



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS
DELTA KAPPA GAMMA™

New Jersey Alpha Zeta State Organization
Saturday April 1, 2017

President Barbara Smith (Omicron) called the general session of the Alpha Zeta State Membership to order at 9 a.m. in the East Ballroom of the Doubletree Hotel, Somerset, New Jersey.

Carol Schwartz, (Gamma) first vice-president, led the flag salute.

Smith called Babette Wise (Pi), the State Motivator, to provide the motivational thought.

Recording Secretary Susan Davis (Epsilon) called the roll of the executive board voting members.

President	Barbara Smith (Omicron)	Present
First Vice President	Carol Schwartz (Gamma)	Present
Second Vice President	Dr. Pam Albert Devine (Mu)	Present
Recording Secretary	Susan Davis (Epsilon)	Present
Corresponding Secretary	Ingrid Williams (Nu)	Present
Treasurer	Ellen Hahn (Beta)	Present
Parliamentarian	Peggy Madison (Sigma)	Present
Immediate Past President	Mary Conover (Pi)	Present

The following Chapter presidents or representatives were present:

Alpha	Deborah Hoeflinger
Beta	JoAnne Corvino
Gamma	Michele Maruca
Delta	Terry Morris
Epsilon	Pam Raynor
Zeta	JoAnne Applegate
Eta	Irma Lorenz
Theta	Joyce Breitwieser
Iota	Candice Zachowski
Kappa	Mimi Weiss
Lambda	Dr. Barbara Glazewski
Mu	Carolyn Bennet for Elizabeth Flynn
Nu	Christine Musik
Xi	Jane Flanagan
Omicron	Gail Starr
Pi	Dr. Kathy Albertson
Rho	Patricia Garay
Sigma	Charlotte Orfe for Susan Yoder

Recording Secretary, Susan Davis (Epsilon) copies of the minutes for the January 14, 2017 Executive Board Meeting, along with the minutes from the 2016 Convention April 9-11, 2016, were sent electronically, prior to this meeting to the Executive Board. Hard copies of the both sets of minutes were provided for those who had not received the electronic copies. President Smith called for additions and/or corrections to the 2016 Convention Minutes. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes. The minutes were adopted as presented. Smith called for additions or corrections to the January 14, 2017 Executive Board Meeting. There was a correction to add "Corresponding Secretary, Ingrid Williams" as leading the Flag Salute for the January 14, 2017 meeting. The minutes were adopted with the correction and will be filed in the state archives.

Corresponding Secretary, Ingrid Williams (Nu)

Get well cards were sent to Harriett DiLeonardo and Carol Scelza.

Sympathy cards were sent to Susan Hebel (loss of significant other), Suzanne Hunt (loss of husband), Kathy Frieriep (passing of her sister), Nu Chapter (passing of sister Ila Jane), and Iota Chapter (passing of sister Linda Martins).

Cards were sent to Past State Presidents Dr. Blossom Nissman, Mary Ann Mironchik, Ruth Forlines, Beth Ann Richey and Suzanne Hunt telling them that they will be missed at this year's state convention.

Parliamentarian, Margaret Madison (Sigma) reviewed the Rules of Order for the 2016 Convention:

- A quorum, for this convention meeting, consists of the majority of the members who have registered at convention.
- Committee reports are limited to three (3) minutes.
- Every registered member may make motions, add to the discussion, and vote.
- All persons addressing the chair shall stand and state her name and chapter.
- All motions, amendments, and resolutions shall be presented to the chair or presiding officer in written form before a vote is taken and shall be signed by the individual or chairs presenting such a motion.
- No second is needed when the motion comes from committee.
- All motions become part of the Recording Secretary's file.
- On speaking to a motion, each person is limited to five (5) minutes.
- The presentation time for any proposed amendments to the governing documents will be limited to a maximum of 30 minutes.
- No person shall speak more than twice to the same motion.

A motion was made from the floor to adopt the Convention Rules and seconded. Motion carried unanimously. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order.

Treasurer, Ellen Hahn (Beta) provided the treasurer's report. Checking account balance as of 03/23/17 is \$19,154.93. The Margaret Abel Scholarship Fund balance as of 3/17/17 is \$64,004.66. Our Designated Funds account is \$55,975.75, as of 3/23/17.

President Smith asked for questions to the treasurer's report. Hearing none, the report will be filed for audit.

President's Report, Barbara Smith (Omicron)

President Smith thanked the executive committee, chapter presidents, committee chairs and past state presidents for their support this biennium.

The past presidents that were not able to attend were noted with wishes of good health to them all: Suzanne Hunt, Blossom Nissman, Ruth Forlines, Beth Ann Richey, and Mary Ann Mironchik. Announcements and important information for the membership was attached to the agenda for the meeting.

