



**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL
ALPHA CHI NEVADA STATE
EXECUTIVE BOARD ZOOM MEETING
VIRTUAL STATE CONVENTION
March 26, 2021 4:00 P.M.**

Calling the Meeting to Order: State President Cheryl Anderson (Delta) called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Past State President Marlene Killion (Omicron) led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Inspiration: Jill Murphy (Kappa Chapter President) attempted to give the Inspiration, but there was difficulty with accessing her presentation on the computer. The Inspiration from Jill will be at the end of the meeting.

State President Cheryl Anderson shared “The Circle of Women” from Sark. She noted that all women possess Leadership Traits, and “some rise with distinction.”

Attendance Raffle: State President Cheryl Anderson provided an Attendance Raffle in which Kappa Chapter President, Jill Murphy, won a gift card for Starbucks.

Acknowledgments & Recognition of Achievements

State President Cheryl Anderson recognized all that volunteered to start our meeting today with a thank you.

SOCIETY BUSINESS

Parliamentary Procedure Directives – Gwen Anne Thacker (Delta), State Parliamentarian, reminded everyone to address the President with Madam President before speaking and identify yourself with your name and Chapter.

Attendance - Maxine Emm (Delta), State Secretary

State Officers in Attendance:

Cheryl Anderson (Delta), President__X__; Pat Goeppinger (Gamma), 1st Vice President X__; Karen Laskowski (Gamma), 2nd Vice President__X__; Maxine Emm (Delta), Secretary__X__; Heidi Hull (Omicron), Treasurer__X__; Gwen Anne Thacker (Delta), Parliamentarian__X__ Total 6 of 6

Chapter Presidents in Attendance:

Gemma Romo (Alpha)__X__; Irene Chachas (Beta)__A__; Karen Laskowski (Gamma) __X__; Maxine Emm & Cheryl Anderson (Delta)__X__; Jennifer Neeman & Barbara Bernstein (Epsilon)__X__; Jane Barnes & Terrie Camenisch (Theta)__A__;

Jill Murphy (Kappa) __X__ ; Linda Scribner (Lambda) __X__ ;
Ann Dankworth Nu) __X__ ; Marilyn Howard (Xi) __X__ ; Jennifer Bergenheier
(Omicron) __X__
Total 9 of 11

Chapter Members in Attendance:

Alpha __1__ ; Beta __0__ ; Gamma __3__ ; Delta __3__ ; Epsilon __3__ ;
Theta __4__ ; Kappa __1__ ; Lambda __1__ ; Nu __5__ ; Xi __8__ ; Omicron __3__
Total __27__

International Past President in Attendance:

Carol Mueller (Theta) __A__

DKG Nevada State Active Past Presidents in Attendance:

Susan Capistrant (Theta) __X__ ; Maxine Emm (Delta) __X__ ; Gwen Anne Thacker
(Delta) __X__ ; Judy Silker (Nu) __X__ ; Marlene Killion (Omicron) __X__ ; Dorothy Todd
(Nu) __X__ ; Sharon Cathy (Lambda) __A__ ; Carol Mueller (Theta) __A__
Total 6 of 8

State Committee Chairs in Attendance:

Membership Chair: Karen Laskowski (Gamma) __X__

Necrology Chair: Karen Laskowski (Gamma) __X__

Finance Committee Chair: Linda Getschman (Nu) __X__

Communication's Chair: Maxine Emm (Delta) __X__

Webmaster: Cindy Frazer (Gamma) __X__

NevadaGram Editor: Gwen Anne Thacker (Delta) __X__

Nominating Committee 2019-2021: Emily Ladner, South (Epsilon) __X__ ; Pat Hutson,
North (Nu) __X__ ; Juanita Karr, Outlying (Kappa) __A__

Committee to Approve Minutes (Tonopah Executive Board August 17, 2019): Karen
Laskowski (Gamma) __X__ ; Pat Goeppinger (Gamma) __X__ ; Pat Hutson (Nu) __X__

Historian: Heidi Hull (Omicron) __X__

Educational Excellence & Nevada Apple Chair: Pat Goeppinger (Gamma) __X__

Rose of Recognition Chair: Pat Goeppinger (Gamma) __X__

Exemplary Award: Pat Goeppinger, Chair (Gamma) __X__ ; Cheryl Anderson, State
President (Delta) __X__ ; Carol Cardillo (Theta) __X__ ; Cecelia Neroda (Xi) __X__ ; Heidi
Hull (Omicron) __X__ ; Karen Laskowski, Alternate (Gamma) __X__

