



**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL
ALPHA CHI NEVADA STATE
GENERAL SESSION ZOOM MEETING
VIRTUAL STATE CONVENTION
March 25, 2023 9:00 A.M.**

Call to Order – Cheryl Anderson (Delta), State President at 9:03 am.

Pledge of Allegiance – Candy Rooney (Delta), State Historian.

Inspiration – Christi Pagni, Xi Chapter President-Christi shared the Starfish Story and talked about how much of a difference each person can make and how that creates hope.

Introduction of Convention Guest Speaker, Carol Herzog, Northeast Regional Director spoke briefly about celebrating DKG by creating Healthy Chapters, Using our Websites to illustrate our Success, and always allowing Room for Improvement.

Attendance Raffle & Springtime Scratch-offs. Carol Cardillo (Theta), and Barbara Bernstein (Epsilon) won the raffles.

Acknowledgment & Recognition of Achievement-President Cheryl Anderson.

A **Delta Rose Outstanding Achievement Award was presented to Marilyn Howard (Xi) for her continual and ongoing effort to keep Xi Chapter vibrant through the last few years during the Pandemic and her efforts to host a State Convention. Marilyn has been a DKG member for 27 years and for 8 of those years served as Xi Chapter's 1st & 2nd VP and President. Marilyn was described as a strong, gentle, and generous woman working tirelessly for her Chapter and Nevada State.*

Break-out Rooms Zip-around Topics: DKG Best of 2022; DKG Future Hopes & Goals for Growth and Rejuvenation. Each attendee took turns reading an Oprah Winfrey Inspirational Quotes for Growth & Rejuvenation.

SOCIETY BUSINESS

1. **Parliamentary Procedure Directives** – Judy Silker (Nu), State Parliamentarian. Members need to speak clearly and identify themselves with name and Chapter. In addition, when requesting to speak, address the President with Madam President.
2. **Attendance** - Maxine Emm (Delta), State Secretary

State Officers in Attendance:

Cheryl Anderson (Delta), President_X___; Karen Laskowski (Gamma), 1st Vice President ___X___;
Pat Goeppinger (Gamma), 2nd Vice President___X___; Maxine Emm (Delta), Secretary_X___;
Heidi Hull (Omicron), Treasurer___X___; Judy Silker (Nu), Parliamentarian___X___

Chapter Presidents in Attendance:

Gemma Romo & Melinda Whitney (Alpha)___X___; Irene Chachas (Beta)___0___; Cindy Frazer (Gamma)___X___; Maxine Emm (Delta)___X___; Jennifer Neeman & Barbara Bernstein (Epsilon)___X___; Jane Barnes & Terrie Camenisch (Theta)___X___; Jill Murphy & Janie Kimble (Kappa)___X___; Linda Scribner (Lambda)___X___; Ann Standley (Nu)___0___; Christi Pagni (Xi)___X___; Maria Miller (Omicron)___X___

Chapter Members in Attendance:

Alpha ___5___; Beta ___0___; Gamma ___5___; Delta ___8___; Epsilon ___4___; Theta ___7___; Kappa ___2___; Lambda ___1___; Nu ___2___; Xi ___6___; Omicron ___3___

DKG Nevada State Active Past Presidents in Attendance:

Susan Capistrant (Theta)___0___; Maxine Emm (Delta)___X___; Judy Silker (Nu)___X___; Marlene Killion (Omicron)___X___; Sharon Cathy (Lambda)___0___

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___

The Nevadagram Editor: Pat Goeppinger (Gamma)___X___

Nominating Committee 2021-2023: Emily Ladner, South (Epsilon)___0___; Pat Hutson, North (Nu)___0___; Jill Murphy, Outlying (Kappa)___X___

Committee to Approve Minutes: (State Convention General Session March 26, 2022): Linda Scribner (Lambda)___X___; Terrie Camenisch (Theta)___X___; Cindi Supko (Delta)___X___

