



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS
DELTA KAPPA GAMMA™

"Reimagine Our Future and Reignite Our Purpose"
DKGNJ State Executive Board Meeting
April 13, 2024

CALL TO ORDER/ANNOUNCEMENT OF QUORUM

The meeting was called to order by President Irene Maskaly (Iota) at 9:00. A quorum was established.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Corresponding Secretary Luella Vengenock (Beta) lead the pledge of allegiance.

MOTIVATIONAL THOUGHT

Motivator Catherine Cleenput (Alpha) welcomed all attendees to the convention and hoped the experience would be filled with learning, laughter, and the spark of new goals. (Attached)

ROLL CALL

Recording Secretary Chris Musick (Nu) conducted the roll call. Those present are recorded below with (X), and those not present are marked with (O).

X	President	Irene Maskaly	X	1 st Vice President	Cathy Fortunato
X	2 nd Vice President	Diane Roberts	X	Recording Secretary	Chris Musick
X	Corresponding Secretary	Luella Vengenock	X	Treasurer	Ellen Hahn
X	Parliamentarian	Ingrid Williams for Dr. Barbara Glazewski	X	Immediate Past President	Dr. Nora Pollard
X	Alpha	Cathy Cleenput for Theresa Messineo	X	Beta	JoAnn Corvino
X	Gamma	Diana Vasil	X	Delta	Donia Mills
X	Epsilon	Pam Raynor for Betty Monaghan	X	Zeta	Barbara Smith for MaryLee Batesko
X	Eta	Jacque Long	X	Iota	Camy Kobylinski
X	Lambda	Mary Lou LeCompte for Barbara Pollex and Joan Stuart	X	Mu	Pam Devine for PJ Madreperl
X	Nu	Chris Musick for Vicki Shoemaker	X	Xi	Rose Rhine
X	Omicron	Beth Selfridge	X	Pi	Dr. Amy Fratz
X	Rho	Joanne Hyland	X	Sigma	Jane Murphy

Total attendance: 75 members (8 Executive Board, 16 Chapter Presidents, 51 Chapter Members)

Irene Maskaly continued:

Minutes of January 6, 2024

The minutes from our January 2024 state meeting were approved by the review committee and distributed electronically. Gail Griffin (Nu) made a correction. Minutes will be filed as corrected.

CORRESPONDENCE

Corresponding Secretary Luella Vengenoek (Beta) reported the following:

CORRESPONDENCE SENT: cards

(1) Get Well, (1) Condolence

(89) Invitations for special seating at convention

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

(1) Thank you note

Please contact Luella with any card-worthy news from your chapter.

RULES OF ORDER

Ingrid Williams (Nu) read the rules of order standing in for Parliamentarian Dr. Barbara Glazewski (Lambda).

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer, Ellen Hahn (Beta) reported the following balances:

Total Receipts	\$ 1552.00
Disbursements	\$ 1862.95
Balance on hand as of 3/25/24	\$ 6211.65

The report will be filed for audit.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President's Report – April 13, 2024

I would like to start by thanking everyone who has guided me in this position. I've been fortunate to have an amazing supportive team to work with, starting with the executive officers, the chapter presidents, the committee chairs and finally, all the members of this organization. I thank you all! I continue to be awed at the leadership and creativity that occurs on a regular basis. In my first newsletter, I mentioned that my favorite part of this job has been my visits to the chapters. It's almost like a continuation of convention where I get to greet friends and meet up with members I've never met before. I have a few scheduled this spring and I look forward to more invitations. The executive board has listened to and acted upon member-inspired ideas and suggestions. I'm sure many of you have noticed some new initiatives, blending time honored traditions with a new twist. One being our member arts festival organized by chairs Patty Curtis and Laura Perrius. I want to take a moment to thank them for their hard work in organizing this event. I hope you take a moment to enjoy the visual and musical presentations throughout the day. I would also like to thank Beta Chapter for hosting the business meetings for us this weekend.

Our next state meeting will take place at Steinert High School on June 1st. Leadership training for newly elected chapter officers will take place at this event but all are invited to attend. By attending a state meeting everyone can learn more about our society and its inner workings. It is a great way to learn that leadership can be in your future. Please mark your calendars and spread the word among your chapter members. Speaking of leadership, Mary Lou LeCompte, our state nominations chair, is beginning the search for state officers for the 2025-2027 biennium (that sounds so far away but it will be upon us in no time!). Holding a state office is a privilege open to all active members. It is a remarkable experience allowing you to try out your leadership skills in a safe and supportive environment. Self-nominations are accepted as are nominations from other members (just be sure you check with the person you are nominating before submitting her name). The nominations form is posted on the DKG NJ website. Please feel free to speak to Mary Lou this weekend if you have any questions.

The International Convention will be held in National Harbor, MD from July 9th to the 13th. This convention is close enough to drive, as it's just below Baltimore and Washington, DC. The latest issue of the DKG News, which can be found on the International Website, outlines the proposed amendments. I highly encourage you to attend, even for one day, as this gives you a better idea of the bigger picture, of what DKG is about and its global reach. We also have NJ members presenting breakout sessions: Dr. Terri Evans from Lambda, Theresa Maughn from Alpha, and I are scheduled for various times and dates so please check the schedule on the international website. We're finalizing the Jersey Girls dinner that will be held in National Harbor. This event gives the Jersey Girls a chance to catch up with one another and to discuss the events of the convention. Many have been in contact with Luella. If you would like to attend the Jersey Girls dinner, please let Luella Vengenock know this weekend.

Finally, thank you for your support and encouragement. You have truly made my first year on the job enjoyable and fun.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PROGRAM PLANNING

First vice-president Cathy Fortunato (Lambda) presented her report.