Gold Key Chair: Cheryl Anderson (Delta) __X__

Martha Schultz Doctoral Scholarship: Cheryl Anderson (Delta), State President __X__;
Heidi Hull (Omicron), State Treasurer __X__; Susan Capistrant (Theta), Past State
President __X__

Annie Webb Blanton State Scholarship Chair: Leta Rabenstine (Xi) __X__

Emergency Fund Chair: Marlene Killion (Omicron) __X__

Educational Foundation Chair: Karen Laskowski (Gamma) __X__

Arts & Humanities Jury, Nevada Representative: Ardynne Sprinkle (Theta) __X__

Bylaws Chairs: Gwen Anne Thacker (Delta) __X__ & Marlene Killion (Omicron) __X__

Leadership Chairs: Marlene Killion (Omicron) __X__ & Gwen Anne Thacker
(Delta) __X__

US Forum Southwest Regional Nevada Representative: Pat Goeppinger
(Gamma) __X__

World Fellowship Chair: Pat Goeppinger (Gamma) __X__

Total 22 of 22 Committees Represented.

1. **Approval of Minutes:**

The Committee recommended to approve the minutes as posted/distributed for the September 12, 2020 Zoom Executive Board Meeting in Virtual Tonopah. Committee members were Cindy Frazer (Gamma), Pat Goeppinger (Gamma), and Leta Rabenstine (Xi).

DRAFT Minutes were posted on the state website & e-mailed to all Executive Board members. Since no corrections nor additions were made from the floor, the minutes were approved as posted and distributed.

2. **Committee to Approve Minutes for March 26, 2021 Executive Board Zoom Meeting:**

*Appointment of three committee members include Susan Capistrant (Theta), Past State President; Cecelia Neroda (Xi); Karen Laskowski (Gamma).

3. **President's Report:** Cheryl Anderson (Delta), State President noted that the Chapter Presidents would be giving and overview of their year during the General Session. Each Chapter will have 2 minutes to share.

President Cheryl has spent much of the year attending Zoom Meetings with International and this has helped her to be more confident and gain knowledge about how to do zoom. She has also supported Chapters by using her Zoom Account to help them set up meetings and she has also attended Zoom meetings with Individual Chapters and Joint Chapters.

Due to the Pandemic, Cheryl explained that the Executive Board would like to serve two more years. She felt that the current Executive Board has not had an opportunity to do the job that we were voted in to do; therefore, we are asking the State Organization to vote for the current slate of officers for the next two years.

4. **Membership Report:** Karen Laskowski (Gamma), State 2nd Vice President announced that Alpha Chi Nevada has 187 members currently with 173 active members, 12 reserve members, 1 Honorary Chapter member (Sue Wagner), and 1 State Honorary member (Sandy Miller).
5. **Necrology Report:** Karen Laskowski (Gamma), State 2nd Vice President announced that we have 11 members that will be recognized during the Memorial Service. The members include: Mardis Dorsa (Kappa), Dr. Sandra Scheler Mangiapia Riley (Theta), Minnis Alderman (Beta), Linda Trontel (Kappa), Donna "Bonnie" Foard (Alpha and Xi), Claudia "Gae" Christensen (Beta), Wilma Birks (Alpha), Doris Nachtsheim (Alpha), Kay Brown (Delta & Nu), Ruth Golden (Epsilon), and Marilyn Gross (Theta).
6. **Treasurer's & Finance Report:** Heidi Hull (Omicron), State Treasurer reported that the Alpha Chi Finances includes:
Checking Account \$7512.00 , Permanent Fund \$1991.09,
Annie Webb \$7052.92 (\$6863.92 + \$189 (\$1 per member),
Martha Schultz \$30,066.88

Linda Getschman (Nu), **State Finance Chair** congratulated Heidi on doing a great job!
Heidi has kept her informed and is keeping the finances in order.

