



DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL

ALPHA CHI NEVADA STATE

ZOOM GENERAL SESSION

VIRTUAL STATE CONVENTION

March 27, 2021 9:00 A.M.

Call to Order – State President Cheryl Anderson (Delta) called the meeting to order at 9:11 am.

Pledge of Allegiance – Cecelia Neroda (Xi) led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Inspiration – Ardynne Sprinkle (Theta) recognized Frankie Sue Del Pappa (former NV State Attorney General) in recognition of Women’s History Month. From the “30,000 Days of the Game of Life”, Ardynne noted that “we should remake our world in our own definition of success. We shape our lives and shape ourselves. Choices are our responsibility.”

Attendance Raffle: Ardynne Sprinkle (Theta) won the Attendance Raffle. She won a See’s Candy gift card.

Acknowledgments & Recognition of Achievements: State President Cheryl Anderson recognized all that volunteered to start our meeting today with a thank you.

SOCIETY BUSINESS

1. **Parliamentary Procedure Directives** – State Parliamentarian Gwen Anne Thacker (Delta) reminded everyone to address the President with Madam President before speaking and to identify yourself with your name and Chapter. Please use the Zoom Chat Box if you have questions.

2. **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)__A__; 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)__X__; 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 __4__ ; Beta __0__ ; Gamma __4__ ; Delta __7__ ; Epsilon __5__ ;
Theta __7__ ; Kappa __2__ ; Lambda __1__ ; Nu __6__ ; Xi __8__ ; Omicron __3__
Total __47__

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) ____ ; Carol Mueller (Theta) ____ 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) __A__ ; Juanita Karr, Outlying (Kappa) __A__

Committee to Approve Minutes (State Convention General Session March 16, 2019):
Karen Laskowski (Gamma) __X__ ; Pat Goeppinger (Gamma) __X__ ; Linda Scribner
__A__

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__

3. Approval of Minutes:

Committee to approve minutes for September 12, 2020 Zoom Meeting in Virtual Tonopah are:

Cindy Frazer (Gamma)
Pat Goeppinger (Gamma)
Leta Rabenstine (Xi).

The Committee recommended approval of minutes as posted/distributed. Minutes (DRAFT) were posted on the state website & emailed to all Executive Board members. On March 26, 2021, at the State Executive Board meeting, the minutes for 9/12/19 Virtual Tonopah Executive Board meeting were approved by consent with no corrections or additions.

Committee to approve minutes for March 16, 2019 General Session State Convention are:

Karen Laskowski (Gamma)
Pat Goeppinger (Gamma)
Linda Scribner (Lambda)

The Committee recommended approval of minutes as posted. Minutes (DRAFT) were posted on the State website. On March 27, 2021, during the State Convention General Session, the minutes for 3/16/19 General Session were approved by consent with no corrections or additions.

4. Committee to Approve Minutes for March 26-27, 2021:

Committee members to approve the minutes from the March 26, 2021 Executive Board meeting were appointed by State President Cheryl Anderson. They are Sue Capistrant (Theta), Cecelia Neroda (Xi), and Karen Laskowski (Gamma).

Committee members to approve the minutes from the March 27, 2021 General Session meeting are Ardynne Sprinkle (Theta), Pat Goeppinger (Gamma), and Dorothy Todd (Nu).

5. **President's Report:** Cheryl Anderson (Delta) noted that the Chapter Presidents' would be giving an overview of their year. Each Chapter will have 2 minutes to share.

***Alpha Chapter:** Eva LeRud noted that this year was a challenge using Zoom. Participation decreased with members feeling more distant and less involved. Doris Nachtsheim and Wilma Birks passed away this year. Doris will be missed since she was an integral part of the Alpha Chapter.

