



Pi State -- New York
Minutes of Executive Board Meeting
Woodcliff Hotel
October 15, 2016 (Saturday) 8:32-10:10 AM

Present: (49 voting members) (See Attendance)
5 Past Presidents
7 State Officers
25 State Chairs
40 Chapter Presidents/Representatives

Chapters Absent (N=13):

#5-Epsilon	#6- Zeta	#10-Kappa	#11-Lambda
#12-Mu	#27-Alpha Gamma	#28-Alpha Delta	#29 Alpha Epsilon
#48 Alpha Omega	#53-Beta Epsilon	#65-Beta Rho	#69-Beta Phi
#75-Gamma Gamma			

- [1] Call to Order
President Bedard called the second Pi State Executive Board Meeting for 2015-2017 biennium to order at 8:37 AM.
- [2] Pledge of Allegiance
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Past President '91-'93 Anne-Marie Carlson of *Phi Chapter* of the Eastern Area.
- [3] "America"
Music Representative Bridget Bishop of *Alpha Alpha Chapter* led the singing of "America."
- [4] Secretary's Report-Attendance
Currently 77 members are signed in for the Fall 2016 Executive Board Meeting and Seminar.
- [5] Introductions and Recognitions
Deborah Bedard introduced the women seated on the dais: Pi State Editor- Mary-Martha Harvey, *Omega*; Parliamentarian- Eleanor Robinson *Gamma Delta*; Immediate Past President – Dr. Joyce Tang, *Alpha Phi* (in absentia); Executive Secretary- Karen Crumley, *Tau* (in absentia); Secretary- Jennifer Lee-Alden, *Beta Omega*; First Vice-President- Karen Butters, *Beta Mu*; Kathryn Elder, Chapter President, *Alpha Psi*; Second Vice-President- Sue Kenoyer *Psi*; ; Treasurer- Suzanne Patrick, *Rho*; FDF Administrator- Joan Slagle, *Beta Omega*; Music Representative- Bridget Bishop, *Alpha Alpha*; and Pi State President- Deborah M. Bedard, *Alpha Epsilon*.

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President Bedard then introduced the Time Keepers seated at the side table: Karen Jones, *Beta Omega (C)*; Cindy Zhe, *Beta Tau (WC)*; and Mary Ellen Levy, *Tau (E)*.

- [6] Thought for the Day- Kathryn Elder
Alpha Psi Chapter President Kate Elder shared a quote from author Carol Dweck in her book Mindsets. Kate finds this book inspirational for those still teaching and those out of the classroom. It is a book about growth and success.

- [7] Quorum Call and Rules of Debate **Appendix A**
Parliamentarian Eleanor Robinson informed us that 53 registrants were eligible to vote and a quorum of 27 had thus been met. She dispensed with the reading of the "Rules of Debate" since a copy of the rules were included in the registration folders.

- [8] Adoption of Agenda **Appendix B**
President Bedard announced changes to the agenda:
- We sang "America" instead of "America the Beautiful"
 - 16.1 should read, "Invitation to 2017 Pi State Convention at the The Otesaga, Cooperstown. Carol Frost and Company presented last night. I will be responsible for today's invite."
- Celia Bradford (*Pi*) moved to adopt the agenda as amended. (Kathleen) Leah Exner (*Tau*) seconded the motion. ***Agenda adopted***

- [9] Approval of April 30, 2016 Executive Board Meeting Minutes **Appendix C**
The Minutes of the April 30, 2016 Pi State Executive Board Meeting held at the Syracuse Sheraton Hotel have been approved by the Committee to Approve the Minutes and have been distributed to the Executive Board Members. ***Minutes were accepted as printed***

The members of the Committee to Approve the Minutes for this 2016 Fall Executive Board Meeting are: Jeanne Schenk, *Alpha Tau (EC)*; Emilie Stris, *Phi (SE)* and Rosemary Van Wart, *Alpha Pi (E)*.



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- [10] Registrar's Report **Appendix D**
 Mary Anna Russo, *Beta Eta*, the Fall Executive Board Meeting and Seminar Registrar, informed us that there were 121 members registered and 118 are in attendance.

President Bedard shared that as a token of Pi State's appreciation for Mary Anna's volunteer service as the Registrar, the Executive Committee has made a \$25 donation to the Pi State Educational Foundation in her honor.

- [11] Correspondence – There is no correspondence to share.

- [12] Executive Committee Reports

[12.1] President **Appendix E**

[12.1.1] President Bedard started off her report by thanking the Leadership Development Committee for presenting an outstanding Leadership Development Seminar for new and returning Chapter Presidents.

