennifer Rockwell in the Springfield Public School District #186. She reminded the attendees that the proceeds from Art Mart go to support the M. Josephine O'Neil Arts Award Scholarship and invited them to the 43rd Creative Arts Retreat at Allerton Park in Monticello June 21-23. On a personal note, she thanked the members for their support and communications during her cancer treatments.

LAMBDA STATE
FOUNDATION FOR
EDUCATIONAL
STUDIES, INC.

Cheryl Milewski (Xi), Lambda State Foundation for Educational Studies, Inc. Chair, reminded members that the deadlines for stipend applications are May 1 and November 1. She announced that their next meeting will be May 10, 2022 via Zoom where they will select recipients and review evaluations of former stipend projects.

POINT OF PERSONAL
INTEREST

Antionette Minuzzo (Alpha Nu) thanked the members for their support and cards during her health issues.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no additional announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:59 a.m.