



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS
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New Jersey Alpha Zeta State Organization
Closing Session
Sunday, April 10, 2016

AZ State President, Barbara Smith (Omicron), called the second session to order at 10:00 a.m. at the DoubleTree Hotel, Somerset, New Jersey.

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

Carol Schwartz (Gamma), AZ State First Vice President, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 2016 State Convention began Friday evening with chorus rehearsal. 32 sisters participated. Participation by chapter has increased from 5 chapters last year to 12 chapters this year.

Processional music was performed for the presentation of the banners during luncheon. The official "Our Pledge" song was sung by the membership.

For the initiation ceremony, twenty minutes of light classical prelude music was performed. Background music was played during the ceremony.

The Chorus performed their "George M. Cohan Medley" following dinner and awards.

The Necrology music was arranged by Evelyn Oberndorf (Alpha). Carol Boehm (Lambda) sang "On Eagles Wings." Carol played a flute accompaniment as Roxanne Adinolfi (Sigma), sang "One White Rose."

Convention - Susan Davis(Epsilon), Convention Facilitator Coordinator/Event Planner and Janice Paxton(Alpha), Convention Registrar reported for State Chair, Mary Jean DiRoberto (Rho), in her absence.

The state chairs thanked chapter convention chairs and Carol Schwartz, who planned the impressive convention programs, which helped to make Convention 2016 a huge success. There were 256 people registered, including guests and presenters. The Friday night basket auction netted \$6,098 and book sales \$252.50.

AZS Convention 2017 will be held at the Doubletree Hotel, Somerset, New Jersey, March 31, April 1, 2, 2017.

Member evaluations are very important as they serve as a guide in preparing for future conventions. Last year, breakfast was included in the price of the hotel room. This year, the convention tri-fold/agenda was posted on the website before the convention.

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 advance key women educators, to embrace our diverse membership and to continue as strong women, using our forward-thinking skills, to move AZS forward.

Ruth Mooney was thanked for the moving Celebration of Life Ceremony Sunday morning as we paid tribute to nine of our AZS sisters this year.

International guest Sandra Smith Bull would have liked to speak this morning but her flight had been changed to leave earlier than expected. She had a wonderful time.

New Business: None

Announcements:

- Please send any questions regarding the proposed International Standing Rules amendment changes or comments and questions about the proposed nominees for the international slate of officers and committee chairs to President Smith.
- Please note your experience using the QR code this weekend on your evaluation sheet.
- June 11th is Leadership Training for the chapter 2016-2018 officer teams at the Sayen Elementary School, Hamilton, NJ. Information will be sent soon.
- July 5-9, 2016 are the dates for the DKG International Convention, in Nashville, TN.
- Save the dates March 31-April 2, 2017 at the Somerset Doubletree, Somerset, NJ for our next Alpha Zeta State Convention.

Adjournment:

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

Submitted,

Susan Davis (Epsilon), AZS Recording Secretary