



DKG NJ State Convention 2019  
Somerset Double Tree Hotel and  
Conference Center  
Somerset, NJ

First General Session: Saturday April 6, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President - Carol Schwartz (Gamma) at 9:12 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President - Ingrid Williams (Nu)

Inspirational Thought provided by State Motivator - Babette Wise (Pi)

Roll Call of Executive Board by Recording Secretary - Dr. Nora Pollard (Lambda)

State Officers:

President - Carol Schwartz (Gamma)  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President - Ingrid Williams (Nu)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President - Dr. Pamela Albert Devine (Mu)  
Recording Secretary - Dr. Nora Pollard (Lambda)  
Corresponding Secretary - Irene Maskaly (Iota)  
Treasurer - Ellen Hahn (Beta)  
Parliamentarian – Dr. Margaret Niemec (Rho)  
Immediate Past President - Barbara Smith (Omicron)

Chapter Presidents:

Alpha – Jan Paxton  
Beta - Jo Ann Corvino  
Gamma – Angela Belmont  
Delta – Lisa Novsak  
Epsilon - Pam Raynor  
Zeta - JoAnne Applegate  
Eta - Irma Lorenz  
Theta - Joyce Breitwieser  
Iota - Candice Zachowski  
Kappa - Mimi Weis  
Lambda – Dr. Barbara Glazewski/Joan Stuart  
Mu - Elizabeth Flynn  
Nu – Gail Griffin  
Xi - Jane Flanagan  
Omicron – Diane Roberts  
Pi – Catherine Kelly  
Rho – Crystal DiBetta  
Sigma – Trudy Lockspierser for Annette Harris

Approval of Minutes of the January 5, 2019 Executive Meeting by Recording Secretary - Dr. Nora Pollard (Lambda).

The minutes of the January 5, 2019 Executive Committee meeting were posted on the website and copies were provided for review. One correction was submitted by the Finance Committee prior to convention and the minutes of the January 5, 2019 have been amended to reflect this change. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Correspondence by Corresponding Secretary - Irene Maskaly (Iota)

Cards that have been set since January 6, 2019: 4 get well, 2 congratulations, 5 thinking of you, and 5 condolences

Carol read an e-mail from Judy Merz expressing her desire to be with us but was unable.

The full report is on file with the state corresponding secretary and the state recording secretary.

Reports of Officers and Committee Chairs

Parliamentarian - Dr. Margaret Niemiec (Rho), read the rules of order, which are included in the convention program. Faith Steinfort (Eta) moved to accept the rules of order. This was seconded by Annabelle Boehm (Lambda). All in favor.

Treasurer's report - Ellen Hahn (Beta)

Balance as of 3/22/2019 was \$11,911.51. The treasurer has moved monies to cover designated funds. No questions were posed. The treasurer's report has been filed for audit and is on file with the State Treasurer and the State Recording Secretary.

President's Report - Carol Schwartz (Gamma)

Thanked executive committee and chapter presidents during this biennium.

The minutes of this convention will once again be approved by an appointed committee consisting of Barbara Smith (Omicron), Carmela DeMarco (Gamma), and Elizabeth Flynn (Mu)

Several past state presidents were unable to attend this year's convention including Suzanne Hunt, Dr. Blossom Nissman, Dr. Beth Ann Richey, Dr. Mary Ann Mironchick, and Dr. Judy Merz.

Congratulations to Dr. Judy Merz on her entries of two poems, *My Love* and *Song* and a 2D art entry, *Lion and Lamb*, into the DKG Gallery of Fine Arts

I have had the privilege of visiting many chapters and will be visiting 3 chapters in the coming weeks.

The International Conference in Connecticut this summer will be at Foxwoods. Registration is currently open. Irene Maskaly is planning a Jersey Girls dinner for Wednesday evening of the conference week.

May 11<sup>th</sup> is Founders' Day. DKG will be celebrating our 90<sup>th</sup> year. Please remember this as you plan your spring meetings.

The state transition meeting will be held on June 1, 2019 at Steinert High School in Hamilton. All current and incoming committee chairs should plan to attend to exchange portfolios.

News from Society Headquarters provided by Jane Tanner, Northeast Regional Director

Greetings from 2018-2020 board

New International President Cathy Daugherty plans to focus on Momentum, Evaluation, and Transparency (MET) during her biennium. Some of the activities initiated to meet these focal points include:

Momentum: staff at international headquarters have moved to working on project teams; using Google forms for many applications; expanding revitalization of states losing more than 25% of their membership; emergency funds distributed \$59K with only \$52K taken in; committees continuing to meet face-to-face and electronic; exploring partnership opportunities (i.e. Go Ahead Tours which gives us a portion of the proceeds as non-dues revenues); new scholarship; preparation for 2020 International Convention

Evolution: updated website and 365 app; DKG News only available on-line; updated arts submission process; 5 international conferences (not regionals any longer); redesigned the 2019-2021 leadership-management seminar; and expansion committee is looking at how to help states grow with less emphasis on bringing in other countries.

Transparency: a new chat feature has been added to the DKG website; clean audit of finance; open communication at all levels; overhaul of the standing rules and constitution; other documents updated; and acknowledgment of all contributions.

There will be a continued focus on the constitution and standing rules. Changes from the 2018 International Convention that will have an impact include: state names will no longer be using Greek names; collegiate members now accepted; new dues collection process; and more emphasis on international events. The thematic approach for international conferences (what we had been calling regional conferences) was instituted so members can choose the topic that is her passion and attend the conference of her choosing to learn more about the topic. Finally, Jane encouraged everyone to read all communications from international.