Historian: Candy Rooney (Delta)___X___

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

Rose of Recognition Chair: Pat Goeppinger (Gamma)___X___

Exemplary Service Award: Pat Goeppinger, Chair (Gamma)___X___; Cheryl Anderson, State President (Delta)___X___; Carol Cardillo (Theta)___X___; Cecelia Neroda (Xi)___X___; Heidi Hull (Omicron)___X___; Kay Kurvers (Alpha)___X___; Marilyn Howard (Xi)___X___; Dr. Judith Merz (Epsilon)___X___; Karen Laskowski, Alternate (Gamma)___X___

Gold Key: Cheryl Anderson, Chair (Delta)___X___; Maxine Emm (Delta)___X___; Emily Ladner (Epsilon)___X___; Pat Goeppinger (Gamma)___X___; Dr. Judith Merz (Epsilon)___X___; Candy Rooney (Delta)___X___.

Martha Schultz Doctoral Scholarship: Cheryl Anderson (Delta), State President __X__ ; Heidi Hull (Omicron), State Treasurer __X__ ; Susan Capistrant (Theta), Past State President __0__

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

Emergency Fund Chair: Marlene Killion (Omicron) __X__

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

Bylaws & Chapter Rules Revisions' Chairs: Judy Silker (Nu) __X__ ; Marlene Killion (Omicron) __X__.

Leadership Chair: Pat Goeppinger (Gamma) __X__.

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

World Fellowship Chair: Pat Goeppinger __X__.

3. **Approval of Minutes:**

Committee to approve minutes for March 26, 2022, Zoom General Session are:

Terrie Camenisch (Theta), Linda Scribner (Lambda), Cindi Supko (Delta).

The committee recommends approval of minutes as posted/distributed. Minutes were approved.

4. **Committee to Approve Minutes for March 25, 2023, General Session Zoom Meeting:**

The three committee members are Terrie Camenisch (Theta), Cindi Supko (Delta), Linda Scribner (Lambda).

5. **President's Report Unity and Collegiality.** Cheryl thanked everyone for their support of her for her 4 years as State President. She encouraged all members at some point to get involved at the State level, sharing that she has learned so much about DKG and feels more a part of our State organization having done so. She expressed our success as an organization comes from the participation and leadership of everyone of us. She stressed continuing to rejuvenate, revitalize, and sustain our chapters with fun activities, exciting events, and relevant programs and projects.

6. **Membership Report:** Karen Laskowski (Gamma), State 1st Vice President reported that DKG NV State has 165 members with 153 Active and 12 reserved.

7. **Necrology Report:** Karen Laskowski (Gamma), State 1st Vice President reported that four members will be recognized in memory. Carol Mueller (Theta); Elaine Rohrer (Theta); Dorothy Todd (Nu); and Peggy Reigne (Kappa).

8. **Treasurer's & Finance Report:** Heidi Hull (Omicron), State Treasurer & Linda Getschman (Nu), State Finance Chair. Bank Balance on 4-1-2022 was \$8,503.04. Bank Balance on 3-25-2023 is 9,668.25. Deposits \$1,792.96. Checks and Purchases \$627.75. Permanent Fund \$1992.27. Annie Webb Blanton Scholarship Fund \$7,054.01. Martha Schultz Doctoral Fund \$30,084.67. Heidi Hull will be stepping down as Treasurer. Betty Barker thanked Heidi for her support.

