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DKGNJ State Meeting
DoubleTree Hotel, Somerset, NJ
April 18, 2026

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by State President Cathy Fortunato (Lambda) at 9:00 AM.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Diane Roberts (Omicron).

Rules of Order: Read by Dr. Barbara Glazewski, (Lambda) Parliamentarian.

Motivational Thought: State Motivator Wilhelmina Bryant (Lambda) exhorted members to recognize life as a gift, appreciate small blessings, avoid becoming jaded, and utilize their privileges and unique talents.

Roll Call and Attendance

- **Roll Call:** Conducted by Betty Monaghan (Epsilon), State Recording Secretary.

Chapter	President/Representative	Present
Alpha	Laura Perrius	√
Beta	JoAnn Corvino	√
Gamma	Angela Castaneda	√
Delta	Amy Guillian	
Epsilon	Patty Curtis	√
Zeta	Kimberly Corso	√
Eta	Karen Gamon	√
Iota	Camy Kobylinski for Denise McDermott	√
Lambda	Wilhelmina Bryant	√
Mu	Carolyn Bennett	√
Nu	Ingrid Williams	√
Xi	Diane Brunetti	√
Omicron	Beth Selfridge	√
Pi	Dr. Amy Fratz	
Rho	Crystal DiBetta	√

Officer Reports

Recording Secretary: Betty Monaghan (Epsilon)
The minutes from the January 6, 2026, DKGNJ State Meeting were presented by President Fortunato and officially approved as written and filed.

Corresponding Secretary: Cathy Cleenput (Alpha), reported that between January 3 and April 18, 2026, 21 cards were sent out, while 1 card and 1 email were received.

Treasurer: Ellen Hahn (Beta), filed the Treasurer's Report for audit without questions. The full electronic report remains attached to the permanent minutes.

- TD Checking account (#. . .9477) Balance as of 03/29/26 $6,173.82
- Margaret Abel Scholarship Fund $ 69,565.86
- Primerica Investments $74,889.70
- Designated Funds:
    - TD Saving account $650.88
    - Live Oak account $25,086.63
    - Live Oak 1 yr. CD $51,073.72

Second Vice President: Chris Musick (Nu), expressed gratitude to chapter membership chairs for their recruitment and retention efforts.

- Celebrated the upcoming induction of 26 new members into DKG NJ, 14 of whom were present at the convention.
- Highlighted the top chapters for membership growth: Nu (+10.8%), Gamma (+9.8%), and Lambda (+6%).
- Acknowledged top convention registration attendance: Lambda (42.6%), Rho (37%), and Nu (31.4%).
- Noted DKG International's challenge for the state to add 100 total members by 2029.

First Vice President: Diane Roberts (Omicron) thanked all planners, presenters, and facilitators for a successful convention.

- Encouraged attendees to complete online workshop/convention evaluations via QR code or on the state website.
- Workshop attendees were sent via email PD certificates as requested.
- Announced upcoming committee follow-ups to plan next year's technical requirements and workshops.

President Fortunato

State News:

- Shared updates regarding membership expansion/advertising at the NJEA Convention and highlighted the available online "Healthy Chapter" resources.
- For help with chapter leadership access the Chapter Strengthening Team of Cathy Cleenput (Alpha), Barbara Henderson (Epsilon), Betty Monaghan (Epsilon), and Claire Swanson (Alpha).

- Appreciated $294.00 in collective member donations split evenly between the DKG World Fellowship and the UNICEF GIRLS Fund.
- Recognized local artists Patty Curtis (Epsilon) and Tracey Holland (Eta) for features in the DKG Spring Gallery.
- Noted 9 New Jersey "Impact Spotlights" on the International website.
- Promoted the new online Visionary Network monitored by Dr. Denise Furlong (Lambda).
- New Jersey is still seeking a State Ambassador for virtual DKGIEF meetings.
- Announced that the next state meeting will be held on June 6th.

International News:

- Promoted open registration for the DKG International Convention in Aurora, Colorado (June 29 – July 4, 2026).
- Announced that the 2028 convention will be conveniently hosted nearby in Philadelphia, PA.
- These are exciting times to be members of DKG because we will celebrate the 100th birthday in 2029.

