

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Alpha Iota State – Michigan
General Membership Meeting – May 2, 2009
Crowne Plaza Hotel – Grand Rapids, Michigan

- I. **Call to Order**—President J-Jay Pechta called the meeting to order at 8 a.m. after being informed a quorum was present.
- II. **Introduction** of the Head Table
- III. **Inspiration** – Dr. Theresa Lorio
- IV. **Introduction of International Guest** by J-Jay Pechta. Dr. Barbara Day, Immediate past International President brought remarks to the membership.
- V. **Introduction of Keynote Speaker** Melissa McDermid by Jackie Smart. Melissa spoke about her participation in The One Crayon Project in Tanzania.
- VI. **Convention Meeting Rules** were presented by Parliamentarian Dr. Betty Brogan.
- VII. **Recording Secretary**, Kathy Muench- The members were asked if there were any corrections to the Minutes of May 5, 2007. Hearing none, the Minutes were accepted and placed on file.
- VIII. **Motions** presented and voted upon at the Executive Board meeting on May 1, 2009 were announced.
- IX. **Personnel Reports**
 - A. Loretta Miles – Treasurer- Loretta reported there is \$3708.71 in our checking account and \$7050.19 in savings at this time. The treasurer’s report will be filed.
 - B. Sally Garrison – Executive Secretary – Dates listed in the Annual Reports book on page 8 have now been approved. Sally can help with finding roommates. PAC Changeover is June 13th in Lansing. Favors from 2007 NE Regional are for sale with proceeds going to the Wilma Adams Fund.
 - C. Dr. Theresa Lorio – *Wolverine* Editor- June 15th is the deadline for her final *Wolverine*. Theresa thanked the membership for allowing her to be of service to the society as editor for 17 years.
- X. **State Officer Reports**
 - A. President – J-Jay Pechta- She thanked all present that had helped her in any way during her biennium to make the society work.
 - B. First Vice-president – Jackie Smart- Jackie first called on Marilyn Kropf, registrar for this convention to give her report. 191 registered, 9 cancelled, and 18 packets not yet picked up. Presidents for the procession will represent 52 chapters. Those present wearing a smiley face sticker are 1st timers. Jackie also recognized Mary Tracey as the Convention Chair, Janice Lamborne as treasurer and the member of Kenowa Council for being so helpful. Jackie reminded all that the 46 received yearbooks were on display and that 21 had been received on CD’s. The evaluators were recognized.
 - C. Second Vice-president – Olive Horning- The Distinguished Service Award will be given at the Saturday night banquet. Friend of Education forms for this year are available at the Head Table.

- D. Corresponding Secretary – Gloria Richards- Any president, who has not picked up their packet, should do so. If President is not present, a member from that chapter can take it to her.
- E. Recording Secretary – Kathy Muench- Signing the attendance sheets is of the utmost importance. Please keep me informed of Chapter Committee Chair people.
- F. Immediate Past President – Nancy Berkompas- The presidents are asked to line up at 6 p.m. for the processional. This includes flag handlers and those handing out roses.

XI. **Standing Committee Reports**

- A. Society Business Committees – J-Jay Pechta
 - 1. Expansion/Membership – Sandra Norland – The Celebration of Life service will be held on Sunday at 8 a.m.
 - 2. Leadership Development – Judy Foster -Absent
 - 3. Coordinating Councils – Joanne Gardner-Recognized
 - 4. Personnel – Marcia Hoke – Applications are available for *Wolverine* Editor
 - 5. Finance and Audit – Loretta Miles- The provisional budget will be finalized in August and approved in October.
 - 6. Nominations – Ann Laurimore- Ann presented the slate of officers. President Jackie Smart, 1st Vice-president Olive Horning, 2nd Vice-president Gloria Richards, Recording Secretary Kathy Muench, Corresponding Secretary Shaila Jehle, Nominations Committee: Theresa A. Lorio, Judy Evers, Mary Kay Griswold, Judy Foster, and Marilyn Pfister.
President J-Jay repeated the nominations and asked if they were other nominations from the floor.
Dr. Ruth Ann Meyer, Epsilon, presented a written statement indicating the person she was nominating consented to be a nominee for 1st Vice-president.

“I nominate Sandra Norland, Epsilon chapter member, for the position of First Vice-president, Alpha Iota State-Michigan.”

President J-Jay announced at this time the meeting was going to be closed so no one would be allowed to leave or if they did, they would not be allowed to return.

There were no other nominations from the floor for Alpha Iota State Officers.

Sandra Norland was given 2-3 Minutes to speak on her behalf for the position of 1st Vice-president Following these remarks, officer nominations were closed.

Because all nominees were listed on one ballot, President J-Jay asked if there were nominations from the floor for any of the Nominations Committee positions. Hearing none, nominations were closed.

The Nominations Committee passed out ballots. Sandra Norland’s name would need to be written on the ballot. The ballots were collected and counted.