The National Council of Teachers of Mathematics offered a sold-out workshop for a \$200 fee per participant on Multicultural Learners. Our keynote speaker today, Dr. Denise Furlong, will address the same relevant topic. Her award-winning book, *Voices of Newcomers* will be available for purchase directly following today's luncheon. Thank you to all the Chapter First Vice Presidents and Program Planners for voting to include the 8 workshops and 2 book discussions provided for you today. ALL 16 chapters were included in the vote. Sincere thanks for the Presenters and the Presiders of the workshops. Between them, we have 14 different chapters represented in the breakout sessions today. The talent and knowledge shared by the Presenters addresses the Purposes of the Society. If you need a Professional Development Hours Documentation, there is a request list provided in each workshop. Print your name and chapter on the list to receive the PD via mail. Please fill out the evaluation forms provided by Jan Paxton on our state website, dkgnj.org

under “Downloads for Convention.” Your input is valued and appreciated. Included on the evaluation form is a request for topics for next year’s convention. I already have two new ideas for future workshops based on the accomplishments of the members in our society. Continue to share your ideas. On behalf of this committee, thank you to all attendees - enjoy YOUR convention!

MEMBERSHIP

Second vice-president Diane Roberts (Omicron) presented her report.

Thanks was given to the near 180 participants for attending the convention this year. I reported that we had approximately 50 new members join DKGNJ chapters and thanked the chapters for their great efforts in attracting our new key women educators. I reported that 22 of our new members would be participating in our induction ceremony that evening and that we were thrilled to have them. I encouraged all to keep up the great work in gaining new members and not to forget to “think outside the box.” It was mentioned that International would be having an Inside Membership zoom meeting on April 24th & 25th and anyone that would like more information on joining the meeting should contact me.

During the Birthday Luncheon, the Inductees were all named. Certificates of Chapter Milestone Birthdays were presented to Delta - 65 years; Lambda - 55 years; and Mu - 55 years, also during the Birthday Luncheon.

After the induction ceremony, NJ state pins were distributed to the chapters with new members.

During the Banquet/Awards Ceremony certificates were given to their chapters to pass along to the newest ladies celebrating 50 years of membership in DKGNJ: Alpha Chapter - Denise Doychak; Eta Chapter - Harlene Galen and Faith Steinfert

Future Actions:

- To attend the Inside Membership Zoom meeting of International DKG on April 24th or 25th.
- To check with the ladies who agreed to submit proposals to NJEA for presentations at the November 2024 NJEA convention.
- To keep investigating what our involvement and actions need to be for our DKGNJ representation at the NJEA convention.

FINANCE/AUDIT

Joan Oehm (Alpha) stated copies of the budget were sent electronically. The 2024-2025 budget was adopted at the January state meeting.

INDUCTION

Committee chairs Carol Boehm and Angela Castaneda attended the orientation during this business meeting. No report at this time.

MUSIC

Laura Perrius (Alpha) submitted the following report.

Chorus rehearsal, directed by Laura Perrius, was held Friday evening in preparation for Saturday’s performance. This year’s theme was music from Oliver and one other musical. Soft prelude music was

performed for the Initiation Ceremony. Again, marches were provided for the procession of Officers prior to dinner. The chorus entertained following dinner. Necrology music was performed, providing music for meditation and support.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

Chapter presidents were directed to take a convention pamphlet.

Jane Murphy (Sigma) offered surplus pins to chapters.

Announcements

Claire Swanson (Alpha) will help anyone who needs assistance to log in to the DKG web site.

DKGNJ has collected 3399 books for Book Smiles since October 1st, 2023.

Following the business meeting there will be a roundtable discussion with DKG International representative Dr. Lyn Schmid.

Motion to Adjourn

Claire Swanson moved to adjourn the meeting. Gail Griffin (Nu) seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:27 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Chris Musick

Recording Secretary

Roundtable Conversation with Dr. Lyn Schmid

Questions about the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International were posed to Dr. Lyn Schmid. She responded to the questions with ease and great knowledge. Below is a summary of the information shared:

- The Avenue M survey results stated a greater need for membership. Advantages of membership include leadership possibilities and scholarship opportunities. The results (“bubble list”) can be found on the DKG International Website.
- Retaining membership is a job! It can be done by diversifying programs, projects, and events. Consider stations for a program to address a variety of interests. Have a walk and or run to raise money. Consider meeting at a school putting up a sign “DKG All are Welcome”.
- Ideas to improve networking and recruitment including having a recruitment plan. Make orientation prior to a meeting as part of the plan. Have rose buddies (mentors) to call new members with a report of what was done at a meeting that they missed. Use Pride in the Big Picture video for orientation.
- The benefits of membership include resources for projects, scholarship, and the development of leadership skills. We as leaders need to provide the opportunity for members to utilize these.
- To find new members, consider reviewing Membership Recruitment Plans used by other successful organizations. One chapter has an event that included stations with information, raffle tickets at each table, and applications available. From this, all 16 attendees joined.
- The Avenue M survey reported lack of time as a reason not to join. To address this, make sure you honor each member’s time. Differentiate programs. Consider time spent with business meetings, programs, and meals.
- After an executive director left at the international level, it was found that information was unorganized, so GAPP (Guidance in Policy and Procedures) was created. Stated in GAPP it is noted that chapters can create a committee to recommend changes. The Chapter Rules need to be general.

Dr. Lyn Schmid thanked the State of New Jersey for inviting her to attend this wonderful event. The Convention is a unique occasion that not every state or country is able to sponsor. Thank you to all the individuals that made it possible.