



New York State Organization
Minutes of the New York State 72nd General Session
Ramada Geneva Lakefront, Geneva
Saturday, April 27, 2019 9:28 a.m. – 11:35 a.m.

Present: (157 voting members) (See Attendance)

Appendix A

- 8 Past Presidents
- 8 State Officers
- 29 State Chairs
- 42 Chapter Presidents/Representatives
- 1 International Guest

Chapters Absent: (N=12)

#5-Epsilon	#10-Kappa	#11-Lambda	#12-Mu
#27-Alpha Gamma	#29-Alpha Epsilon	#45-Alpha Phi	#63-Beta Omicron
#65-Beta Rho	#67-Beta Tau	#69-Beta Phi	#77-Gamma Epsilon

[1] **Call to Order**

President Mary-Martha Harvey, called the New York State 72nd General Session to order at 9:28 a.m.

[2] **Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Executive Secretary Karen Crumley, *Tau*.

[3] **"God Bless America"**

Vicky Stockton, *Alpha Chi*, led us and signed "God Bless America."

[4] **Welcome**

Convention Co-Chair Carol Lord, *Beta Delta*, brought greetings on behalf of the 2019 Convention Steering Committee. Thanks were extended to Carol and to Convention Co-Chair Jane Morehouse, *Beta Delta*, and all of the Committee members for a very successful Convention 2019.

[5] **Introductions**

Script Appendix B

President Mary-Martha Harvey introduced the women seated on the dais: To her far right, Immediate Past President Deborah Bedard, Second Vice-President Jennifer Lee-Alden, First Vice-President Sue Kenoyer, and Secretary Lisa Huyck. To her far left, Nominations Chair Diane Battaglia, Treasurer Suzanne Patrick (seated in audience), Executive Secretary Karen Crumley, and Parliamentarian Ellie Robinson.

Women holding key positions on our State Committees that will not report today were introduced. On Society Business Committees: On Society Business Committees - Carol Frost, State Facebook Administrator; Joyce Thompson-Hovey, the Chapter Presidents' Facebook Administrator; and the Executive Committee Liaison Jennifer Lee-Alden. On Society Mission and Purpose Committees for Educational Excellence - the EEC DKG International Gallery of Fine Arts Liaison, Judith Corigliano; EEC Music Representative, Vicky Stockton; EEC Headquarters

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Equipment Liaison, Jennifer Lee-Alden; and the Executive Committee Liaison, Sue Kenoyer. On Committees Subject to Endowments: Executive Committee Liaison, Lisa Huyck.

The New York State Past Presidents were recognized: 1991-1993, Anne Marie Carlson, *Phi*, who is also the Chair of CTAUN; 1993-1995, Catherine Olinger, *Beta Psi*; 1997-1999, Dr. Margarethe McCurry, *Alpha Epsilon*; 2009-2011, Joan Slagle, *Beta Omega*, who is also the FDF Administrator; and 2011-2013, Jeanne Schenk, *Alpha Tau*.

Parliamentarian Ellie Robinson introduced the timekeepers for the meeting: Gail Rumsey, *Omega*; Sharon Tallman, *Chi*; and Faith Prather, *Alpha Alpha*.