The executive committee will meet this spring to work on the Strategic Plan.

The members were urged to continue the use of the DKG Membership Plan throughout the year. The use of the data created by the Expansion Committee this biennium will be very helpful to the chapters if they use it.

Committee chairs were asked to prepare for the Transition Session on June 10th. All incoming and outgoing AZS committee chairs should attend the session at the Sayen School in Hamilton, NJ.

Chapters were asked to celebrate the international birthday along with each chapter birthday. Founder's Day is May 11th.

Smith recognized Claire Swanson for creating a Twitter Bingo and Jan Paxton for creating a mobile app for the convention.

Smith ended her report with saying thank you to the AZS members for putting their trust in her this past biennium.

News from the Society

Our convention guest, Nita R. Scott, The Delta Kappa Gamma Society Membership Services Administrator, presented information from Headquarters to the membership.

Committee Standing Reports (All AZS Committee Biennial Reports are in the 2017 Convention Program.)

Rules and Bylaws – Co-Chairs: Irene Maskaly (Iota) and Dr. Barbara Glazewski (Lambda)

(All proposed amendments are attachments to these minutes.)

The Rules and Bylaws committee moved to adopt proposed amendment Awards XI. D. 4. to the AZS Bylaws. On motion of Saula Cutter (Gamma), seconded by Jan Wilson (Gamma) and confirmed by unanimous vote of the body, the motion was amended to read "to adopt the proposed amended Bylaws as a whole." The amended motion to adopt the proposed amendments to the AZS Bylaws as a whole carried unanimously.

The Rules and Bylaws committee moved to adopt proposed amendment 11.4.1.2. 4. to the AZS Standing Rules. On motion of Barbara Henderson (Epsilon), seconded by Debbie Simmons (Epsilon), and confirmed by unanimous vote of the body, the motion was amended to read "to adopt the proposed amended AZS Standing Rules as a whole." The amended motion to adopt the proposed amendments to the AZS Standing Rules as a whole carried unanimously.

Nominations - Roxanne Adinolfi (Sigma)

The Nominations Committee met on November 19, 2016 to conduct its business. The report is in the 2017 Convention Program.

The nominating committee submits the following nominations: Carol Schwartz of Gamma Chapter for president, Ingrid Williams of Nu chapter for first vice-president, Dr. Pamela Albert-Devine of Mu Chapter for second vice-president, Dr. Nora Pollard of Lambda Chapter for recording secretary, Irene Maskaly of Iota Chapter for corresponding secretary, and Carmela DeMarco of Gamma Chapter for nominations chair.

By unanimous consensus, each nominee was appointed.

Finance – Gail Griffin (Nu)

The finance committee presented the 2017-2018 AZS Budget to the membership. The Budget was adopted at the January 14, 2017 State Executive Board Meeting

Communication/Publicity Ad Hoc Committee – Chair, Jan Paxton (Alpha)

The Ad Hoc committee met electronically March 8, 2017 to discuss the results of their survey sent to the membership. The committee is making some suggestions to AZS to try for the next biennium. After that, they will see the results of these efforts. These results will give the committee a better idea of what to recommend for changes in structure and Bylaws. The recommendations have been submitted to all committee members and the AZS President.

Unfinished business - none

New business - none

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Necrology - Ruth Mooney (Gamma)

We will be honoring ten deceased sisters, including a past president, at the Celebration of Life Ceremony on Sunday. Participants have been asked to meet in the lobby of the Mirabelle room at 8:45am.

Installation – Mary Lou LeCompte (Lambda) and Jane Murphy (Sigma)

The incoming officers and the nomination chair will have a short rehearsal after the afternoon breakout sessions about 3:45pm in the main ballroom.

EEC/Program – Carol Schwartz (Gamma)

Thanks to all the breakout session facilitators for overseeing the sessions during the day.

Newsletter – Dr. Margaret Niemiec (Rho)

The Executive Committee, Committee Chairs and the Chapter Presidents be aware that the deadline for submitting copy for the Spring AZS Newsletter is April 29, 2017. Articles should include important information from the committees as well as news of a professional nature from all AZS chapters.

Initiation - Carol Boehm (Lambda), Amy Weinstein (Gamma) and Angela Castaneda (Gamma)

The 2017 Alpha Zeta State Initiation will begin promptly at 6:00 pm this evening April 1, 2017. All sisters are asked to take their seats by 5:45 pm so that State officers, our International guest, initiates and their escorts can line up in the Ballroom Foyer prior to the ceremony. Initiates and their escorts will meet at 5:30 pm in the first four rooms, labeled by chapter, down the Parlor Hallway. State officers will meet at 5:45 pm to line up in the Ballroom Foyer. We ask all participants to minimize any talking as we line up to help make this as orderly and quick as possible. Sigma Chapter will assist the Initiation Chairs in making preparation for the ceremony orderly and pleasant for all participants. Also, new this year the Initiation Chairs will communicate with each other using walkie talkies. We look forward to initiating our new sisters tonight.