9. **Nominating Committee 2021-2023 Report:** Emily Ladner, South (Epsilon); Jill Murphy, Outlying (Kappa); Pat Hutson (Nu) North.
10. **State Website Report:** Cindy Frazer (Gamma), Webmaster. Cindy reported about the entries on the Artful Endeavors page on the State Website. She asked for members to continue to send her entries for display.
11. **The NevadaGram Report:** Pat Goeppinger (Gamma), Editor. Pat reported that the Founder's Day will include the Convention Awards.
12. **Historian's Report:** Candy Rooney (Delta), Historian did not have the Nevada State Scrapbook she made for this year because we are meeting on Zoom.
13. **Educational Excellence & Nevada Apple Report:** Pat Goeppinger (Gamma), Chair. Pat asked Chapters to share their Apple Awards. Currently, seven Chapters have awarded Apple Awards.
14. **Communications Report:** Maxine Emm (Delta), Chair. The State currently has 11 Chapters. Nine Chapters have websites. Nine Chapters have communicated with their members with newsletters or e-mail communications.
15. **Gold Key Report:** Cheryl Anderson (Delta), State President. Nine Chapters will receive Gold Awards: Alpha, Gamma, Delta, Epsilon, Theta, Kappa, Lambda, Nu, and Xi. Beta and Omicron did not submit an application.
16. **Chapter Rules Revisions & State Standing Rules Reports:** Judy Silker (Nu), Co-Chair & Marlene Killion (Omicron), Co-Chair. The Standing Rules updates will be voted on during Unfinished Business. Nine Chapters submitted their Standing Rules for update approval. Judy sent out letters to the Chapters to identify the items that needed further review. Maxine Emm (Delta) asked for assistance to complete the updates at a possible workshop.
17. **Rose of Recognition Report:** Pat Goeppinger (Gamma), Chair. The following Rose of Recognitions will be acknowledged during the Awards Ceremony: Susan Burke (Alpha), Donna Harper (Gamma), Margaret Moore (Delta), Barbara Bernstein (Epsilon), Carol Cardillo (Theta), Janie Kimble (Kappa), Delores (Bart) Clewe (Lambda), Pat Hutson (Nu), Leta Rabenstein (Xi). Beta and Omicron did not submit an award.
18. **Exemplary Service Award Report:** Pat Goeppinger (Gamma), Chair. During the Awards Ceremony, the 2023 Exemplary Service Award will be presented to Cindy Frazer for her outstanding service to our State organization for the past 16 years as our State Webmaster. With her patience and extensive DKG knowledge and advanced computer skills, Cindy has been instrumental in helping our Chapters develop their own websites and troubleshooting any problems. Cindy is responsible for keeping Alpha Chi Nevada State up-to-date in this digital age of technology and making communication an important priority.

19. **Annie Webb Blanton State Scholarship Report:** Leta Rabenstine (Xi), Chair. No scholarship applications were received. Leta suggested that we need to use the funding. She even suggested using the funds to attend district classes, or a DKG Convention. The scholarship will be offered to members in the outlying areas of the state first, before being offered to members in the North and South.
21. **Emergency Fund Report:** Marlene Killion (Omicron), Chair. Marlene reported that Xi, Omicron, and Delta reported donations of a total of \$225.
22. **Leadership Report:** Pat Goeppinger (Gamma), Chair. Marlene reported that last year's Leadership meeting was well attended. She noted that International has resources available on the International website.
A Committee was formed to plan for the next Leadership Seminar. The Leadership Committee includes the following members: Joyce King (Gamma), Susan Capistrant (Theta), Pat Goeppinger (Gamma), and Marlene Killion will hold an Advisory Role.
23. **Southwest Regional US Forum Report:** Pat Goeppinger (Gamma), Nevada Representative. Pat noted that the U.S. Forum is asking for a member from each region. Mental Health and Legislation are the current focus for the U.S. Forum.
24. **Arts & Humanities Jury Report:** Ardynne Sprinkle (Theta), Nevada Representative. President Cheryl Anderson reported on the "Snap Judgement Photo Contest." Two photos were chosen from the contest. The winning photos were framed and the winners will receive Certificates for their efforts.
25. **World Fellowship Report:** Pat Goeppinger (Gamma). Pat noted that Phyllis Hickey is the Southwest Representative for World Fellowship.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. **Gold Key Committee recommendations** – Cheryl Anderson (Delta), Chair; Dr. Judith Merz (Epsilon); Maxine Emm (Delta); Emily Ladner (Epsilon); Pat Goeppinger (Gamma); Candy Rooney (Delta) met to discuss the Gold Key Award system. It was decided that there will no longer be a Gold Key Award. Instead, the criteria will be used as a guide for Chapters to be successful in their efforts.
- B. **Leadership Committee** will assist Chair Pat Goeppinger in planning 2024 new Chapter Officer Summer Leadership Training. The Committee includes the following members: Joyce King (Gamma), Susan Capistrant (Theta), Pat Goeppinger (Gamma), and Marlene Killion (Omicron) will hold an Advisory Role.
- C. **Executive Board recommends utilizing a State Convention Committee of 3 people to work on finding venues & determining feasibility of in-person vs. virtual.**
The committee members are Cecelia Neroda (Xi), Pat Geoppinger (Gamma), and Judy Merz (Epsilon), and Terrie Camenisch (Theta).