[12.1.2] President Bedard continued by announcing recent appointments made to assure the successful completion of the business of Pi State for the remainder of her biennium. Jean Wagner, *Alpha Chi*, has been appointed to Chair the Bylaws and Standing Rules committee, replacing Karen Crumley who is now serving as our Executive Secretary. Susan Norris, *Beta Mu*, has been appointed as Co-Chair of the Educational Excellence committee, to work jointly with the current Chair, Barbara Keis, *Phi*.

[12.1.3] The 2017 Convention Steering committee has been planning the upcoming event at the Otesaga in Cooperstown.

- [12.2] First Vice-President Karen Butters **Appendix F**

[12.2.1] Karen recognized the hard work of Mary-Martha Harvey, Heidi Himes and Katja Stevens in designing and producing the new Pi State website. She encouraged members to spend some time navigating the new site.

[12.2.2] Karen reached out to 50 year members, sometimes contacting their Chapter Presidents, to send well wishes on their milestone achievements.

[12.2.3] Karen looks forward to connecting with many members at the Birthday Luncheon next spring, where we will celebrate 25 and 50 year members, as well as recognize members who are 100-years young!

- [12.3] Second Vice-President Sue Kenoyer **Appendix G**

[12.3.1] Sue spoke on a topic that has brought us all here together: teaching. She has taught for 41 years at the high school and college level. She does not find it to be



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work, doing something she has loved, as a career. Sue feels we truly are in a profession that can have boundless ramifications on children's lives. She hopes we all have the same enjoyment in our lives as she does as a teacher.

[12.3.2] Sue also shared that one of the reasons she joined DKG was to make connections with other teachers. During her visits to Chapters and Area Council meetings, she has enjoyed talking with participants about the many facets of teaching. She looks forward to continued conversations for many years to come.

[12.4] Immediate Past President, Dr. Joyce Tang
No report was submitted.

[12.5] Executive Secretary Karen Crumley

Appendix H

[12.5.1] President Bedard shared Karen's report. Included was a reminder to pick up Pi State Directories from the Cayuga Room. No directories will be mailed, so members in attendance were encouraged see Ginny Dudko to pick up copies for Chapter or Area Council members who may not be present. Pdf copies of the directory will be emailed to Chapter Presidents. Please see *Pi Lights* to learn what will be included in the Supplementary issue of the Directory next fall.

[12.5.2] Karen has organized the list of Important Dates differently to allow Chapter Presidents to check off the items as completed.

[12.6] Pi State Treasurer Suzanne Patrick

Appendix I

[12.6.1] Treasurer Patrick shared that the Treasurer's Report for July 1-September 30, 2016 that was distributed prior to the beginning of our meeting. Please see Suzanne if you have any questions or if you would like to see the report for the last fiscal year.

[12.6.2] Seven chapters still need to file IRS form 990. Suzanne shared a heartfelt thanks to all Chapter Treasurers for completing this task.

[12.6.3] Dues must be submitted by November 10, 2016. She encouraged Chapter Presidents to help their Treasurers in contacting members to collect dues.

[12.7] Pi Lights Editor Mary-Martha Harvey

Appendix J

[12.7.1] Editor Harvey reported that this has been a terrific year! What she has loved most is highlighting the activities and accomplishments of our Chapters, committees, Area Councils, leaders and individual members.

[12.7.2] Mary-Martha has particularly enjoyed meeting Pi State members. She shared a recent visitation to a Chapter that was contemplating their future. During her visitation, Mary-Martha led a discussion about the many options available to the



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Chapter. She then asked Chapter Members to recall the person who recommended them for membership and the circumstances surrounding their nomination. By the end of the meeting, the Chapter had renewed their commitment to their Chapter, Pi State and DKG.

[12.8] Recommendations

There are no recommendations from the Executive Committee to come before the Board for action.

[13] Committee and State Reports

[13.1] Nominations – Dr. Valerie Lagakis

Appendix K

Dr. Lagakis announced that nominations for Pi State Officers for 2017-19 are due to her by November 15. This includes President, 1st and 2nd Vice President, and Secretary. Nominations for the Finance and Nomination Committees are also due by that date. All the information is included on page 29 of *Pi Lights* and the Pi State website.

[13.2] Membership and Expansion – Elizabeth Blashka for Melanie McDonald

Appendix L

[13.2.1] The Committee repeated their workshop “Membership Makeover: Recruit, Retain, Reinstate” as part of the Fall Executive Board meeting and Seminar.