7. **State Website Report:** Cindy Frazer (Gamma), Webmaster requested that members keep the information provided to International current and updated, especially contact information such as e-mails, addresses, and phone numbers. Not only does the International and State need the information, but your local Chapter and our State Organization also needs the current information. Communication is key for networking and providing information that will benefit your membership.
Cindy wanted to remind members of the new pages to the Website. We now have a "Memorial" Page and a "Kudos and Acknowledgement" page in which members can recognize others for outstanding efforts.
10. **NevadaGram Report:** Gwen Anne Thacker (Delta), Editor thanked everyone for being truly supportive and understanding during her illness. She also announced that upcoming NVGram deadlines for submitting articles will be May 1st, July 1st, Sept 1st. Please send your photos and articles for the upcoming NVGrams.
11. **Educational Excellence & Nevada Apple Report:** Pat Goeppinger (Gamma), Chair & Cheryl Anderson (Delta), State President. Pat Goeppinger announced that she would be sending out Sample Surveys for Chapter preferences, Best Projects that Chapters have done, and Virtual Ice Breakers and Activities for Chapters to do Educational Excellence.
Pat reminded Chapters that the Folders and Certificates for the NV Apple Award were sent out in September. Pat suggested that Chapter active teachers be recognized if Chapters are having difficulty awarding the Apple Award.
12. **Communications Report:** Chairperson Maxine Emm (Delta) reported that Awards will be awarded for 2019-2020 and 2020-2021. For 2019-2021, Honorable Mention Awards will be

given to 5 Chapters for having at least one newsletter and/or a Chapter Website. Four Chapters will be receiving Outstanding Awards for having four Chapter Newsletters and a Chapter website. For 2020-2021, Honorable Mention Awards will be given to 4 Chapters for having at least one newsletter and/or a Chapter Website. Five Chapters will be receiving Outstanding Awards for having four Chapter Newsletters and a Chapter Website.

13. **Gold Key Report:** Chairperson Cheryl Anderson (Delta) reported that 5 Gold Key Awards and 4 Honorable Mentions will be awarded for 2019-2020; 6 Gold Key Awards and 3 Honorable Mentions for 2020-2021. Cheryl reviewed the criteria for the Gold Key Award and reported on the meeting she had with Chapter Presidents to review the criteria and discuss each Chapter's status for the Gold Key Award.
14. **Rose of Recognition Report:** Chairperson Pat Goeppinger (Gamma) reported that ten Rose of Recognition Awards will be given for 2019-2020 and eight Awards would be given for 2020-2021.
15. **Exemplary Award Report:** Chairperson Pat Goeppinger (Gamma) will be presenting one Award for 2019-2020 and one Award for 2020-2021.
16. **Martha Schulz Doctoral Scholarship Report:** Chairperson Heidi Hull (Omicron) announced that previous Martha Schulz Doctoral Scholarship Recipient Susan Capistrant (Theta) has completed her Doctoral Program and has received her degree. Congratulations to Susan. Heidi announced that we had no applications for the Scholarship this year.
17. **Annie Webb Blanton State Scholarship Report:** Chairperson Leta Rabenstine (Xi) announced that there were no applications for the Scholarship this year. Leta encouraged members to apply for the Scholarship in the future and explained the criteria for the Scholarship.
18. **Emergency Fund Report:** Chairperson Marlene Killion (Omicron) announced that five Chapters have contributed to the Fund. She will be researching to make sure all Chapters are recognized for contributing. As of now, Gamma, Delta, Lambda, Theta and Xi have contributed to the Emergency Fund.
19. **Leadership Report:** Co-Chair Marlene Killion (Omicron) and Co-Chair Gwen Anne (Delta) announced that the Executive Board approved the Leadership Training to take place the Sunday after the State Convention. However, because the State Officers will be continuing in their roles for the next two years and the Officers will be the same, there will not be a Leadership Training this year. The schedule for training is to have State Officers trained on odd years and Chapter Presidents trained on even years. Therefore, next year in 2022, the incoming Chapter Presidents will be trained on the Sunday following the State Convention.
20. **Educational Fund Report:** Chairperson Karen Laskowski (Gamma) reported that the DKG Organization Educational Fund has merged with other Fundraising entities of DKG. Judy Merz will be reporting on the merge during the General Session. Treasurer Heidi Hull Treasurer noted that the Alpha Chi State has collected money for the

Educational Fund in Doris Nachtsheim's name. The State is also collecting money to send to the Educational Fund in Minnis Alderman's name. Judy suggested that for tax purposes, individuals might want to contribute on their own for tax purposes. However, it was noted that it takes a large amount of money to get a tax write-off.

