



**The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Minutes of the Spring Convention
Executive Board Meeting**

**Wisconsin
State Organization**

April 28, 2018

Crowne Plaza Convention Center, Madison, Wisconsin

The Sigma State Wisconsin Executive Board met on Saturday, April 28, 2018, at the Crowne Plaza Convention Center in Madison.

President Leslie Bakkum (Theta) called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. Barb Millerman (Psi - Northwest Wisconsin), Recording Secretary, and Annmarie Wacker (Beta), Parliamentarian, declared that a quorum was present.

The 2017 Sigma State Wisconsin Executive Board minutes were approved as distributed.

Marcia Trentlage (Omicron) moved that the business meeting agenda be approved as distributed. The motion was adopted.

Kathy Zautner (Beta Alpha) moved to ratify the electronic vote held between August 1, 2017, and September 15, 2017, adopting the report of the 2016-2017 Financial Review Committee. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

Sandra Ruesink (Delta) reported that 18 new members were added this year. As of the end of March, 2018, receipts in the general fund for the fiscal year were \$50,018.45 and expenses were \$44,803.70 for a difference of \$5,214.75. As of April 1, 2018, there is \$9,618.59 in general checking, \$6,308.27 in general savings, and \$36,700 in general investments. The balance of all asset accounts as of March 31, 2018, was \$697,600 in all categories. The treasurer's report will be placed on file for audit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (copies are attached to these minutes) State committee chairs and members were recognized.

Leadership Development Deb Keller and Jan Marson (Alpha Omega), Co-chairs The committee has worked this year to collect, create, and distribute a plan for local chapters to use to promote the Seven Purposes of DKG.

Finance Committee Cindy Rockow (Psi - Northwest Wisconsin), Chair The State budget is in the black and investments are solid and growing. The Finance Committee purchased a new computer and the financial software package, QuickBooks. Recruitment of new members is essential; Sigma State Wisconsin is spending more money than what it is taking in.

Membership Brigitte Musallam (Gamma), Chair Sigma State Wisconsin is 682 members strong. This includes 584 active, 80 reserve, and 18 new initiates since the 2017 convention. While it is good to see the increase in new members, sadly 13 long-term members passed away.

Nominations Committee Kathleen Clouthier (Pi), Chair This committee compiled a list of duties/responsibilities for officers, the Finance Committee, and the Nominations Committee as per Standing Rules and Bylaws.

Rules Committee Shari Eberhardt (Theta), Chair The committee encourages and works with local chapters to review and revise their chapter rules to align with those of Sigma State Wisconsin. The committee will begin a list of proposed revisions to the Bylaws and Standing Rules of Sigma State Wisconsin for action in the spring of 2019.

Historian Helen Van Prooyen (Gamma), Chair, provided a 2017 updated list of state historian records.

Financial Review Committee Mary Kenne (Alpha Gamma), Chair Sigma State Wisconsin's financial records for the period beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, were reviewed by five committee members on August 28, 2017. The financial records were found to be accurate and well-organized.

Strategic Action Plan Brigitte Musallam (Gamma) The committee will continuously review and update identified action steps in the Sigma State Wisconsin Strategic Action Plan that embrace the seven purposes, the mission, and the vision of the society.

Educational Excellence Committee (EEC) Marcia Trentlage (Omicron), Chair This committee has worked to reinforce the three focus areas outlined by the DKG International Excellence Committee: empower women through leadership opportunities, engage educators in purposeful programs and projects, and create global involvement.

Communications and Technology Kay Ziegahn (Lambda), Chair This committee has two main goals for the upcoming year. The first goal is to recruit a communications representative from each chapter. The second goal is to recruit a webmaster from each chapter and train her to create a web site for her chapter.

Scholarship Margaret Bussone (Chi) Three members received Hunziker scholarships, and one person will receive a Founders scholarship pending the end of spring course work. The recipients are Janet Harvey (Alpha Tau), Cindy Quilling (Alpha Tau), and Dianne Dummer (Alpha Tau). Michelle Zettles (Beta) will receive hers at the end of spring coursework.

World Fellowship Marie Allen (Theta) Chair The mission and purpose of this committee is to promote the work of the International World Fellowship Committee. Estella Achinko, World Fellowship recipient from Cameroon, was hosted at this year's state convention and spoke at the noon luncheon as well at an afternoon break-out session.

Grants in Aid for Educational Publication Dr. Sharon Burow (Alpha Beta), Chair Dr. Burow was recognized as the recipient of a \$1,650 grant for GOING ON AN ISLAND WALK to be published in the spring/summer of 2018.

Literary Competition Pat Brabazon and Judy Snyder (Alpha Iota), Co-chairs The 34th year of competition has been completed. There were 1,412 books submitted to chapters with 185 Sigma State Wisconsin members involved in their local literary contests. On Saturday, March 24, state judges met in Beaver Dam and had 122 books to read.

Missling Achievement Award Kathy Harrison (Chi) Four individuals were nominated for this award this past year. This year's recipient, Carolyn Barnhart (Alpha Tau), was announced at the convention.