[13.2.2] Support for Chapters has been expanded to offer training specific to Membership Chairs with a workshop running concurrently with today’s Executive Board meeting.

[13.2.3] Committee member Terri Palmiero continues to send condolences when a member passes.

[13.2.4] Chair Melanie McDonald continues to travel around the State to discuss the facets of the new membership plan and to celebrate milestone birthdays.

[13.2.5] The Committee will now turn their attention to planning for the Hour of Remembrance, to be held as part of the Convention 2017.

[13.3] ByLaws and Standing Rules – Jean Wagner

Appendix M

[13.3.1] Jean announced that the Pi State Bylaws and Standing Rules may be amended at the Pi State Convention in 2017 at the Otesaga. Proposed amendments must be submitted to the Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee by November 1, 2016. Any member, Chapter, committee, or Board may propose an amendment. The committee will study the proposed changes, and recommendations will be forwarded

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to the Executive Committee, then printed in *Pi Lights*. Amendments will be voted upon at the Convention.

[13.3.2] Jean also shared that all Chapters are expected to review their Standing Rules each biennium. Chapter Presidents were asked to forward a copy of their Standing Rules to her, so that the committee may ensure compliance with State BL and SR, as well as International Constitution and Standing Rules.

Musical Break

The musical interlude was performed by Victoria Stockton.

9:10 AM-Recessed

9:20 AM- Reconvened

[13.4] Educational Excellence- Barbara Keis and Susan Norris

Appendix N

[13.4.1] Barbara announced that members wishing to have Professional Development credit for our workshops should complete the form and return to her or Sue Norris.

[13.4.2] Barbara also shared that nominations for the Woman of Distinction awards (one per Chapter) are due by February 1, 2017.

[13.4.3] Several EEC members attended the International Convention in Nashville.

[13.4.4] EEC Chairs met with President Bedard to choose six workshops for the Fall Executive Board meeting and Seminar.

[13.5] Awards – Erin Merrill

Appendix O

[13.5.1] Erin has challenged Pi State to raise \$5,811 for State Scholarships and Awards. Tickets are included in registration folder. Deadline for applications for these awards is March 1, 2017.

[13.5.2] Deadline for applications for all of these awards is March 1, 2017.

[13.6] Finance – Noreen LeCann

Appendix P

[13.6.1] Pi State has seen a 6.75% uptake in our portfolio, due to our conservative investment approach.

[13.6.2] Voting for new members to the Finance Committee will take place at the 2017 Convention next April. The term is four years. There are two mandatory meetings each year – one is a Go-To-Meeting, the other an overnight stay in Albany.



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[13.7] Leadership Development Committee – Jeanne Schenk Appendix Q

[13.7.1] The Committee met several times via GTM in preparation for the Leadership Seminar for Chapter Presidents. Sandy Voight was a guest speaker, provided through funds from the Bea Small Speakers Fund. Nita Scott, from International DKG, also presented via GTM at the Seminar.

[13.7.2] The Committee presented a follow-up workshop at the Fall Executive Board meeting. Participants were given the opportunity to share “Glums and Glows” of their leadership, as well as receive information about the new State website.

[13.7.3] The Committee plans to offer a workshop at the 2017 Convention in Cooperstown.

[13.8] Audit – Ruth Ann Fultz

Appendix R

[13.8.1] The Audit Committee met on August 2, 2016, after the Leadership Development Seminar. All tasks on their agenda were completed.

[13.8.2] The Committee is currently working on a checklist for registrars for our various events. A generic Excel spreadsheet that can be adapted by registrars is also being developed.

[13.8.3] Discussions have been held regarding increasing the number of members on the Audit Committee.

[13.9] Pi State Achievement Award - Agnes Becker

Appendix S

This award is presented at the spring meeting to recognize a member who has made outstanding contributions at the State level. Anyone can make the nomination, which must then be approved by the nominee’s Chapter President, accompanied by three letters of recommendation. The nominee must have at least five years of active membership in good standing. The nomination form is on the website.

[13.10] Scholarship – Rosemary Van Wart

Appendix T

Scholarships are available to support member goals, including but not limited to, research, attainment of Master’s and Doctoral degrees, and National Board certification. Details and applications are available on the State website or through Chapter Presidents. Applicants must be members in good standing for at least three years.