7. Bylaws/Standing Rules – Ann Elmer/Dr. Ruth Ann Meyer. The committee presented the following proposed amendments to the Bylaws/Standing Rules of the Alpha Iota State – Michigan.

Page B-16 Article IX Committees

Section 2 Duties E. Other Committees (7) Historical Document Storage (appointed). This committee shall place state historical documents into permanent storage.

Page SR-16 Article IX Committees

Section 2 Duties E. Other Committees (5) Historical Document Storage shall collect Executive Board Minutes, General Membership Minutes, yearly budget and audits and transfer them to permanent storage medium.

Page B-15 Article IX Committees

Section 3 Duties D. Committees for Educational Services (2) Scholarship/Grants (appointed). The committee shall have charge of the state graduate scholarships and other financial assistance to members for study and attendance at conferences and conventions.

Page SR-13 Article IX Committees

Section 2 General Duties D. Committees for Educational Services (2) Scholarships/Grants B. Grants (1) Award the Purposeful Living Seminar Grant... (2) Award the Katherine Keeling Memorial Grant...

Page SR-14 Article IX Committees

Section 2 General Duties D. Committees for Educational Service (2) Scholarships/Grants B. Grants (3) (e) Should there be no recipient for the Katherine Keeling Memorial Grant for a given year, the funds revert to the Katherine Keeling fund.

Page SR -14 Article IX Committees Section 2 Duties D. Committees for Educational Services (2) Scholarships/Grants B. Grants (3) Award the Kathy Cashen Northeast Regional Conference Grant and administer it as follows: (a) A grant is available for one member from each chapter to subsidize registration fees for a first-timer in attendance at a Northeast Regional Conference. (b) The money available will be divided equally between all chapters applying. (c) The committee shall: Receive applications (postmarked by April 1) of the given year. (2) Notify applicants by June 1 (of the given year) of the amount of each grant. (d) Should there be no recipient for the Kathy Cashen Northeast Regional conference Grant the funds revert to the Kathy Cashen Northeast regional Conference Grant fund. (4) Award the Past President's international Convention Fund and administer it as follows: (a) A grant is available for one member from each chapter to subsidize registration fees for a first-timer in attendance at an international convention. (b) The money available will be divided equally between all chapters applying. (c) The committee shall: 1. Receive applications (postmarked by April 1) of the given year. 2. Notify applicants by June 1 (of the given year) of the amount of each grant. (d) Should there be no recipient for the Past President's International Convention Fund the funds revert to the Past president's International Convention Fund.

Page B-2 Article III Membership Section 4 A. A complete record of all membership in Alpha Iota State – Michigan that has been terminated shall be maintained by the treasurer.

Page B-3 Article IV Finances Section 3 Funds

- A. The state shall maintain an available fund. The accrued annual interest from the available fund shall be utilized in the operating budget of the state.
- B. The state shall maintain a permanent fund. The annual interest from the permanent fund shall be deposited in the available fund.
- C. The state shall maintain a scholarship fund. The accrued interest from the scholarship fund and the total of the chapter contributions shall constitute the available monies for each year's scholarship awards.

Page B-10 Article VII Meetings Section 2 Additional Meetings (A) At least two area workshops shall be held in even-numbered years for the purpose of leadership training and the dissemination of Society information. One of these may be held in conjunction with the fall State Executive Board meeting. If leadership training for chapter officers occurs at two or more sites in the state, the Executive Board may vote to approve a single fall workshop in even-numbered years.

Page B-12 Article IX Committees Section 1

Standing Committees shall be:

- A. Society Business
 - 1. Expansion/Membership
 - 2. Leadership Development
 - 3. Personnel
 - 4. Finance
 - 5. Nominations
 - 6. Bylaws/Standing Rules
 - 7. History
 - 8. Approval of Minutes
 - 9. Chapter/Council Visitations
 - 10. Strategic Planning
- B. Program of Work
 - 1. Program
 - 2. Personal Growth and Services
 - 3. Professional Affairs
 - 4. Research
 - 5. Music
 - 6. Legislation/U.S. Forum
 - 7. Women in the Arts
- C. Educational Services
 - 1. Communications
 - 2. Scholarships/Grants
 - 3. World Fellowship
 - 4. Coordinating Councils
 - 5. Wilma Adams Fund
 - 6. Distinguished Service Award
 - 7. Historical Document Storage
 - 8. Technology
- D. Special

Page B-12 Article IX Committees Section 2 General Procedures

- A. All committees shall be appointed by the president except the Nominations Committee which is elected. The Strategic Planning Committee shall be composed of past state presidents/officers and/or individuals with a broad Society knowledge base and experience in chapter, state and international operations.

Page B-18 Article XII Amendments Section 2

Standing Rules may be amended or rescinded at any annual convention by a majority vote of those registered members present. The proposed changes must be printed in the March issue of the *WOLVERINE*.