- D. **Snap Judgment Photo Contest Awards** – Ardynne Sprinkle (Theta). Cheryl reported about the Snap Judgment Photo Contest Awards during the Arts & Humanities Jury report.
- E. **ACTION ITEM: Vote needed by the membership to adopt the amended State Standing Rules. The Standing Rules Committee and the Executive Board recommend passage.** Marlene Killion (Omicron), Bylaws Committee Chair.

2.01 (Change to) Each Chapter President shall provide the State President and State Historian with a current Officer list and meeting dates in the Fall of each year.

Unanimous Consent.

2.03 Deleted. **(The minutes are posted on-line and there is no need to read the minutes.)**

Unanimous Consent.

2.05 (Change to) Annual Chapter Report: The Chapter President should submit the Chapter Officer Report to International and the State President. A Chapter Necrology Report shall be submitted to the State Membership Chair prior to State Convention.

The Chapter's Annual Treasurer's Report submitted to the State Treasurer.

Unanimous Consent.

3.05 (Change to) The State President shall appoint a State Historian for the biennium. Her duties shall be to keep materials of historical value contributed by the Chapters.

Unanimous Consent.

4.01 (Change to) Yearly State Convention locations will be established by a **three person** State Committee. Due to a large membership in the north, the Convention will be held 3 Consecutive years in the north, then 1 year in the south. The committee will ask Chapters to share responsibilities for planning, hosting, i.e. registrations, programs, décor.

Amended to a **"Minimum of three person State Committee."** Unanimous Consent.

One Abstention.

5.03 a. The *Nevadagram* shall be published "at least twice a year—to include a pre-convention issue to be published at least one month before the State Convention.

Unanimous Consent.

5.04 ROSE OF RECOGNITION AWARD

- a. Each chapter may select one outstanding member to receive the award. The member chosen for this award shall have displayed exceptional service.
- b. The name of the member shall be sent to the awards chair by February 15th.
- c. Chapter President shall send information and a short biography about their select member to the State Awards committee Committee Chair by February 15th.
- d. The State Awards Chair shall send a complete list of names and biographies to the State President 15 days prior to the Convention.
- e. Chapters may provide their members with the DKG Rose Guard.

Previously voted on at State Convention, but now being added to official document.

5.05 EXEMPLARY SERVICE AWARD

a. Criteria

- (1) Each nomination must come from two members, one of which must be from outside the nominee's Chapter.
- (2) Nomination must contain offices held, years of service and reasons for nomination.
- (3) Nominee must have service as an officer at the Chapter, State, and/or International

levels.

(4) Quality of service must be meritorious.

(5) Ten years of membership is recommended, during which time the nominee must have served at least three offices or committee chairs which could be repeated Positions.

(Previous b,c,d were eliminated and the following were added).

b. Selection Committee

(1) The Committee shall be comprised of six members – the State President, the Committee Chair, and one member from the different areas. North, South, Outlying areas and an at-large alternate member.

