

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

April 27, 2019
Cranberry Country Lodge, Tomah, Wisconsin

The Wisconsin State Organization Convention met on Saturday, April 27, 2019, at the Cranberry Country Lodge in Tomah. Convention hostesses included Theta, Lambda, Alpha Upsilon Sigma, and Alpha Omega Chapters.

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

The 2018 Sigma State Wisconsin Executive Board minutes were approved as distributed, and the agenda was adopted as printed.

Kathleen Zautner (Beta Alpha) moved to ratify the electronic vote held between December 9, 2018, and January 1, 2019, adopting the 2018 Financial Review Report prepared by Debra Welsch (CPA,) CliftonLarsonAllen LLP. The motion was adopted.

Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees

The treasurer's report prepared by Sandra Ruesink (Delta) was published and distributed prior to the business meeting. The Treasurer's Report was placed on file for review.

Shari Eberhardt (Theta), State Rules Chair, moved that "Debate on all committee reports and Ad Hoc committee reports be limited to two minutes per speaker and ten minutes per question, except by consent of the voting body." The motion was adopted.

Cindy Rockow (Psi-Northwest Wisconsin) moved "on behalf of the Wisconsin State Organization Finance committee that dues be collected annually in the amount of \$24 for active members, \$9 for reserve members, and \$5 for collegiate members." The motion was adopted.

Shari Eberhardt (Theta) moved "on behalf of the Wisconsin State Organization Rules committee that the offices of second vice-president and corresponding secretary be deleted in Article VI (6) Section 1A of the Wisconsin State Organization Bylaws, amended 2017." The motion was adopted.

Kay Ziegahn (Lambda) moved "on behalf of the Wisconsin State Organization Communications and Technology committee that Article X (10) Section 2A be amended to read 'Wisconsin State News be published four times each year and sent to all state members.'" The amendment was adopted.

Kay Ziegahn (Lambda) moved "on behalf of the Wisconsin State Organization Communications and Technology committee moved that Standing Rule III (3) J2 be amended to read: 'The deadline for submitting copy for Wisconsin State News is the fifteenth of the month preceding the publishing dates of February, June, September, and December.'" The amendment was adopted.

Margaret Bussone (Chi-Ozaukee) on behalf of the Wisconsin State Organization Scholarship Committee moved that “Standing Rule III (3) K8, be amended to read: ‘The Hazel Duling Scholarship (a stipend of \$4,000 or any lesser amount decided on by the scholarship committee) is granted for advanced graduate study to an active state member who has been a member in good standing for at least two years.’” The amendment was adopted. A member need no longer be pursuing a doctoral degree in order to qualify for this scholarship.

Margaret Bussone (Chi-Ozaukee) moved “on behalf of the Wisconsin State Organization Scholarship committee that Standing Rule III (3) K13b, be amended to read: ‘It is a stipend of \$1,500 or any lesser amount decided upon by the scholarship committee based on expenses incurred by the applicant.’” The amendment was adopted. Hunziker awards for international study may now be increased to \$1,500.

Reports of Ad Hoc Committees

Dr. Mary Kenne (Alpha Gamma) moved that “Article VII (7) Section 1A be amended to read: ‘Business of the state shall be conducted bi-annually at a convention held in odd numbered years at a time and place determined by the Executive Board for the purpose of receiving reports, adopting policy, enhancing members’ personal growth, disseminating society information, and conducting other business which may properly come before it.’”

Shari Eberhardt (Theta) moved that “Proposal 1.01 be amended by striking the word **‘bi-annual’** after the word “conducted.” As a point of information, this amendment corrects an error in the original proposal and reflects the intent to hold a convention in odd numbered years. The amendment was adopted.

Article VII (7) Section 1A was amended to read “Business of the state shall be conducted at a convention held in odd-numbered years at a time and place determined by the Executive Board for the purpose of receiving reports, adopting policy, enhancing members’ personal growth, disseminating society information, and conducting other business which may properly come before it.” Extensive discussion followed. Bev Mantey-VanCronkhite (Delta) moved and it was seconded that “Discussion be extended for another 10 minutes.” The motion to extend debate was adopted.

Vote Tally on the Amended Motion

73 Yes
25 No
7 Abstentions

President Leslie Bakkum, Parliamentarian Annmarie Wacker, and Treasurer Sandy Ruesink did NOT vote. Four others abstained from voting. Seventy (70) votes were required for the amendment to carry. The amendment was adopted after extensive debate. Conventions will be held in odd-numbered years.

Dr. Mary Kenne (Alpha Gamma) moved that “Standing Rule II (2) A1 and A2 be amended to read ‘A. State Convention. 1. The state convention shall be held in spring of odd-numbered years. 2. Sites for the state convention shall be chosen at least two years in advance.’” The amendment was adopted.