***Beta Chapter:** Members Minnis Alderman and Claudia Gae Christensen passed away this year.

***Gamma Chapter:** Karen Laskowski reported that Linda Fleming was recognized as a 50-Year member. Gamma Chapter had a backyard meeting in September. Everyone missed the connections*

***Delta Chapter:** Maxine reported that Delta Chapter met face to face outdoors in September and October. They have had virtual zoom meetings every month after that. President Cheryl worked very hard to help everyone enjoy a holiday each month including birthdays and other important events. Chapter members provided activities and learning opportunities for the Chapter. They also tried to continue their philanthropic activities as much as possible. Delta inducted two new members this year, Rosanne Anderson and Paige Coziahr. Member Kay Brown from Delta and Nu passed away this year.

***Epsilon Chapter:** Jennifer Neeman reported that Epsilon is having a virtual zoom meeting in March. They hope to have a planning meeting in April and a Founder's Day Meeting in May. We are inviting State President Cheryl Anderson to our May Meeting. We have had a difficult time this year because some members do not have internet. Member Ruth Golden passed away this year.

***Kappa Chapter:** Jill Murphy reported that this was her first year as President. Kappa Chapter has used Google Meet and phones to meet. They have had 12 to 15 members participate. Their meetings were scheduled for October, December, February, and April. More and more members seem to be attending at each meeting. Their meetings have consisted of delivering meals, activities, games, and inspirations. The communities in schools are supporting the students and student activities. Members Mardis Dorsa and Linda Trontel passed away this year.

***Theta:** Jane Barnes reported that they had an induction in September. In October, Educational Excellence was voted on. Janice Clark is the new Communication Chair. Two Apple Awards were presented to Picollo School. In January, Ardynne Sprinkle presented the Washoe Valley Alliance. In February, we learned about the Quest for Education-Brain Structures. In March, Susan Capistrant presented her Dissertation about "How Adults Learn." On April 26, Theta Chapter will be hosting their Annual Arts and Crafts Fair at Moana Nursery between 9am and 3pm.

***Nu Chapter:** Ann Dankworth is a first year President. She is also a nurse at Eagle Valley Middle School and was very busy this year with COVID-19 at the school. In September, the Chapter discussed giving each school \$25 for "Tenacious Teachers." The idea was tabled.

***Omicron Chapter:** Spring and Summer gift bags are planned for staff on Teacher Appreciation Day. A Give Away was planned for New Teachers. One half of Omicron members are full time teachers. The Founder's Day Tea and the October White Elephant Exchange have been cancelled. One Omicron member had surgery and one had COVID-19. The Holiday Fundraiser was on hold for this year. We have not received any applications for Apple Awards.

***Xi Chapter:** Marilyn Howard gave kudos to everyone. She wanted to thank Nicole Howard for

helping to set up Zoom for Chapter meetings. Also, thanks given to Chapter Sisters for supporting each other during these difficult times. In October, Xi Chapter had an Octoberfest Sockfest as a community outreach for the Reno Veteran's Home. They had a luncheon of Brauts, Saurekraut, Potato Salad, Chinese Chicken Salad, and Chocolate Cake. Linda Beeghly presented a lesson on "Still Painting." In December, they had a Zoom Luncheon with sandwiches from Deli Town and a Hidden Christmas Picture Game. In January, they had a speaker on "Positive Healing." In February, they had a Guest Speaker. Each month, birthdays were celebrated. They did an outreach to Libby Booth School with a monetary donation. State Convention perishables went to the Washoe Sheriff's Department and the Boys and Girls Club. Plans for next year's State Convention is continuing. Member Bonnie Foard, a 50-year DKG member, passed away this year.

6. **Membership Report:** Membership Chair Karen Laskowski (Gamma) Reported a Total of 187 NV State members including 173 Active, 12 Reserve, 1 Honorary Member from Alpha Chapter (Sue Wagner), and 1 NV State Honorary Member (Sandy Miller).
7. **Necrology Report:** Necrology Chair Karen Laskowski (Gamma) reported 11 Members passing away this past year. They include Mardis Dorsa (Kappa), Dr. Sandra Scheler-Mangiapia Riley (Theta), Minnis Alderman (Beta), Linda Trontel (Kappa), Donna "Bonnie" Foard (Alpha & XI), Claudia Gae Christensen (Beta), Wilma Birks (Alpha), Marilyn Gross (Theta), Kay Brown (Delta & Nu), Doris Nachtsheim (Alpha), Ruth Golden (Epsilon).
8. **Treasurer's & Finance Report:** State Treasurer Heidi Hull (Omicron) included the following: Beginning Balance \$6205.00, Deposits \$2770.04, Checks Written \$1463.04, Ending Balance \$7512.00. Permanent Fund Balance \$1991.09. Annie Webb Blanton Scholarship Fund \$7052.92. Martha Schulz Scholarship Fund \$30,066.88.