- [7] **Attendance/Registration Report** See Attendance
Betty Pilato, *Alpha Tau*, reported that there are 178 members registered, which consisted of 137 three-day registrations and 41 one-day registrations. The total number of people currently checked in was 157. There were 29 guests registered. President Harvey thanked Betty for her work as Registrar and announced that a donation in her honor had been made to the Pi State Educational Foundation.
- [8] **Quorum Call and Rules of Debate** Appendix C
Ellie Robinson, State Parliamentarian, stated that 105 is two-thirds of the 157 registered members. She explained about the pro/con cards, and the motion papers. The reading of the "Rules of Debate" were dispensed with for this meeting. These are found in the RED BOOK.
- [9] **Adoption of Agenda** Appendix D
A motion made by Maggie McCurry, *Alpha Epsilon*, and seconded by Anne-Marie Carlson, *Phi*, to adopt the agenda as published with the following changes: omit #6 Secretary's Report; #12 should read Report on Executive Committee Recommendations—Lisa Huyck; and #14 Time Limit [14.15] should read 14.13. ***This motion passed with no discussion or dissention.***
- [10] **Approval of APRIL 29, 2017 General Session Minutes**
The Minutes of the April 29, 2019 General Session held at the Otesaga in Cooperstown, New York, have been approved by the Committee to Approve the Minutes and are published in the RED BOOK. ***Minutes were accepted as printed.***
- The members of the Committee to Approve the Minutes for the 72nd General Session are:
Jacinda Lisanto, *Beta Theta*, (EC)
Margaret Clark, *Beta Chi*, (SC)
Karen Jones, *Beta Omega*, (Capital)
- [11] **Thought for the Day** – Agnes Becker, Gamma Delta

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The theme for Mary-Martha Harvey's biennium focused on "Opportunities to Connect." Agnes spoke of the opportunities that have arisen in the last two years involving people, places, and connecting to the past, to the present, and also to the future.

- [12] **Report on Executive Committee Recommendations** Appendix E
Lisa Huyck reported that the following recommendation from the Executive Committee to the Executive Board have been approved.

[12.1] The following appointments to the Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award Committee due to the resignations of Gail McKinnon, *Alpha Iota*, and Toni Pomerantz, *Alpha Phi*, to complete their terms through 2021 are Catherine Olinger, *Beta Psi* and Rowena Costa, *Alpha Phi*.

[12.2] The Benefit Drawing for Awards, Scholarships, and Grant(s)-in-Aid be revised to Awards, Grant(s)-in-Aid and Leadership.

[12.3] Beginning in 2020, scholarship money from dues will be used to fund named scholarships.

[12.4] The objectives, activities, responsibilities and recommendations of the 2017-2019 Strategic Plan UPDATE are adopted for the 2019-2021 Biennium.

[12.5] The name on the financial accounts will be NYSODKG. (New York State Organization Delta Kappa Gamma)

[12.6] The treasurer will change the accounts and safe deposit box to Community Bank, N.A. after August 17, 2019. The names on this account will be the newly elected President, the Executive Secretary Karen Crumley, and Treasurer Suzanne Patrick.

[13] **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The following Executive Committee Reports were presented.

[13.1] **President Mary-Martha Harvey** thanked all our DKG NYS Members for the "Opportunities to Connect." She spoke of the honor she had to be the leader for the Biennium, to meet and discuss our State business, opportunities and ideas with our State Committees, Chapters and members. The Biennial Report is in the RED BOOK. Appendix F

[13.1.1] **Presentation of Chapter Anniversaries** were made by President Harvey and 1st Vice President Sue Kenoyer. #5, *Epsilon*, 75 years, April 22, 1944; #12, *Mu*, 70 years, December 10, 1949; #37, *Alpha Nu*, 60 years, June 4, 1959; #56, *Beta Theta*, 50 years, March 24, 1969; #65,



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Beta Rho, 45 years, March 9, 1974; #72, *Beta Omega*, 40 years, April 30, 1979; and #71, *Beta Psi*, 40 years, April 27, 1979.

[13.2] **Second Vice President** Sue Kenoyer welcomed the audience. Her highlights were the Chapters, the Area Councils, International Activities, and the many friendships she hopes will last many years. She reflected on the progress over the last two years, and spoke of GTMs and Committee work. Her report can be found on page 8 of the RED BOOK. Appendix G

[13.3] **First Vice President** Jennifer Lee-Alden thanked all for the dedication to the Organization. Jennifer spoke the Area Councils and the upcoming meetings scheduled. Her report can be found on page 10-11 of the RED BOOK.