[13.11] Travel and Study Stipend – Patricia Turner

Appendix U

Pat announced that two awards were given in Spring of 2016. Awardees were Janet Jury (*Nu*) and Na’Ama Rosenberg (*Alpha Phi*) who both attended the International Convention in Nashville. Chapter Presidents are encouraged to share this financial opportunity with their members. Brochures are available on the website.



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[13.12] Bea Small Leadership Speakers Fund – President Bedard for Diane Battaglia

Appendix V

The Bea Small Speakers Fund was established in 1996, as a bequest from Bea Small, a former member of Omega Chapter. This fund was used to bring Sandy Voight to the Leadership Development Seminar for Presidents in August 2016.

[13.13] Bea Small Award – Karen Butters

Appendix W

The purpose of this program is to recognize Chapters that have an existing program which addresses a need of the population within the Chapter's geographical area. The application is on the State website. Examples of recent winners were shared.

[13.14] Frederica Hollister Professional Educators Award (Sue Kenoyer) **Appendix X**

This award, established in 1988, will be presented to a member who exemplifies the best in education. Her contributions to education at the Chapter, State, and possibly National level should be varied, widely known and span a period of five years

[13.15] Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award – Harlene Gilbert **Appendix Y**

Verna Mulholland was a former President of *Alpha Phi* Chapter and Past Pi State President. This award may be given to a person who has made significant contributions to education, but is not eligible for membership in DKG

[13.16] Gladys L. Mersereau Grant(s)-in-Aid – Deborah Bedard

Appendix Z

This grant will be awarded to a person who was pursuing a degree in teaching, but had her education interrupted and now needs support to continue.

[13.17] Pi State Educational Foundation – Ginny Dudko

Appendix AA

Membership continues to grow, but only 15% of our total Pi State membership are Foundation members. The President's Challenge was met, and the Board of Directors continue to visit Chapters and Area Councils to represent the Foundation. Chapter Presidents are encouraged to be advocates, to invite members to join with a one-time, lifetime fee of \$25. Members are then eligible to apply to the Foundation for financial support of their literacy and learning based needs. Ginny is proud to report that the Foundation has awarded just under \$19,000 in grants. Applications for grants are due by November 1 and May 1, and may be found on the State website.

[14] New Business

None



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[15] Announcements and Reminders

[15.1] Committee on Teaching About the United Nations (CTAUN)- Lochie Musso

Lochie mentioned the new brochure, projects and newsletter, "DKG at the UN," which is sent to members, and is also posted on the Pi State and International Websites. She also announced the next CTAUN event on Friday, January 27, 2017. This year's theme is "Refugees: the 21st Century Challenge." Special hotel arrangements have been made at the Lexington Hotel. More details can be found at www.teachun.org

[15.2] DKG International Gallery of Fine Arts Liaison – Judith Corigliano
Established in 2012, the International Gallery of Fine Arts was established as an online publication to showcase members' work in the Arts and Humanities. Links to all of the works are provided, as well as pdf and PowerPoint tutorials to assist with the submission process. Judith encouraged Pi State members to consider submitting items to share their creative talents.

[16] Concluding Business

[16.1] Invitation to 2017 Pi State Convention at The Otesaga, Cooperstown
President Bedard gave a heartfelt invitation to attend the 2017 Convention at the Otesaga in Cooperstown, April 28-30, 2017. She highlighted many of the area attractions members can enjoy during their stay, as well as the Pi State business meetings and events offered during the Convention.

[16.2] Chapter Presidents Sign-In and Committee Reports Submissions
State Secretary Jennifer Lee-Alden announced that she was looking for any other Chapter Presidents to sign in if they had not yet done so, and requested hard copies of reports to be given to her.

[16.3] Evaluations

Attendees were requested to leave their evaluation sheets at their seat in the meeting room or to turn them in at the luncheon.

[16.4] White Tent Cards and Red Voting Cards

President Bedard thanked the Chapter Presidents and asked that white tent cards and red voting cards be left on the tables.

[15.5] Legislative Luncheon

President Bedard reminded members that the Luncheon would be starting promptly at 12:15

[16] Adjournment

As there was no other business, the Spring 2016 Executive Board Meeting and Seminar was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.



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Jennifer Lee-Alden 11/13/17
Jennifer Lee-Alden Secretary Date

Deborah M. Bedard 11/13/17
Deborah M. Bedard State President (2015-17) Date

The Committee to Approve the Minutes:

Jeanne Schenk 11/13/17
Jeanne Schenk Alpha Tau Date

Emilie Stris 11/13/17
Emilie Stris Alpha Phi Date

Rosemary Van Wart 11/13/17
Rosemary Van Wart Alpha Pi Date