State Finance Chair Linda Getschman (Nu) applauded State Treasurer Heidi Hull for doing a great job and reported that Heidi always keeps her informed.

9. **State Website Report:** State Webmaster Cindy Frazer (Gamma) reported that the State Website was updated in September. There is now a "Memorial" page, an "Educational Excellence" page, and a "Kudos and Acclaims" page for members to post about others that the membership may want to hear about. President Cheryl will also be adding a "Rose of Recognition" page, and "Exemplary Awards" page, and a "NV Apple Awards" page.
10. **NevadaGram Report:** State Editor Gwen Anne Thacker (Delta) applauded Cindy Frazer for all her efforts on the website and reminded everyone to use the NV Alpha Chi State Website. The upcoming deadlines for the NevadaGram are May 1st, July 1st, and Sept 1st.
11. **Educational Excellence & Nevada Apple Report:** Pat Goeppinger (Gamma), Chair & Cheryl Anderson (Delta), State President. Pat Goeppinger (Gamma) reported that the Apple Award information was sent out in September 2020 to the Chapters. Information about Educational Excellence resources are available on the International Website regarding focus areas for Educational Excellence and Legislative information regarding educational issues.

12. **Communication's Report:** Communication Chair Maxine Emm (Delta) reported that Chapters having at least one Chapter Newsletter or a Chapter Website will receive an Honorable Mention Award for Communication. For 2019-2020, Honorable Mention was awarded to five Chapters: Gamma Chapter, Epsilon Chapter, Kappa Chapter, Lambda Chapter, and Xi Chapter. For 2020-2021, Honorable Mention was awarded to four Chapters: Kappa Chapter, Nu Chapter, Xi Chapter, and Epsilon Chapter. Outstanding Awards for Communication are awarded to Chapters that have sent out 4 Newsletters to their members and have a Chapter Website. For 2019-2020, Outstanding Awards were presented to four Chapters: Delta Chapter, Theta Chapter, Nu Chapter, and Omicron Chapter. For 2020-2021, Outstanding Awards were presented to five Chapters: Alpha Chapter, Gamma Chapter, Delta Chapter, Theta Chapter, and Omicron Chapter.
13. **Gold Key Report:** State President Cheryl Anderson (Delta) reported that Chapters that met all 12 Key Points and 7 Polish Points to receive the Gold Key Award. The President keeps a score card of Chapter efforts. Honorable Mention Gold Key Awards went to four Chapters for 2019-2020: Alpha Chapter, Epsilon Chapter, Lambda Chapter, and Xi Chapter. For 2020-2021, three Chapters received Honorable Mention: Epsilon Chapter, Kappa Chapter, and Lambda Chapter. Five Chapters received the Gold Key Award for 2019-2020: Gamma Chapter, Delta Chapter, Theta Chapter, Nu Chapter, and Omicron Chapter. Six Chapters received the Gold Key Award for 2020-2021: Alpha Chapter, Gamma Chapter, Delta Chapter, Theta Chapter, Xi Chapter, and Omicron Chapter.
14. **Bylaws Report:** Marlene Killion (Omicron), Co-Chair & Gwen Anne Thacker (Delta), Co-Chair ***(ACTION REQUESTED/ADDRESSED IN UNFINISHED BUSINESS)***
15. **Rose of Recognition Report:** Rose of Recognition Chair Pat Goeppinger (Gamma) reported that the presentations are ready and will be presented during the Awards Ceremony. For 2020, Rose of Recognition Awards went to Gemma Romo (Alpha), Cynthia Frazer (Gamma), Konnie McGruder (Delta), Penny Thompson (Epsilon), Charlotte Dinning (Theta), Jacita Rae Karr Young (Kappa), Martha Jessup (Lambda), Marie Bellard (Nu), Linda Beeghly (Xi), Heidi Hull (Omicron). For 2021, Rose of Recognition Awards went to Melinda Whitney (Alpha), Donna Harper (Gamma), Jill Harper (Delta), Dr. Judith Merz (Epsilon), Marilyn Naylor (Theta), Robbie Nickel (Kappa), Eileen Aragon (Lambda), Marlene Killion (Omicron).
16. **Exemplary Award Report:** Chair Pat Goeppinger (Gamma) reported that the Awards were ready for the Awards Ceremony. Maxine Emm (Delta) received the 2020 Exemplary Award and Doris Nachtsheim (Alpha) was Awarded the 2021 Exemplary Award (posthumously).
17. **Martha Schultz Doctoral Scholarship Report:** Chair Heidi Hull (Omicron) reported the previous recipient Susan Capistrant completed her Doctoral Program. Congratulations were given to Susan. There were no applicants for this year's Martha Schulz Scholarship.