(2) Selection Committee members shall be appointed by the incoming State President.

c. Award Timeline

(1) Nomination forms will be made available to Chapter Presidents by October 1st.

(2) Nomination forms are to be sent to Selection Committee Chair on or before January 15th.

(3) The Selection Committee will meet in person, by phone, e-mail or other electronic means to determine qualified nominees and then make a selection.

(4) The award recipient will be invited by the State President to the State Convention.

(5) Presentation of the Award will be made at the State Convention Banquet.

d. The Award

(1) The recipient shall receive a certificate and a crystal DKG trophy.

(2) The certificate and trophy will be provided by the State.

Previously voted on at State Convention, but now being added to official document.

Standing Rule Addition.

5.06 NEVADA APPLE AWARD

a. Each Chapter **may** provide **one or more Apple Award(s)** to a current educator per year.

Shall was changed to may. One was changed to one or more.

b. Protocol, guidelines and monetary amounts are at the discretion of each individual Chapter.

c. State will provide certificates for each recipient.

d. Chapters **may be asked** to share information about the Apple Award recipients at the State meetings.

May be asked replaced may be required.

Unanimous Consent with changes made.

The above Standing Rules will be voted on for approval at the General Session.

Any errors in the reporting of these Standing Rules.

NEW BUSINESS

F. Legislative bills impacting education – Eva Wick-Lerud (Alpha)

Eva gave a brief overview of some of the upcoming legislative bills affecting education.

Because there are far too many bills to present, Eva urged our members to contact her for the links to directly access the bills. Her e-mail address is wicklerud@gmail.com.

- G. Message from DKG International President, Dr. Debbie LeBlanc** – Carol Herzog presented two slide presentations for us to ponder in our efforts to increase membership recruitment and retention. She discussed how Relevance, Vitality, and Sustainability can promote our efforts to expand and retain our members.
- H. Update on 2023 DKG International Conferences** – Carol Herzog promoted the International Conference in Phoenix, Arizona on July 18-22, 2023.
- I. Installation of the 2023-2025 Alpha Chi Nevada State officers. President Anderson will pass the gavel to the new State President.**

The Slate of Officers presented for a vote include the following:

President - Pat Goeppinger (Gamma); 1st Vice President - Cindy Frazer (Gamma)

2nd Vice President - Candy Rooney (Delta); Secretary - Karen Laskowski (Gamma)

Treasurer - Maxine Emm (Delta); Nominating Committee (North) – Linda Scribner

Nominating Committee (South) - Penny Thompson (Gamma);

Nominating Committee (Outlying) - Jill Murphy

Motion to Accept Slate of Officers by Melinda Whitney (Alpha) , Second by Christi Pagni (Xi).

General Session voted with a Unanimous Consent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Annual Fall Nevada State Executive Board Meeting Saturday, 9/23 @ 10:00 A.M. (Virtual Tonopah)**

***Annual Northern Nevada Holiday Luncheon December 2023 – Theta Chapter**

***March 2024 Alpha Chi Nevada State Convention – Maria Miller (Omicron) & Christi Pagni (Xi)**

***Annual Lambda Chapter Wine Fest Saturday, April 22nd, 5:00-7:30 P.M. – Linda Scribner**

ADJOURNMENT at 12:03 am.

Maxine Emm , DKG NV State Secretary

DKG INTERNATIONAL SPECIAL PRESENTATION/WORKSHOP:

Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide with Vitality, Relevance, and Sustainability

Facilitator: Carol Herzog, Northeast Regional Director

***Action may still be taken during this meeting on motions made from the floor after committee reports are given & discussions ensue, generating the possible need for a motion to be made & a vote taken.**



*Alpha Chi Nevada State Flourishing in
2023!*

*“In order to bloom you must grow.
May we continue to blossom
together
into more.”*

***Ali Aubrey & Oprah Winfrey**