Dr. Mary Kenne (Alpha Gamma) moved that “Article VII (7) Section 2A be amended to read: ‘An Executive Board meeting shall be held in even-numbered years at a time and place determined by the Executive Board for the purpose of receiving reports, adopting policy, enhancing members’ personal growth, disseminating society information, and conducting other business which may properly come before it.’”

Kathryn Harrison (Chi-Ozaukee) moved that “Article VII (7) Section 2A be amended by striking the words **“at a time and place determined by the Executive Board”** after the word “years.” As a point of information, this

amendment corrects an error in the original proposal and aligns the wording with Proposal 1.04. The amendment was adopted.

Proposal 1.03 as amended “Article VII (7) Section 2A. “An Executive Board meeting shall be held in even-numbered years for the purpose of receiving reports, adopting policy, enhancing members’ personal growth, disseminating society information, and conducting other business which may properly come before it.” was adopted.

Dr. Mary Kenne (Alpha Gamma) moved that “Standing Rule II (2) B1 be amended to read: ‘A meeting of the Executive Board will be held in even-numbered years to accommodate the business of the Executive Board and committee work for the Wisconsin State Organization. The place and time shall be set by the state president.’” The amendment carried. (Proposal 1.04)

Dr. Mary Kenne (Alpha Gamma) moved that “Article XII (12) Section 2A be amended to read: ‘Wisconsin State Organization Standing Rules may be amended at any state Executive Board meeting.’” The amendment was adopted.

Beverly Hess (Chi-Ozaukee) moved that “Article X (10) Section 4B be deleted.” The motion was adopted. As a point of information, this motion refers to the Wisconsin State Organization Mary Jo Nettesheim Fund which does not exist.

New Business

Mary Dettmering (Alpha Eta), Patricia Premo (Chi-Ozaukee), and Kathleen Goodwin (Pi) have accepted an appointment to edit the minutes of the 2019 business meeting held on April 27, 2019.

Kathleen Clouthier (Pi), the state nominations chair submitted the following nominations:

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| President | Dr. Mary H. Kenne, Alpha Gamma |
| Vice-president | Stephanie Malaney, Omicron |
| Recording Secretary | Isabel Maria Piana, Delta |
| Finance Committee | Julie Hannon, Omicron |
| | Barbara Cody, Zeta |
| | Mary Lou Donnelly, Nu |
| Nominations Committee | Leslie Riese Bakkum, Theta |
| | Kari Metts, Delta |
| | Mary Salverson, Alpha Gamma |

There were no further nominations from the floor. Hearing no objection to the slate of 2019-2021 Wisconsin State Organization as presented, the motion was adopted unanimously.

Cindy Rockow (Psi-Northwest Wisconsin), chair of the 2019-2020 Wisconsin State Organization budget, moved “that we adopt the 2019-2020 Wisconsin State Organization Proposed Budget, Option 4, as presented.” The vote resulted in 27 executive committee members voting in favor and 2 opposed. The motion was adopted.

Sandra Ruesink (Delta) moved “to approve the 2019-2020 Wisconsin State Organization budget as adopted by the Wisconsin State Organization Executive Board.” The motion was adopted. This will result in a \$4 increase in state dues for active members and a \$2 increase for reserve members beginning with the new fiscal year.

Beverly Hess (Chi-Ozaukee) requested that Proposal 3.02 be removed from the consent agenda, and it was removed. Beverly then moved that “Proposal 3.02 be amended by adding the words ‘to serve until the next regular election of officers’ after the word ‘successor.’” The amendment was adopted. Since there was no objection, the motion was adopted as amended. Proposal 3.02 now reads: “When a vacancy occurs in the office of vice president, the president shall name a successor to serve until the next regular election of officers.”

Margaret Bussone (Chi-Ozaukee) moved that the consent agenda, minus Proposal 3.02, be approved. The motion was adopted.

Announcements

Kathryn Harrison announced that the 2020 spring meeting will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2020, at the Radisson Hotel and Convention Center in Fond du Lac. (*This was later changed to Saturday, May 2, 2020.*)

Ruth Scholze expounded on the World Fellowship Change Collection, the Sigma State Foundation, Inc. Raffle, the basket raffle, and the Creative Arts Retreat.

Upcoming Dates

July 1, 2019	2019-2021 biennium begins
July 10-12, 2019	2019 International Conference: Leadership, Embassy Suites, Des Moines Downtown, Des Moines, Iowa
October 4-6, 2019	Creative Arts Retreat, Green Lake, Wisconsin

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 11:27 a.m.

Barbara A. Millerman

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Wisconsin State Organization Recording Secretary