Action Grants Gerry Nelson (Alpha Xi), Chair The Action Grant committee received \$3,000 from Sigma State Wisconsin and \$2,000 from the Sigma State Foundation. A total of 12 grants were awarded.

International Foundation Bev Hess (Chi), Chair Monies raised are used to finance projects and professional development. The DKG Educational Foundation relies on donations to facilitate its mission. Go to www.dkg.org for more information.

Sigma State Wisconsin Editor Sharon Storms (Lambda) Members are encouraged to get their newsletters electronically if at all possible. Electronic newsletters have more pages, are in color, and save considerable printing and mailing costs. The Finance Committee has approved the addition of one issue beginning with the 2018/2019 fiscal year.

Mary Jo Nettesheim Special Report “The committee moves that the Mary Jo Nettesheim Literary Competition be expanded to include a Bilingual-Spanish category beginning with the 2019 competition.” Roberta Gale presented the rationale for the proposal. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Ruth Scholze (Theta) Corresponding Secretary, read a thank you note from Carolyn Barnhart (Alpha Tau) expressing her appreciation for members’ concern and prayers as she battles leukemia.

Ad hoc Committee to Study State Meetings After her report, Mary Kenne (Alpha Gamma) moved “that the proposed revisions to the Sigma State Wisconsin Bylaws outlined in the report of the Ad hoc Committee to study state meetings be prepared and submitted to the Sigma State Wisconsin Rules chair before October 1, 2018.” The motion was adopted.

Ad hoc Committee to Research Nettesheim Fund Accounting Beverly Hess, (Chi), at the conclusion of her report, moved the following: “The Rules Committee moves that the proposed revisions to the Sigma State Wisconsin Bylaws outlined in the Report of the Ad Hoc Committee to research Nettesheim funding be prepared and submitted to the Sigma State Wisconsin Rules Chair before October 1, 2018. The motion was adopted unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Cindy Rockow (Psi - Northwest Wisconsin) presented the 2018-2019 Sigma State Wisconsin Budget. Cindy offered the following motion: “The committee moves adoption of the 2018-2019 Sigma State Wisconsin Budget as presented.” The motion was adopted unanimously.

An Executive Board vote (using the red cards) was taken on the motion “to adopt the 2018-2019 Sigma State Wisconsin budget as presented.” The motion was adopted.

Sandra Ruesink (Delta) then moved “to approve the 2018-2019 Sigma State Wisconsin budget as adopted by the Sigma State Wisconsin Executive Board.” The motion was adopted unanimously.

Marilyn Lambert (Zeta) moved that “We authorize a monetary gift in the amount of \$100 to express our appreciation to Carolyn Pittman for her service as Society President during the 2016-2018 biennium.” The motion was adopted unanimously.

Leslie Bakkum (Theta) appointed Brigitte Musallam (Gamma), Pat Premo (Chi), and Ruth Scholze (Theta) to proof/edit the minutes of the Spring 2018 business meeting.

Award Presentations

Millie Buege (Beta Alpha) presented the 2018 Sigma State Wisconsin Give Back Awards to the following chapters: Alpha Upsilon (\$275), Alpha Beta (\$500), Chi (\$750), Alpha Iota (\$350), and Beta Alpha (\$300).

Margaret Bussone (Chi) presented a \$3,000 Sigma State Wisconsin Founder's Scholarship to Michelle Zettle (Beta) to be paid when she completes her coursework for library media certification. Michelle and her guests were recognized.

Bev Mantey-VanCronkhite (Delta) presented the 2018 Sigma State Wisconsin GAEP Award for \$1,600 to Sharon Burow (Alpha Beta). Sharon's books are used in all public elementary schools in the West Indies.

Gerry Nelson (Alpha Xi) recognized the 12 Sigma State Wisconsin Action Grant recipients.

Leslie Bakkum (Theta) recognized the following members of the 2018 State Convention Planning Team Lisa Farness (Mu), Linda Hansen (Phi), Joan Kalweit and Jean Schollmeier (Alpha Iota), Mary Kenne (Alpha Gamma), and Ann Walser (Alpha). Each lady received a beautiful stained glass ornament created by Leslie's husband Curt.

The West Central Convention Rotation Group announced plans for the 2019 State Convention which will be held on April 27, 2019, at the Radisson Hotel in La Crosse.

Announcements

Marie Allen (Theta) announced that a change collection would take place during the noon luncheon for the World Fellowship Fund.

Dr. Sharon Burow (Alpha Beta) explained the raffle taking place for the Sigma State Foundation, Inc.

Ann Walser (Alpha) indicated that the basket raffle would end at 3:30 p.m.

Jackie Schwengels (Alpha Iota) stated that the Creative Arts Retreat would take place October 5-8, 2018, in Green Lake.

Kathy Harrison (Chi) explained the purpose of DKGWISCONSINrocks.

Jean Schollmeier (Alpha Iota) gave some convention announcements and informed members that the Fall Workshop will take place on Tuesday, August 7, 2018, at the Best Western Conference Center in Portage.

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 11:50 a.m.

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