Appendix H

[13.4] **Immediate Past President Deborah Bedard** spoke of the passion that women have for our State Organization. She hoped that members from the Chapter level, to the Area Council events and to the State level look for potential leadership opportunities and encouraged all to become a “key woman educator.” Her report can be found on page 13 of the RED BOOK.

Appendix I

[13.5] **Executive Secretary Karen Crumley** explained about the information needed for the update for the Directory. Important Dates are in the participant folder. She spoke that the room block for the Spring meeting in Syracuse opens June 1, and there is an International Convention at Foxwoods July 30-August 1, 2019. Yellow books (BYLAWS and SR) will be available for purchase. Her report can be found on page 14 of the RED BOOK.

Appendix J

[13.6] **Treasurer** Suzanne Patrick reported that in the RED BOOK on pages 53-54, and 56-57 for the first six months are the reports for the Society. The Financial Advisor helped make some adjustments since the market was down.

Appendix K

[13.7] **Editor** Kim Goldhirsch, sent a report that was given by Deborah Bedard. She spoke of the work Kim has done with *Pi Lights*.

Appendix L

[14] COMMITTEE REPORTS

[14.1] **Awards.** Chair Erin Merrill thanked the members on the Awards Committee. Her report can be found on page 31 of the RED BOOK. There were beautiful baskets for this weekend’s Benefit Drawing.

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[14.2] **Educational Excellence.** Chair Karen Jones spoke of the workshops offered this weekend. A thank you was extended to the facilitators. Work continues on CTLE and credit offerings. Her report can be found on page 32-35 in the RED BOOK.

Appendix N

The General Session was recessed at 10:15am. EEC Music Representative presented an instrumental musical. The General Session was reconvened at 10:25am.

[14.3] **Membership and Expansion.** Chair Sue Kenoyer extended a thank you to the committee members, who have created, revised, produced or found many resources for the Membership Area of the Website. One of the tasks also is the Hour of Remembrance, which will be held tomorrow. The report appears on pg. 27 of the RED BOOK.

Appendix O

[14.4] **Communications and Publicity.** Chair Judy Wadsworth spoke of the updates done for the Website. She also mentioned the *Facebook* options available. The State Brochure was updated. A key card and one-page flyer for Chapters were created.

Appendix P

[14.5] **BYLAWS & Rules.** Chair Donna Yerdon presented all the changes which had been voted on by the Executive Board. There was a motion to not reread the entire document. This motion was passed. She then proceeded to outline the changes which were approved by the Executive Board. A Motion from Committee to accept the changes proposed by the Executive Board did not need a second. **Motion passed.**

For Standing Rules changes, no motion is necessary at General Session.

The Committee report appears in the RED BOOK on page 20. The numerous changes are in the report found in the Appendix. They were also published in the Winter *Pi Lights* issue.

Appendix Q

[14.6] **Finance.** Mary Frances Seymour gave the report in the absence of Chair Linda Flaherty. The full report can be found in the RED BOOK on pages 22, and 23-24. The Budget was presented that was approved by Executive Board.

Appendix R

[14.7] **Audit.** Chair Jean Sekel thanked the Committee members for a great job done. The full report can be found on RED BOOK page 18.

Appendix S

[14.8] **Bea Small Leadership Fund.** Gail Rumsey gave an update and outlined what the Committee did over the last two years. A form was developed to streamline the process of applying for the Fund. The report can be found in the RED BOOK on page 43.

Appendix T

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[14.9] **Personnel.** Chair Grace Murphy explained the Performance Review process under consideration. This report can be found on page 30 of the RED BOOK.

Appendix U

[14.10] **Leadership Development.** Co-Chair Jeanne Schenk spoke of the “On the Road” training of New and Returning Chapter Presidents and of the many tools on the State Website. She thanked her Co-Chair Dr. Margie Lovett-Scott for producing all of the materials used in the training.

Appendix V

[14.11] **World Fellowship.** Dr. Kathleen Bishop was not in attendance and no report was given. However, President Mary-Martha Harvey updated the audience on the PowerPoint that is being completed by the Committee and will be used by International.