International Guest Greeting

International Representative Greeting: President Fortunato (Lambda) introduced Dr. Beverly Hall-Maughan, DKG International President.

Dr. Hall-Maughan urged members to review the proposed, line-by-line electronic updates to the International Bylaws and the Guidelines for the Administration of Policies and Procedures (GAPP) ahead of voting at the upcoming convention. Main proposals include opening membership to any qualified women expressing interest, introducing "Global" and "Affiliate" member classifications, establishing collegiate chapters, arranging committees alphabetically, and eliminating international conferences during odd years.

Additionally, shifting items to the GAPP framework will allow policy updates to occur continuously rather than waiting every two years. She also highlighted a resolution to shift funds to the "UNICEF Every Child" initiative.

Committee Reports

Arts Festival: President Fortunato provided highlights on behalf of Patty Curtis (Epsilon), celebrating the diverse artistic submissions from members across various mediums.

Communications & Social Media: Dr.Pam Albert Devine (Mu) reported overall growth since January 2026, specifically on Facebook (235 followers). The top three highly viewed online features included the Lambda Chapter meeting (1,462 views), Theresa Maughan’s NJEA Review article (984 views), and the "Mothers of Invention" workshop spotlight (896 views). Chapters were reminded to send local photos to committee leaders and assist sisters with digital profile setups.

Finance & Budget: Joan Oehm (Alpha) reported that the 2026–2027 state budget was officially adopted in January and filed.

Induction Ceremony: Angela Castaneda (Gamma) and Carol Boehm (Lambda) coordinated logistics for the 14 attending inductees, outlining operational rules for the evening's formal ceremony.

Margaret Abel Scholarship: Wilhelmina Bryant (Lambda) reminded members that application forms are readily accessible on the state website.

Music: State Pianist Laura Perrius (Alpha) organized a sing-along medley and structured traditional marching music for the procession of banners at the luncheon, the induction ceremony, and the celebration of life ceremony.

Necrology: Co-chairs Jane Murphy (Eta) and Pamela Watkinson (Rho) announced that ten deceased members would be honored during Sunday morning's Celebration of Life ceremony.

Newsletter: Pam Albert Devine (Mu) for Shannon Pizzuta (Iota) reminded members that Spring Newsletter submissions are due to Shannon by April 26, 2026. Spring expectations are limited to Member Spotlights; regular chapter updates will be held until the summer edition.

Rules and Bylaws: Dr. Barbara Glazewski (Lambda) brought forth a motion. The motion is: “Article IX of the Bylaws, Section A, Standing Committees, 1. Society Business, d. Exhibits and Record Books. The elimination of this standing committee as well as the list of duties in Section C, part d.” The motion carried by a show of hands.

New Business: None introduced.

Announcements: Chapter photos to follow the Induction Ceremony; the next state meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 6, 2026.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Silvia Kirby (Omicron) and seconded by Mary Lou LeCompte (Lambda). The meeting adjourned at 9:47 AM.

Convention Closing Session Addendum

Date: Sunday, April 19, 2026

Call to Order: The closing session was called to order at 10:10 AM by President Cathy Fortunato following the morning's Celebration of Life.

Opening Remarks: President Fortunato expressed gratitude for all who contributed to the success of the state convention. Congratulations to all awardees. Thanks to all who attended, most especially Dr. Beverly Hall-Maughan.

Convention Attendance & Evaluations: The convention committee, Carol Schwartz (Gamma), Jan Paxton (Alpha), and Sue Davis (Epsilon) noted 130 attendees on Friday night

and 140 on Saturday. Members were reminded to submit digital feedback evaluations via the emailed link.

Fundraising Results: Ellen Hahn (Beta) announced that the Friday night basket raffle fundraiser raised a total of $4,372.00.

Closing Remarks: International President Dr. Beverly Hall-Maughan expressed her profound gratitude for the relationships built during her visit and thanked the members of DKGNJ for naming her an honorary "Jersey Girl".

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Sue Davis (Epsilon) and seconded by Carol Schwartz (Gamma). The session officially concluded at 10:21 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betty Monaghan, DKGNJ State Recording Secretary Date: June 1, 2026

Barbara Smith, Mary Lou LeCompte, Ingrid Williams

2026 Convention Review Committee Date: June 1, 2026