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Highlights shared of the Executive Board Meeting - Oct. 4, 2014

Tau State Executive Board met on Saturday, October 4, 2014, at the Maple Grove Library.

The Nominations Committee presented the slate of officers for the next biennium.

Tau State auditors found all books to be in order.

The Professional Affairs Committee recommended that the Grant-In-Aid Scholarship continue to be given to a student, but be increased to \$750 and awarded every other year beginning in the spring of 2015.

The board discussed the Copyright Infringement/Hold Harmless Policy which was approved by the International Administrative Board in November 2013. The board agreed to sign the waiver as recommended by International.

Chapter TAU dissolution was approved. Members may join other chapters in the area.

A state DKG Women's Leadership Retreat is tentatively set for June 23-25, 2015 at St. Ben's.

If any member would like to read the fall officer/committee reports they can request access to Dropbox either from Kathy Patton or their chapter leadership.

Dates to remember:

November 27, 2014: Jeannette Fair Nominations due

January 15, 2015: Women of Achievement Nominations due

January 15, 2015: Birdella Ross Scholarship Nominations due

February 1, 2015: State Executive Board will hold a GoTo meeting

April 17-19, 2015: TAU State Convention - Bemidji, MN

April 18, 2015: State Executive Board Meeting in Bemidji

June 23-25, 2015 (tentative): Leadership Retreat - St. Ben's

July 29-August 1, 2015: Northwest Regional Conference - Regina, Saskatchewan

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Greetings from your new North Star News editor! I was very naive when I agreed to take on this task. I thought, "How hard could it be to copy and paste what others had written?"

I since have a profound appreciation for all the work our previous editor, Robbie Johnson did to publish the three yearly editions of North Star News! If you have anything you would like to see in the Winter edition, please contact me:

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Thoughts From State President, Kathy

My theme for this biennium is **ACT**:

Achieving goals
Celebrating
Communicating **T**ogether

What I have learned this past year as Tau State President



Kathy Patton
Tau State President

Dedication; I am dedicated to doing the best work I can for you

Education; There are many educational opportunities at chapter meetings, state conferences/conventions, regional conferences, and international conventions

Learning; Continue teaching me, I am constantly learning from you

Together; **W**e will continue to use every opportunity we have to teach others about this fabulous organization

Asking; I am going to start asking more about you and asking more from you. It's that "Together" thing

Knowledge; There is an amazing wealth of knowledge in this room that I have access to

Always; **P**ut yourself out there, you never know what can happen

Praise; Share the good works that occur in your chapter

Publicize; Get the word out about DKG; use those elevator speeches

Aadjust; It's ok to make changes, all groups make adjustments along the way

Give; I hope to give you everything that you need and want to do your job

Aaccept; We are an organization that needs a boost and this takes work

Manage; Balance is something we all need to keep in mind.

Make room for all voices; every generation has its place

Applaud; Celebrate- we have much to be proud of

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Nominations Committee presents slate of officers for the next biennium

submitted by Kate Pearson, TAU State Nominations Committee Chair

This summer, the Nominations Committee sought out a slate of officers for the 2015-2017 biennium. To date, the members listed below have indicated that they would be willing to serve.

President	Sally Nyhus
First Vice President	Ann Vanvick
Second Vice President	Michelle Dahlby
Secretary	Adele Munsterman

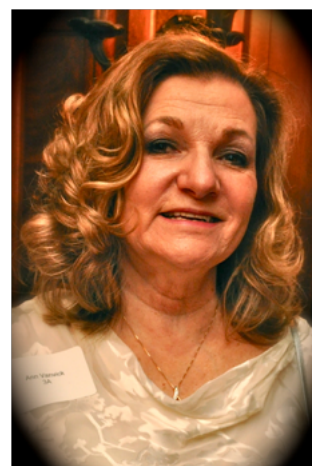
In addition, Kathy VanWert, a member of the MU Chapter in Bemidji, has indicated that she would accept the position of Nominations Chair.



Sally L. Nyhus

Sally L. Nyhus is the nominee for President. She taught K-12 music for four years in Auburndale, WI, before moving to Minnesota where she taught elementary music for 33 years in Cottage Grove. Retiring after 37 years of teaching, Sally has found a second career as a substitute teacher. She joined DKG in 1990 when she was initiated into Alpha Omega. Sally has been Alpha Omega's president, music chair and technology chair. On the state level, she has served on leadership development, bylaws, and nominations committees; been recording secretary and is currently 1st Vice President. Sally is honored to serve Tau State members as president in the next biennium. "As president, I will do my best to maintain and improve membership and communications. Together we will enact any necessary changes to sustain Tau State."

Ann Vanvick is the nominee for first vice president. After 36 years of teaching special education in the Robbinsdale School district, Ann is retired but still enjoys substitute teaching. Ann held many positions in the Robbinsdale Education Association including president. She is active in the Minneapolis Branch of AAUW where she has held many leadership positions and has served on several committees. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Chapter where she is the main contact person for the Leadership Team. Her favorite part of being 2nd Vice President was getting to meet and know so many wonderful educators. She says, "I believe in our mission and would like to see Tau State grow and strengthen so all female teachers



Ann Vanvick



Michelle Dahlby

Michelle Dahlby is the nominee for second vice president. She is the 2013-2015 Tau State recording secretary. As a classroom teacher, Michelle enjoys teaching fifth graders and directs both an after school science enrichment program and the 21st Century tutoring program. Active on district curriculum committees and on state testing panels, she is passionate about education. Her guiding quote is from Margaret Mead: “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world;

Adele Munsterman is the nominee for secretary. She is a well known World Language teacher in the state of Minnesota. Retired after a 32-year career in the Fridley Public Schools, Adele continues to teach as a free-lance educator, filling in where needed each year in the Metro Area and beyond. Adele has held many leadership positions including having served as president of the Minnesota Council on the Teaching of Languages and Cultures (MCTLC), the Minnesota Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese (AATSP-MN), and the University of Minnesota Alumni Association, College of Education and Human Development (UMAA-CEHD). She will bring new ideas, organizational and leadership skills, as well as a network of educationally-related connections to the Tau State Board.



