

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Minutes of the WSO Convention
Business Meeting, May 6, 2023

The Wisconsin State Organization Convention was held on Saturday, May 6, 2023, at the Ingleside Hotel, Pewaukee, WI.

President Stephanie Malaney (Omicron) called the business meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. State Secretary, Isabel Maria Piana (Delta), declared a quorum was present.

The number of Executive Board members registered and in attendance at the meeting was twenty-five. Two-thirds was set at seventeen; the simple majority was set at thirteen. The total number of members registered and in attendance at the business meeting was eighty. Two-thirds was set at fifty-three; the simple majority was set at forty-one.

President Stephanie Malaney welcomed everyone to the 2023 WSO Convention, the first in-person convention since the start of Covid. DKG LEADs Literacy, Education, Advocacy, Diversity was the theme. She thanked the committee for all their planning.

President Stephanie Malaney welcomed our special DKG International guest, Phyllis Hickey.

President Stephanie Malaney and Julie Trafton (Pi) made some general housekeeping announcements. President Stephanie Malaney also announced that if any Executive Board member did not have their red voting card, they needed to see Isabel M. Piana immediately.

President Stephanie Malaney invited members to come to the podium with additional announcements. She reminded members the Business Packet with Committee Reports could be found online. Announcements were made regarding basket auction items, Chapter displays, the Action Grant and Mary Jo Nettesheim winners and recognized Amanda Billerbeck as the designer of the logo for the convention booklet.

President Stephanie Malaney noted that the Consent Agenda, which consisted of the Minutes of the Leadership Conference 2022 and the Finance Report, had been published and did not require a vote.

New Business

President Stephanie Malaney called for volunteers to proof/edit the 2023 Convention Meeting Minutes. Patricia Premo (Chi), Beverly Hess (Chi) and Judy Snyder (Alpha Iota) volunteered.

Mary Kenne (Alpha Gamma) presented the slate of state officers for the 2023-2025 biennium.

President:	Kathleen Clouthier (Pi)
Vice-president:	Christine Shewczyk (Chi)
Secretary:	Kay Ziegahn (Lambda)

President Stephanie Malaney called for a vote. The motion carried.

President Stephanie Malaney called on Leslie Bakkum (Theta) to present the proposed changes to the Bylaws of Wisconsin State Organization.

Leslie Bakkum stated,

“On behalf of the Wisconsin State Organizations Rules Committee, I move that ARTICLE VI, SECTION 2A of the Bylaws of Wisconsin State Organization, amended April 2021, be amended to read, ‘The state editor shall be appointed by the state president and confirmed by vote of the state Executive Board. She shall serve no more than three consecutive three-year terms. Additional three-year terms are allowed by agreement of the state president and state editor and confirmed by vote of the state Executive Board.’”

President Stephanie Malaney called for a vote of the Executive Board. The motion carried. The membership vote followed. The motion carried.

Leslie Bakkum then stated,

“On behalf of the Wisconsin State Organization Rules Committee, I move that ARTICLE VI, SECTION 2 of the Bylaws of Wisconsin State Organization, amended April 2021, be amended by adding Section 2C, ‘The state webmaster shall be appointed by the state president and confirmed by vote of the state Executive Board. She shall serve no more than three consecutive three-year terms. Additional three-year terms are allowed by agreement of the state president and state webmaster and confirmed by vote of the state Executive Board.’”

President Stephanie Malaney called for a vote of the Executive Board. The motion carried. The membership vote followed. The motion carried.

Leslie Bakkum stated

“On behalf of the Wisconsin State Organization Rules Committee, I move that ARTICLE VI, SECTION 4D of the Bylaws of Wisconsin State Organization, amended April 2021, be amended to read, ‘The state treasurer shall be elected by the state Executive Board during even-numbered years. She shall serve no more than three consecutive two-year terms. Additional two-year terms are allowed by agreement of the state treasurer and the state Executive Board. Proviso: this change is effective July 01, 2024.’”

President Stephanie Malaney called for a vote of the Executive Board. The motion carried. The membership vote followed. The motion carried.

President Stephanie Malaney called on Julie Hannon (Omicron) to present the Budget. Julie Hannon moved that the 2023-2024 Wisconsin State Organization Proposed Budget be adopted as presented.

President Stephanie Malaney called for a vote of the Executive Board. The motion carried. The membership vote followed. The motion carried.

President Stephanie Malaney asked the current officers and the officers for the 2023-2025 biennium to come to the stage. The installation of officers was conducted by International guest Phyllis Hickey.

President Stephanie Malaney made a few final announcements regarding the 2024 Leadership Conference, the 2025 Convention and the NW Convention in Detroit.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:10 a.m.

Isabel Maria Piana

Isabel Maria Piana (Delta) Wisconsin State Organization Secretary
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