Reminders:

June 10, 2017 9:30-12:30pm for 2015-2017 AND 2017-2019 State Chairs and officers at Sayen School, 3333 Nottingham Way, Hamilton, NJ

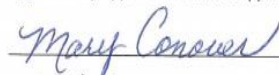


- **The DKG Northeast Regional Conference, July 12-14, 2017 at Caesar’s Windsor Resort and Convention Center, Windsor, Ontario, Canada Reservations: www.dkg.org**

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Submitted by,
Susan J. Davis AZS Recording Secretary, Susan Davis (Epsilon)

Approved by Appointed Minutes Approval Committee:

 Mary Conover, (Pi)
 Kim Falcone (Lambda)
 Jane Tallmadge (Nu)



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Closing Session
Sunday, April 2, 2017

AZ State President, Barbara Smith (Omicron), called the second session to order at 10:14 a.m. at the DoubleTree Hotel, Somerset, New Jersey.

Susan Davis (Epsilon), AZ State Recording Secretary, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Smith called on Babette Wise (Pi) State Motivator, who read an inspirational message.

There was no quorum for the session.

Smith called for reports from committee chairs:

Music - Diana Dohrmann (Eta)

Susan Davis, Recording Secretary read the report for Diana Dohrmann.

The music activities for the 2017 State Convention began Friday evening with chorus rehearsal, 25 sisters participated.

Saturday luncheon: Processional music was performed for the presentation of the banners during luncheon.

Saturday evening: Light classical prelude music was performed for initiation. The chorus performed after dinner with a medley of "rainbow songs" arranged by Diana Dohrmann (Eta).

Sunday: The Necrology Ceremony music was under the direction of Evelyn Oberndorf (Alpha). Roxanne Adinolfi (Sigma), sang "One White Rose." Carol Boehm (Lambda) played "Amazing Grace" on flute and Evelyn accompanied on the piano.

Convention - Convention State Chair, Mary Jean DiRoberto (Rho) Jan Paxton (Alpha) and Sue Davis (Epsilon) thanked chapter convention chairs. Thank you to Barb Smith who worked tediously to ensure we had a wonderful experience and Carol Schwartz, whose planning resulted in a diverse and uplifting convention programs. There were 233 members and 33 initiates registered. The Friday night basket auction netted \$5,726.

Every year we try something new to improve your convention experience. This year Jan helped us explode into the next century with her Guidebook App, which from today on will be known as "Jan's App."

AZS Convention 2018 will be held at the Doubletree Hotel, Somerset, New Jersey, April 13-15, 2018.

Member evaluations are all online this year. We must have yours: good, bad or otherwise. Your input guides us. We look forward to seeing you at next year's convention at the Somerset Doubletree from April 13-15, 2018. Pay your taxes before you come!

Remarks - State President, Barbara Smith

Smith thanked all members of AZS for their work for making convention such as success. She specifically thanked the executive committee, past state presidents, and all committee chairs for teamwork and efforts to meet our goals to forward-thinking skills, to move AZS forward. She has enjoyed her time as AZS President.

Remarks – International guest, Nita R. Scott

International guest Nita Scott was honored to be with us. Spiritual membership is real. She extended one last challenge: 1929 and 1938 and now 2017, we need to learn to lead and make a difference. "Our original leaders were mavericks. They did what women in their time didn't do. Where would we be now? Move DKG forward in NJ to meet the changing times. Continue to grow. Dare to be a progressive as they were." She had a wonderful time.

Remarks- President Elect, Carol Schwartz (Gamma)

She is looking forward to working with the new leadership team. She will emphasize chapter level workshops of substance. We must show the members the importance of membership.

New Business: None

Announcements:

- All evaluations are online this year.
- June 10th is Leadership Transition for the chapter 2016-2018 officers and state chairs at the Sayen Elementary School, Hamilton, NJ. Information will be sent soon.
- July 12-14 are the dates for the DKG International Convention, in Windsor, Ontario, Canada.
- Save the dates, April 13-15, 2018 at the Somerset Doubletree, Somerset, NJ for our next Alpha Zeta State Convention.

Adjournment:




The meeting was adjourned at 10:32a.m.

Submitted,

Susan J. Davis

Susan Davis (Epsilon), AZS Recording Secretary

Approved by Appointed Minutes Approval Committee:

	Mary Conover, (Pi)
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