18. **Annie Webb Blanton State Scholarship Report:** Chair Leta Rabenstine (Xi) reported that there no applicants for this year's AWB State Scholarship. Leta reminded everyone that the Scholarship is for Advanced Degree Work or attending Professional Seminars. Gemma Romo, the most recent recipient of the Scholarship, can speak to the benefits of the Scholarship.
19. **Emergency Fund Report:** Chair Marlene Killion (Omicron) reported that Nevada Chapters are contributing to the Emergency Fund. To request assistance from the fund, the applicant must have suffered loss in a natural disaster. The request is made to International through the State President. Nevada has contributed \$597. The following Chapters have contributed to the Emergency Fund: Delta \$140, Gamma \$132, Theta \$75, Alpha \$150, and Omicron \$100.
20. **DKGIEF/Educational Fund Report:** Karen Laskowski (Gamma), Chair & Dr. Judith Merz (Epsilon) Dr. Judith Merz (Epsilon) reported that the Educational Fund and the supporting corporation has merged into one. This included the Cornet Award, Educational Projects, Educators Award Fund, Eunah Temple Holden Leadership Fund, Scholarship Fund, Golden Gift Fund, and the World Fellowship Fund. Treasurer Heidi Hull reported that the Nevada Alpha Chi State collected \$600 in the name of member Doris Nachtsheim. Nevada Alpha Chi State is currently collecting funds in the name of member Minnis Alderman for the Educational Fund. Dr. Judith Merz reminded that for tax purposes, one might want to contribute individually; but it was also noted that it takes a great amount of funds to benefit for tax purposes.
21. **Leadership Report:** Marlene Killion (Omicron), Co-Chair & Gwen Anne Thacker (Delta), Co-Chair Co-Chair Marlene Killion (Omicron) reminded everyone that the Executive Board has changed the Leadership Training to the Sunday after the State Convention. Odd years will be for State Officer training and even years will be for Chapter President training. Since the State Officers will be continuing for another biennium this year, there will be no training this year. Next year in 2022, Chapter Presidents will be trained.
22. **Southwest Regional US Forum Report:** Pat Goeppinger (Gamma), Nevada Representative reported that Daphne Cagle is the Southwest Representative for the US Forum. Topics that are being supported include Repeal of Social Security Payment Reduction for teachers and Mental Health in Schools.
23. **Arts & Humanities Jury Report:** Ardynne Sprinkle (Theta), Nevada Representative; & Cheryl Anderson (Delta), State President are entrusted with online publications and DKG member artwork. The next submission for online publication and artwork will be August 15 to September 15. Linda Beeghly (Xi) was recommended to submit her art. It was also noted that Judith Merz (Epsilon) has had several poems published on the DKG Arts and Humanities webpage including "Sweet Friend" and "Voice of the Poet" among others. It was also noted that political, patriotic, and diverse entries may not be accepted.
24. **World Fellowship Report:** Chair Pat Goeppinger (Gamma) reported that nineteen women from around the globe have received Scholarships and not necessarily just in education. The financial assistance is considered for support of their educational endeavors and are attending universities in the United States and Canada.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