Adele Munsterman



Kathy Van Wert

Kathy Van Wert has been nominated for State Nomination Chair. She has been a member of the Mu Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma for 2 years. She feels it is truly an honor to be a part of such an important institution. Kathy has been in education for 32 years, and has worked with preschool, elementary, middle school, high school students and adults at the college level. She really cannot choose a level of education she enjoys most; they each bring their own joys and challenges! Currently, she is the principal at Paul Bunyan Elementary and also the Early Intervention Programs for the Bemidji School District in Bemidji, MN.

"Advancing Forward" to Build Membership

submitted by Kim Kusler, TAU State Membership Chair

Dr. Lyn Babb Schmid, the 2014-15 Delta Kappa Gamma International President, has put forth a challenge to women educators in our organization--"Advance Forward". We need to recognize and retain those things of the past having value, but we must also be progressive. Is your chapter "keeping up"? Are your members willing to change and to challenge themselves?

An important way to advance our Tau State chapters forward is to support and invite young women educators. As Dr. Schmid states, "We absolutely need to advance the skills and leadership of young women educators to walk courageously into their new schools, knowing that through their personal and collective growth, through the growth that YOU will inspire and mentor, positive changes will inevitably come about in your own community, in your state, province, or country, and in this world."

What can our state chapters do to reach out and attract young women educators? By initiating a "Support for Early-Career Educators" project, you and your Delta Kappa Gamma sisters will be able to support and identify potential new members for your chapter. Be creative in support of early-career educators with a variety of strategies, such as:

- Giving support with phone calls and visits,
- Volunteering in their classrooms,
- Helping with lesson plans and bulletin board ideas,
- Providing classroom supplies and necessities,
- Offering advice on classroom management and parent-teacher relations; and
- Providing other assistance in appropriate and practical ways.

To "advance forward", we must invite and initiate young women educators into our society. These women will help advance Delta Kappa Gamma into the next generation of growth, innovation, and progress.



Birdella Ross Scholarship

The Birdella Ross Scholarship is distributed in odd-numbered years to members who have belonged to Delta Kappa Gamma for at least two years. The Scholarship may be for a graduate degree, licensure, or an allowance for a "special workshop." Funds may be granted for travel credit. The award of \$4,000 may be awarded in part or fully.

Applicants for the Birdella Ross Scholarship "... shall obtain from their chapter president or scholarship chair an official application form." It must be returned to the state scholarship chair before January 15, 2015.

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3330 Edinborough Way
Minneapolis, MN 55435-5256
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Woman of Achievement

This award is given in odd numbered years. You may nominate a member for this award for 2014 and another for 2015. These awards will be presented at the Tau State Convention in April in Bemidji.

Nomination/application forms are available online at the Tau State Website:
www.deltakappagamma.org/MN/forms The completed form should be sent to:

Cory Peters
5191 Rose Street
Owatonna, MN 55060

Please circle the year for each person you nominated. Also attach a photograph (not a computer printed one) along with the nomination form. You may add an additional sheet of information if necessary.

If you have any questions please contact her at 507-451-2103, 507-213-6680 or
cjpeters45@q.com

Deadline is January 15, 2015

Nominees for Jeanette Fair Book Award Wanted

The communications committee will be accepting nominations for the Jeannette Fair Book award this fall. This year is for children's literature. Please submit your nomination by **November 27th**, to allow the committee time to read and evaluate all submissions. The nomination form may be found on the TAU State website. Please send your nominations to maress625@gmail.com. This year's committee is being formed at this time.

Marcia Essman
Communications Chair



Celebrate!



Kappa Chapter member, Dr. Insoon Han assisted Dr. Ariri Onchwari in a project "Building a Mentoring Culture that Supports Recruiting Faculty and Staff of Color." The project received the University of Minnesota 2014 Equity and Diversity Transformation Award. The project focuses on retention and capacity-building of existing faculty and staff of color as a strategy for recruiting more faculty and staff of color. Insoon and Ariri, speakers at the spring Tau State Conference in Duluth, reached out to senior faculty of color for their wisdom and experience to the program to provide a network of resources and promote a culture of mentoring through active interactions. Although the program is specific to the University of Minnesota Duluth, the award was recognition from the wider U of M system.

Congratulations, Insoon and Ariri!



Jan Sorell, Eta Chapter, has been named SCAREM Teacher of the year. (St. Cloud Area Retired Educators)

Congratulations, Jan!

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TAU STATE CONVENTION

“Lighting the Way for Learners”



SANFORD CENTER
George W. Neilson Convention Center
1111 Event Center Drive NE, Bemidji
Located on the shores of Lake Bemidji

Friday, April 17 - Sunday, April 19

TAU State President, Kathy Patton,
welcomes you to enjoy

- Opportunities to learn more about DKG
- Inspirational speakers
- Educational and informative breakout sessions
- Lively entertainment Friday and Saturday nights
- Friday tours for early birds
- Men's Auxiliary activities
- Chef-inspired delicious meals

For more information go to
<http://dkgtaustateconvention.weebly.com>



Relax and renew in the company of friends old and new
Come early, stay late, and explore Bemidji - the official First City on the Mississippi!

Hosted by MU and CHI Chapters

Designed by Kammi Rutter