



Pi State -- New York Minutes of Executive Board Meeting The Otesaga Hotel, Cooperstown April 29, 2017 (Saturday) 8:32-10:00 AM

Present: (49 voting members) (See Attendance)

10 Past Presidents9 State Officers25 State Chairs44 Chapter Presidents/Representatives1 International Guest

Chapters Absent (N=11):

#5-Epsilon #6- Zeta #11-Lambda #12-Mu #28-Alpha Delta #31 Alpha Eta #35 Alpha Lambda #46 Alpha Chi #65-Beta Rho #69-Beta Phi #75-Gamma Gamma

[1] Call to Order

President Deborah called the third Pi State Executive Board Meeting for 2015-2017 biennium to order at 8:32 AM.

- [2] Secretary's Report-Attendance
  Currently 49 members are signed in for the Spring 2017 Executive Board Meeting.
- [3] Timekeepers for the Executive Board Meeting and General Session
  President Bedard introduced the Timekeepers for today's meetings: Lyn Perry, *Chi*, (NC);
  Renee Funke, *Kappa* (SW); Carol Bandlow, *Sigma* (NC).
- [4] Quorum Call and Rules of Debate

  President Bedard dispensed with the reading of the "Rules of Debate" since a copy of the rules were included in the registration folders, and encouraged members to refer to these rules during our meetings. She introduced Parliamentarian Ellie Robinson, who announced that for voting purposes a simple majority would be 25, and a 2/3 majority would be 40 votes.
- [5] Adoption of the Agenda
  The agenda was adopted unanimously.
- [6] Approval of Minutes

  [6.1] The minutes of the October 15, 2016 Executive Board Meeting have been approved by the Committee to Approve the Minutes, and were distributed to Executive Board members.

There was no discussion brought forward, so the minutes were approved as printed. [6.2] The members of the Committee to Approve the Minutes for today's meetings are:



Joanne Carroll, *Alpha Pi*, (EC); Rise Messmer, *Nu*, (WC); Mikki Cole, *Alpha Lambda*, (NW).

[7] Thought for the Day- Martha Strever, Alpha Zeta

Martha Strever, who wanted to be a teacher since second grade, is currently in her 56<sup>th</sup> year of teaching in Red Hook School District. She was initiated into DKG in 1976. She encouraged Pi State members to work to make Delta Kappa Gamma more visible, to recruit new members, so other educators can enjoy the benefits we all enjoy. She does not feel that today's teachers are aware of all our organization has to offer. She spoke about the opportunities to publish, and the wide variety of scholarships available at the State and International levels that can support teachers at all stages of their careers. Martha encouraged us to take back what we learn from attending Chapter, State, and International meetings to our schools and district leadership.

Martha also spoke about what DKG has done for her. Through participation she has strengthened her leadership skills and attended workshops to learn about new programs she can implement in her own district. Our organization has enriched her personal and professional life.

For the future, she encouraged members to reach out to libraries and preschools as a source of new members. Martha also feels it would strengthen our organization if we are able to promote professional development credits for members who attend meetings and workshops.

[8] Recommendation – Jennifer Lee-Alden
State Secretary Jennifer Lee-Alden presented this recommendation from the Executive
Committee to the Executive Board:

The Pi State Executive Committee accepts with regret the letter for dissolution from *Alpha Delta Chapter #28*, effective June 30, 2017. *Motion passed.* 

[9] Committee Reports
[9.1] Nominations – Dr. Valerie Lagakis, Alpha Phi

The Pi State Executive Board elected the following members to the Nominations Committee:

South East: Dr. Valerie Lagakis, *Alpha Phi*North West: Julia Schrader, *Gamma Gamma*East Central: Christine Bennett, *Omega*South West: Diane Battaglia, *Beta Nu* 

West Central: Claudia Ceresani, Beta Gamma

The Pi State Executive Board elected the following members to the Finance Committee, who will serve a term from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2020:

Northern: Beryl Szwed, *Beta Mu* Capital: Rebecca Carter, *Pi* 

Eastern: Mona Lee Ann Bogan, Tau

South Central: Mary Frances Seymour, Beta Chi

North Central: Terri Palmiero, Alpha Chi

## [9.2] Finance - Noreen LeCann, Beta Xi

Appendix E

[9.2.1] Noreen reported that the Pi State accounts have been rebalanced to more effectively handle current market activity. As of April 26, 2017, the accounts total \$600, 694, representing an 12.5% gain.