State Convention Report: Marilyn Howard, Xi Chapter President and Cecelia Neroda (Xi) reported that they are continuing their efforts to have the State Convention in 2022 at the Atlantis in Reno. They will be sending out a survey in the fall again to see if members will be attending before making final plans.

Unity & Collegiality Report: Cheryl Anderson (Delta), State President, reported that she made Chapter visitations through virtual Zoom meetings and some outdoor meetings when the weather was nice. Joint meetings have been done and also some Chapters hosted guest speakers through the Zoom format.

Updating/revising our State By-Laws to reflect the changes made to the International Constitution & Standing Rules at International Convention in Austin, TX (discussion of revised state document for alignment with amended by-laws by committee to be adopted by the membership at the State Convention General Session March 27, 2021):

*State By-Law's Revision Committee Co-Chairs: Gwen Anne Thacker (Delta), Past State President & Marlene Killion (Omicron), Past State President

***ACTION ITEM:** *Bylaws revision approval/adoption of amendments recommended by the bylaw committee and approved by the Executive Board on 9/12/20.*

The Bylaws Committee submitted the Bylaws Revision for approval/adoption as approved by the Executive Board on 9/12/20 for a vote by the General Session. The Bylaws Revision was approved with unanimous consent on 3/27/2021 by the General Session.

NEW BUSINESS

2021-2023 SLATE OF OFFICERS

Nominating Committee: Emily Ladner (Epsilon), Chair; Pat Hutson (Nu), & Juanita Karr (Kappa)

***ACTION ITEM:** *The slate of officers as appears on the ballot distributed is presented for the membership's approval by the nominating committee. Nominations will be accepted from the floor.*

There were no nominations from the floor.

A vote for the Slate of State Officers for the biennium 2021-2023 was approved with unanimous vote. The Slate of Officers include: Cheryl Anderson, State President; Karen Laskowski, First Vice-President; Pat Goeppinger, Second Vice-President; Maxine Emm, State Secretary. Appointed by President, Gwen Anne Thacker, Parliamentarian; and Heidi Hull, Treasurer also appointed by the President. Nominating Committee members Emily Ladner (Epsilon), Chair; Pat Hutson (Nu), and Juanita Karr (Kappa) will continue.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW STATE HISTORIAN – Cheryl Anderson, State President; & Heidi Hull, State Treasurer. Heidi Hull is stepping down as State Historian. The position is available to an interested member, please contact Cheryl Anderson.

ALPHA CHI NEVADA STATE T-SHIRTS – Pat Goeppinger, State 1st Vice President; & Heidi Hull, State Treasurer

***ACTION ITEM:** Does the State membership want to direct Pat & Heidi to pursue this?

Pat Goeppinger (Gamma) motioned for Heidi to investigate selling NV State T-shirts to membership as a fundraiser. Gwen Anne Thacker (Delta) made a second. The vote was unanimous.

CONVENTION GUEST SPEAKER

The Importance of Communication – Maxine Emm, State Secretary & Communication's Chair

INSTALLATION OF THE 2021-2023 ALPHA CHI NEVADA STATE OFFICERS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Updating Contact Information: Cheryl Anderson (Delta), State President

Please send your current and updated contact information to Cheryl for members in your Chapter.

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

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

Xi Chapter American Doll Raffle Winner: Cecelia Neroda (Xi) announced the winner, Shari Ashby (Xi).

Theta Chapter Annual Arts & Crafts Fair, April 24 9am to 3pm: Sue Capistrant, Theta Chapter

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

ADJOURNMENT 12:00 pm

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Respectfully Submitted,

Maxine Emm

Nevada Alpha Chi State Secretary