Appendix W

[14.12] **Pi State Educational Foundation.** This was a very exciting year for the Pi State Educational Foundation. Board of Directors President Virginia (Ginny) Dudko reported that the celebration of 15 years was a wonderful achievement and encouraged all to become Educational Foundation members for life. On page 47-48 of the RED BOOK is the full report.

Appendix X

[14.13] **Nominations.** Chair Diane Battaglia stated that on page 29 of the RED BOOK is the full report for the Committee. She presented the Slate of Officers. ***A motion from the Nominations Committee was presented to elect Sue Kenoyer President 2019-2021 and Jennifer Lee-Alden First Vice President 2019-2021. There were no nominations from the floor. Since there was no opposition, the State Secretary cast one ballot for these two positions. Motion passed. Sue Kenoyer was elected State President 2019-2021. Jennifer Lee-Alden was elected first Vice President 2019-2021.***

No applications were received for Second Vice President. ***A nomination from the floor, by Cindy Reger, Beta Nu, was made to nominate Dr. Renee Funke, Kappa. No other nominations were offered. The motion passed. Dr. Renee Funke was elected State Second Vice President 2019-2021.***

No applications were received for the position of State Secretary. ***A nomination was made by Julia Schrader, Gamma, for Seeta Ramprasad, also of Gamma. The President asked of other nominations from the floor. Celia Bradford, Pi, nominated Lisa Huyck, Rho, who currently is the State Secretary. Due to two nominations from the floor, a ballot was prepared. The vote resulted in 97 votes for Lisa Huyck, 19 votes for Seeta Ramprasad, and 6 members abstained. Lisa Huyck was elected State Secretary 2019-2021.***

Appendix Y

[15] **SPECIAL COMMITTEES & NY STATE REPRESENTATIVES**

[15.1] **Ad Hoc Committee to Organize NY State Headquarters in Saratoga Springs.** Chair Joan Slagle reported that much work had been done. Rearranging of furniture, placing documents in

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binders, and labeling were some of things accomplished. The storage units are in a favorable space to allow work. The complete report is to be found on page 49 of the RED BOOK.

Appendix Z

[15.2] **Ad Hoc Committee on State Financial Resources.** Chair Suzanne Patrick shared that many documents have been researched and information has been found on scholarships and endowments. The complete report is on pages 50-51 of the RED BOOK.

Appendix AA

[15.3] **Ad Hoc Committee on Area Councils.** Jennifer Lee-Alden talked about the Area Council survey about the geography, number of members, and the membership consistency. This online survey will be available here at the Convention, on the website HOME PAGE and mentioned in the President's *News & Notes*. Members are encouraged to take and submit the survey.

Appendix BB

[15.4] **Strategic Action Plan UPDATE 2017-2019.** This report was given by Sue Kenoyer and included in participant folders. She outlined how the Executive Committee & State Committees have applied the goals of this plan. There were five areas of focus.

Appendix CC

[15.5] **US Forum Representative on EEC.** A brief report was given by Joan Slagle. The complete report appears on page 33 of the RED BOOK.

Appendix DD

[15.6] **UN-NGO Representative on EEC.** Lochie Musso introduced members of the International Committee, of which five of the eight are from New York State. She introduced new DKG International Representative Eileen Venezia. She stated that NYS members serving on CTAUN Committee are Grace Murphy, Joan Goldstein, Eileen Venezia and Lochie Musso and Chair Anne-Marie Carlson.

Appendix EE

[15.7] **CTAUN.** Chair Anne-Marie Carlson gave a short report, citing the importance of CTAUN and the impact on education. The 20th Annual Conference, "Our Planet - Our Crisis – What's Next," was held in April 5. The 2020 CTAUN Conference theme is "War No More."

Appendix FF

[16] **New Business.** No new business was brought before the General Session.

[17] **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS.**

[17.7] Sue Kenoyer reminded the audience of the Birthday Luncheon in the tent. Coats might be needed.