[9.2.2] The Finance Committee recommends the budget as published on pages 23-24 of the Red Book. *Motion passed unanimously.* 

## [9.3] Audit - Ruth Ann Fultz, Beta Gamma

[9.3.1] Audit report can be found on pages 18-19 of the Red Book. Ruth Ann is happy to report that the committee has completed goals 1-5 of the report.
[9.3.2] The new Area Council form has been very "user-friendly" for both the Area Councils and the State Treasurer. This new reporting process has expedited the work for both parties.

## [9.4] By Laws and Standing Rules – Jean Wagner, Alpha Chi

[9.4.1] The By Laws and Standing Rules committee moved to waive the reading of the entire By Laws and Standing Rules in favor of just reading the changes in the final version.

[9.4.2] The By Laws and Standing Rules committee moved to accept the proposed changes as presented without any pull-outs.

[9.4.2.1] Joan Slagle, *Beta Omega*, moved to pull out all proposed amendments to By Laws (#2, 3, 4, 6) that pertain to the position of **website editor**, as she feels the Executive Board needs to discuss the continuation of the position before voting. The Executive Board voted in 2016 to approve this as a one-year appointment, but has not approved this as a permanent position.

[9.4.2.2] Noreen LeCann, *Beta Xi*, moved to pull proposed change to By Law (#8) from Chapter (Article VIII Executive Board).

[9.4.2.3] By Laws and Standing Rules Chair Jean Wagner moved to approve proposed By Law changes #1 (Article IV, Section A.1), 5 (Article IX, Section C.3.1), and 7 (Article XII, Section A) as published.

Motion passed unanimously.

[9.4.2.4] By Laws and Standing Rules Chair Jean Wagner moved to approve proposed By Law changes #2, 3, 4, and 6, pertaining to the website editor position, as published. Discussions regarding the need and tasks for this position were shared.

Motion defeated.

proposed By Law change #8 (Article VIII, Section C, Chapter Executive Board), as published. Discussions representing both pro and con positions on this issue were shared by Executive Board Members. Clarification included that this change only represents voting on the Chapter Executive Board, not in Chapter general membership votes.

Motion defeated.

[9.4.2.6] By Laws and Standing Rules Chair Jean Wagner moved to approve proposed changes to Standing Rules and Vouchers as published, omitting #6 (relates to defeated By Laws pertaining to website editor).

Motion passed unanimously.

[9.5] Strategic Action Plan - Barbara Bostwick-Quinn, Beta

[9.5.1] Barbara was pleased to report that the committee achieved the goals set by the Strategic Action Plan in the 2013-2015 Biennium.

[9.5.2] A copy of the final draft of the Strategic Action Plan has been included in Convention folders. This document will serve as a road map to guide our leaders in the next Biennium. Special thanks to all of the committee members.

[9.5.3] The Ad Hoc Strategic Action Plan committee moved to approve the Strategic Action Plan as written.

Motion passed unanimously.

[9.5.4] President Deborah Bedard hereby dissolved the committee, as with the approval of the plan the business of this committee is finished.

[10] Directory Updates – Important Dates – Executive Secretary Karen Crumley
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[10.1] Copies of the Supplemental Directory forms have been distributed at your tables. These should be completed by the Chapter Presidents and submitted to Karen by July 1, 2017. Please be sure to include any changes, new information, including new initiates.

[10.2] A new list of Important Dates will be posted on the Pi State website around mid-July.

[11] Adjournment

As there was no other business, the Spring 2017 Executive Board Meeting and Seminar was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

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## Call to Order

President Deborah Bedard called the Pi State Corporation Meeting to order at 11:53 AM. Since there was no business to be presented to the Corporation, the meeting was adjourned at 11:54 AM.

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