21. **Southwest Regional US Forum Report:** Nevada Representative Pat Goeppinger (Gamma), announced that Daphne Cagle (CA) is our Southwest Regional US Forum Representative. Some of the issues that are being supported are a repeal of Social Security reduction for Teachers in States that reduce Social Security payments to educators. Also, the support of Mental Health Services for educators and students.
22. **Arts & Humanities Jury Report:** Nevada Representative Ardynne Sprinkle (Theta) is looking into what DKG is currently doing for Arts and Humanities. Ardynne announced that Theta Chapter supports Arts and Humanities. Theta Chapter has a member that is an artist and even has her own art studio.
23. **World Fellowship Report:** Chairperson Pat Goeppinger (Gamma) announced that International DKG has sponsored 23 scholarships for recipients from 19 countries with \$80,000 being awarded. The women are attending schools in the United States and Canada. The awards are for \$4,000 and extension awards are for \$4500 to \$5000. The women are majoring in a variety of fields with the basis of the Scholarship to support the students to advance their educations. The Scholarships have been affiliated with the Fulbright Program.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

State Convention Report: Marilynn Howard, Xi Chapter President, announced that Xi Chapter is still planning and preparing for the next in person State Convention.

Unity & Collegiality Report: Cheryl Anderson (Delta), State President has been attending Chapter Meetings when they were outdoors and Virtual Chapter and Joint Chapter Meetings.

State Bylaw Revision Recommendations to General Session & Procedures: Gwen Anne Thacker (Delta) & Marlene Killion (Omicron) will be leading the group in voting to approve the ByLaw Revisions. The ByLaw Revisions have been posted for some time and if there are any questions, please send a chat message to Gwen Anne as soon as possible.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation of Slate of 2021-2023 State Executive Board Officers & Nominating Committee:

Committee: Pat Hutson (Nu), Emily Ladner (Epsilon), Juanita Karr (Kappa).

Emily Ladner (Epsilon) will be presenting the Slate of Officers for the next biennium for a vote.

Nominations from the floor will be accepted and a procedure was prepared for the voting if nominations from the floor occurs. Members will be voting through Chat.

The current Slate of Officers include: Cheryl Anderson (Delta), President; Karen Laskowski (Gamma), 1st Vice-President; Pat Goeppinger (Gamma), 2nd Vice-President; Maxine Emm (Delta), Secretary; Pat Hutson (Nu), North Nominating Committee Member, Emily Ladner (Epsilon), South Nominating

Committee, Juanita Karr (Kappa), Outlying Nominating Committee.

DKG Storage Shed: Maxine Emm (Delta), State Secretary is currently paying for storage at the Mule Flat Storage Units. The Unit is number 61. Chapters that currently have tubs in the shed are Pi, Nu, Xi, and Alpha Chi State. Maxine is concerned that the items in the shed will be forgotten and are not important enough to store. There was no action taken. The Board agreed to allow Maxine and Cheryl to go through the materials this summer and make a recommendation.

Appointment of New State Historian: Cheryl Anderson (Delta), State President; & Heidi Hull (Omicron), State Treasurer. The State Historian position will be presented to the General Session.

State Fundraiser presented for Selling T-Shirts. The idea will be presented to the General Session for a vote.

Installation of 2021-2023 State Officers (General Session)

Convention Speaker – Maxine Emm, Communication Chair will speak on “Communication and DKG”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Northern Nevada Holiday Luncheon Update: Cheryl Anderson, Delta Chapter Co-President

*Saturday, December 4, 2021 @ Carson Valley Inn, Minden

Theta’s Annual Arts & Craft’s Fair Fundraiser: Susan Capistrant (Theta) asked if she could make an announcement about the Fundraiser to the General Session. The Event will be on April 24, 2021 9:00am-3:00pm at Moana Nursery in Reno.

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Jill Murphy (Kappa) was able to share her uplifting Inspiration video Andra Day’s *Rise Up*. The video’s beautiful lyrics and music was the perfect way to end the evening!

ADJOURNMENT at 6:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted

Maxine Emm, State Secretary