#### Rules/By-laws - Barbara Glazewski (Lambda)

For the 2018-2019 year, the four (4) proposed amendments to the Bylaws, which have been shared with all chapter presidents, chapter chairs and chapter members through their chapters as well as published in the state newsletter, are all of an editorial rather than a significant substantive nature and none of them have a budget impact. Therefore, they will be considered with a single motion. On behalf of the Rules/Bylaws Committee, I move that the four proposed amendments to the NJSO Bylaws that were approved on January 5, 2019 by the NJSO Executive Committee to come before the membership body for approval, be approved. There were no objections or abstentions. The motion passed.

For the 2018-2019 year, the four (4) proposed amendments to the Standing Rules, which have been shared with all chapter presidents, chapter chairs and chapter members through their chapters as well as published in the state newsletter, are all of an editorial rather than a significant substantive nature and none of them have a budget impact. Therefore, they will be considered with a single motion. On behalf of the Rules/Bylaws Committee, I move that the four proposed amendments to the NJSO Bylaws that were approved on January 5, 2019 by the NJSO Executive Committee to come before the membership body for approval, be approved. There were no objections or abstentions. The motion passed.

#### Finance - Gail Griffin (Nu) Chair

2019-2020 budget was presented to the membership. Proposed budget was adopted by the executive committee on January 5, 2019. The basket auction supports the designated funds. State committee chairs should review their line items. No questions were posed. The report will be filed with the minutes.

Nominations – Carmella DeMarco (Gamma) on behalf of the committee moves that the slate of officers be accepted

President: Ingrid Williams (Nu)

1<sup>st</sup> VP: Dr. Nora Pollard (Lambda)

2<sup>nd</sup> VP: Irene Maskaly (Iota)

Recording secretary: Dr. Pamela Albert Devine (Mu)

Corresponding secretary: Gail Starr (Omicron)

Nominations Chair: Carol Schwartz (Gamma)

Nominations from the floor were opened for each position. No further nominations were presented. Nominations were closed and by unanimous consent the slate of officers for the 2019-2021 was approved.

Biennium reports from all committees can be found in the 2019 convention book.

Unfinished Business: None

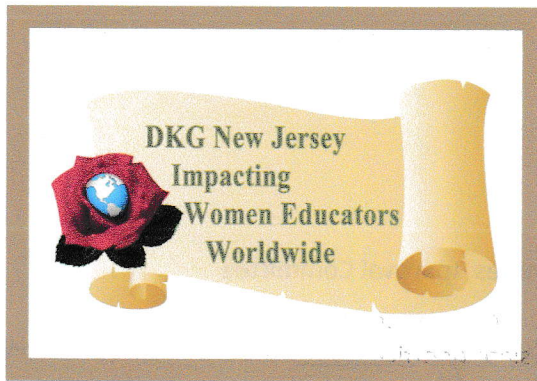
New Business: None

Announcements:

2020 International Convention Barbara Smith: The 2020 International Convention will be hosted by 5 states (PA, NJ, MD, DE, and DC) and will be held at the Marriott Hotel on Market Street in Philadelphia. A survey can be found on-line for those interested in taking on tasks at the convention. Thus far of the approximately 100 members who have responded, 52 were from NJ. Thank you to Jessie Oliano (Gamma) for her assistance with creating and posting the survey.

Convention: Mary Jean DiRoberto (Rho), Chair, Susan Davis (Epsilon) Convention Facilities Coordinator, and Jan Paxton (Alpha) Convention Registrar: Luncheon set up at about 11:30, banner carriers meet in the hallway at 11:50.

Meeting adjourned at 10:02



Closing Session  
Sunday, April 7, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President - Carol Schwartz (Gamma) at 10:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President - Ingrid Williams (Nu)

Inspiration Thought by State Motivator - Babette Wise (Pi)

Committee Reports:

Music - Dr. Dianna Dohrmann (Eta) Chair

20 members attended chorus rehearsal on Friday evening preparing to sing "Songs of the 70's" for the Saturday evening banquet. Marches were played for processional and soft prelude music was performed for the induction ceremony. Necrology music was led by Carol Boehm and Evelyn Obendorf. The full report is on file with the state music chair and the state recording secretary.

Convention - Mary Jean DeRoberto (Rho), Chair, Jan Paxton (Alpha), Convention Registrar, and Sue Davis (Epsilon), Convention Facilities Coordinator

Over 250 people were registered for convention including member, initiates, and guests. Over \$4500 was raised through the basket auction. Mary Jean thanked Jan and Sue for their hard work and announced that this was her last year as the Chair of the convention committee.

Jan announced that the contracts were signed with the DoubleTree, Somerset for next two conventions (2020 and 2021). Watch the website for information about the dates and materials for suggesting or volunteering to do a workshop.

Sue announced that the committee is not averse to using an alternate site for the convention, but the new site needed to meet specific specification regarding the number of guest rooms, space for workshops, etc. If anyone has a suggestion of an alternate site, they should contact the committee.

Remarks:

President - Carol Schwartz (Gamma)

Carol reminded everyone about the transition meeting scheduled for June 1, 2019 at Steinert High School.

Northeast Regional Director – Jane Tanner

Jane gave her reflections about the NJSO convention titled "Reflections from an Honorary Jersey Girl". She provided quotes from conversations she had with members, things she overheard, and topics from

the various workshops she led. She indicated she had enjoyed her visit with us and looks forward to seeing many Jersey Girls in Connecticut this summer.

Announcements: None

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Submitted by,

*Nora L. Pollard, Ph.D.*

AZS Recording Secretary,  
Dr. Nora Pollard (Lambda)

Approved by Appointed Minutes Approval Committee

*Barbara Smith* Barbara Smith (Omicron)

*Carmela DeMarco* Carmela DeMarco (Gamma)

*Elizabeth M. Flynn* Elizabeth Flynn (Mu)