Page SR-3 Article IV Finances Section 2 Financial Controls

5 E State Visitations (1) Chapters are eligible for an official visit once each biennium.

Page SR-10 Article IX Committees for Society Business (6) Bylaws/Standing Rules

1. Review the Bylaws and Standing Rules annually, prior to the general membership meeting.
2. Present proposed changes in the Bylaws and Standing Rules to the Executive Board and the general membership.
3. Forward a copy of the current Bylaws/Standing Rules to the International Constitution Committee chairman in odd numbered years for review.
4. Notify chapters when to submit standing rules for review.

Page SR-15 Article IX Committees Section 2

General Duties E Other Committees (2) History

- (a) Maintain an account of the history of the Society chapters in the state. Provide guidelines for the chapters to report contributions of members to education and to Delta Kappa Gamma. This is done in conjunction with the state Executive Secretary.
- (b) The state president writes an historical summary of state activities for her biennium. This is to be submitted no later than (4) weeks after the end of the biennium to the History committee chair.
- (c) Update and maintain biographies of all state presidents.

Page SR-16 Article IX Committees Section 2

Duties E Other Committees (8) Technology

- (a) Encourage/facilitate chapter website creation and continuing operation.
- (b) Direct/coordinate with Alpha Iota State website.
- (c) Provide website technical support.
- (d) Be responsible for equipment, maintenance, storage, set up and site security of any equipment purchased by the state for use at any Society functions.

Editorial Change #1

Use of the term *Wolverine* instead of "state paper".

Change No.1

p. SR-11 D. Committees for Educational Services (1) Communications

1. Advise and assist the editor of the state paper and other publications authorized by the Executive Board when requested. Would read as: D. Committees for Educational Services (1) Communications 1. Advise and assist the editor of the *WOLVERINE* and other publications authorized by the Executive Board when requested.

Editorial Change #2

This will be placed on page SR-17 as a footnote. [end of standing rules]

Term use: Throughout the Alpha Iota bylaws and standing rules document
Where “fall workshop” and “convention” appear in the Bylaws/Standing Rules the term
“conference” will be inferred to read “fall workshop/conference” and
“convention/conference.”

This change will be inferred where appropriate throughout the document.

Ann presented the following motion from the Bylaws/Standing Rules Committee.

“On behalf of the Bylaws/Standing Rules Committee, I move that the proposed amendments to the Bylaws/Standing Rules for Alpha Iota State- Michigan, as printed in the Spring 2009 *Wolverine*, be approved as a unit, except for those items which someone wishes to discuss separately.” Carried.

No proposed changes were separated from the amendments. All proposals were adopted by membership.

8. Approve Minutes – Gloria Fisher
- A. Program of Work Committees–Jackie Smart reported there are 21 sessions offered. 5 are society work, 13 for CEU’s, 2 crafts and 1 water exercise
 1. Professional Affairs – Claire Rettenmund
 2. Personal Growth and Services – Judi Fisher
 3. Research – Elizabeth VanWestenburg
 4. Legislation/US Forum – Elaine Christenson has a survey for MI to fill and leave to help plan for NE Regional. She is also selling pins to raise funds for NE Regional
 5. Music – Nancy Everett invited anyone to join and sing with the Rosebud Choir.
 6. Women in the Arts – Mary Hartman
- B. Educational Services Committees–Olive Horning
 1. Communications – Kay Calley-Martin-Compliments on high quality newsletter. She also recommended we try to schedule computer lab session in the fall.
 2. Technology/Webmaster – Tamara Webster
 3. Scholarships/Grants – Olga Albert- Encouraged us to pick up brochures/ tri-folds on Scholarships/Grants for next year.
 4. Strategic Planning – Dr. Paula Dent
 5. Wilma Adams Fund – Nancy Hemingway for Pam Chappell-Wehle – Stop by table and buy items to help the fund.
 6. World Fellowship – Maria Gonzalez/Julie Kowalski- Be sure to label items dropped off for World Fellowship.
- C. Committees – J-Jay Pechta
 1. Chapter Visitations – Judy Evers – Report amended to read State Officers visited 20 Chapters and 4 Councils.
 2. Historical Documents – Mary Tracey/Marlene Veldheer
 3. Introduction of PAC Chapter President Representatives –Mary Sass, Beta Phi, and Dr. Dorothea French, Beta.

- XII. **Unfinished Business** – The election results were Olive Horning 84 and Sandra Norland 72. Olive is the new 1st Vice-president. All other officers elected. The Nomination Committee sent out to select a Chairman. Theresa Lorio was selected.
- XIII. **New Business** – none
- XIV. **Announcements** – Practice for Installation will be at 4:15.
- XV. **Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Approved to be placed on file

Date

Kathy Muench Alpha Iota State Recording Secretary

Gloria Fisher Alpha Iota State Approve Minutes Chairman