



DKGNJ

STATE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
 JANUARY 8, 2022
 Virtual Via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER/ANNOUNCEMENT OF QUORUM

After a quorum was established, the meeting was called to order by State First Vice-President Irene Maskaly (Iota) at 9:03 am. There were 83 participants in the virtual meeting at this time.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recording Secretary Dianne Papadinec (Iota) led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

MOTIVATIONAL THOUGHT

Chris Musick (Nu) delivered the motivational message, which reflected on having patience in the new year and waiting for events to occur.

RULES OF ORDER

Carol Schwartz (Gamma) read the rules of order which would be used for conducting the virtual meeting.

ROLL CALL

Recording Secretary Dianne Papadinec (Iota) used the list of participants to determine attendance for the meeting. Those present are indicated with an X.

	PRESIDENT	Nora Pollard	X	DELTA	Donia Mills
X	1 ST VICE-PRESIDENT	Irene Maskaly	X	EPSILON	Elizabeth Monaghn
X	2 ND VICE-PRESIDENT	Annabelle Boehm	X	ZETA	Johanna McCauley
X	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY	Gail Starr	X	ETA	Jacqueline Long
X	RECORDING SECRETARY	Dianne Papadinec	X	IOTA	Camy Kobylinski
X	TREASURER	Ellen Hahn	X	LAMBDA	Catherine Fortunato

	PARLIMENTARIAN	Dr. Barbara Glazewski	X	MU	PJ Madreperl
X	IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT	Ingrid Williams	X	NU	Gail Gersie
			X	XI	Rose Rhine
X	ALPHA	Megan Connolly	X	OMICRON	Diane Roberts
X	BETA	Jo Ann Corvino	X	PI	Catherine Kelly
X	BETA	Kelly Johnson	X	RHO	Joanne Hyland
X	GAMMA	Angela Belmont	X	SIGMA	Jane Murphy

SEPTEMBER 11, 2021, MINUTES

The minutes of the September 11, 2021, state executive board were approved by the review committee and distributed electronically. Since there were no further corrections, the minutes stand approved as distributed.

CORRESPONDENCE

Corresponding Secretary Gail Starr (Omicron) reported the following:

CORRESPONDENCE SENT:

(2) Get Well: *Karen Rowland (Lambda), Nancy Ireland (Sigma)*

(19) Sympathy: *Dr Nora Pollard (Lambda), Jody K'Berg (Beta)*

Cards sent to chapters and families of (member deaths): Harriet DiLeonardo (Eta), Cynthia Regn (Eta), Marjory Wadja (Pi), Suzanne Hunt (Epsilon), Ruth Hoser (Epsilon), Dr Marilyn Haug (Zeta), Barbara Steedle (Eta), Barbara Carrieri (Eta), Hattie Green (Sigma), Margg Turlo (Sigma), Gwendolyn Jones (Eta)

(1) Thinking of You: *Jennifer Laster (Lambda)*

(8) Congratulations: *Jan Wilson (Gamma), Susan Muniz (Lambda), Kimberly Dickstein Hughes (Iota), Dr Judy Merz (Alpha), Michele Contala (Lambda), Jennifer Skomial (Alpha), Dianne Papadinec (Iota), Jameel Wright (Alpha)*

(14) Holiday Greeting: *cards sent to past state presidents: Mironchik, Rahn, Ritchey, Lambert, Merz, Gonyo, Batesko, DeMarco, Swanson, Adinolfi, Conover, Smith, Schwartz, Williams*

Holiday Greeting emailed to all DKGNJ members with digital mail

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

(1) Thank you: *Karen Rowland (Lambda)*

Gail Starr also asked chapter presidents to survey members to obtain a count of how many would attend the “Jersey Girls” dinner at the international convention in New Orleans. She will be sending an email reminder with a return date of January 31, 2022.

Please contact Gail Starr at dkgnjcorrespondingsecretary@gmail.com with any card-worthy news from your chapter.

TREASURER’S REPORT

The treasurer’s report was distributed electronically prior to the meeting. Treasurer, Ellen Hahn (Beta), reported the following balances:

Checking Account	\$ 81,876.95
Designated Funds	\$ 95,988.08
Savings Account	\$ 25,073.27

The report will be filed for audit.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Since President Nora Pollard (Lambda) was unable to attend the meeting, first Vice-President Irene Maskaly (Iota) read Nora’s report. Nora thanked everyone for the cards, texts, and calls she had received following the death of her mother. Her report focused on these topics: her visits to in-person chapter meetings; a committee to survey members about future convention attendance; procedures that are in place for the upcoming state convention; and plans for the international convention in New Orleans.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROGRAM PLANNING

The program planning committee meeting was held on December 13th, 2021, via Zoom. Items discussed:

1. The committee is pleased to announce that the DKGNJ Convention luncheon keynote speaker will be Rick Geffken, author of *Stories of Slavery in New Jersey*.
2. The books for the book discussion workshops were selected: *The Alice Network*, and *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek*.
3. The top eight workshop presentations for the DKGNJ Convention 2022, four in the morning and four in the afternoon, were also selected by the committee. Letters will be sent to all those who submitted proposals this week.

An article with a full list of all the convention workshops, as well as information on Mr. Geffken (our luncheon speaker), will be in the winter newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP

Second vice-president, Annabelle Boehm (Lambda), has been corresponding with chapter membership chairs regarding their new members. Biography and application forms can be found on the website. She needs information for any 2022 inductee, as well as information for any 2020 and 2021 inductees that will be participating in the induction ceremony at convention.

FINANCE

Finance committee chair, Gail Griffin (Nu), presented the following report:

- 1) This year, once again, the Finance Committee did most of the work formulating the 2022-23 budget via emails. The budget was “discussed”, created, and sent to the Executive Board for their review at their December 2021 meeting.
- 2) Under INCOME, the amounts for Publications and Convention have been combined with the regular dues.
- 3) Line-item amounts may have been adjusted based on expenditures in 2019-20.
- 4) Also, The Finance Committee has spent many hours with our financial advisor, Darci Erickson, to invest a conservative amount of funds in the hopes of DKG using their monies to make some money. \$25,000 was invested in short-term, and \$38,000 was invested in long-term.

A copy of the proposed 2022-2023 budget was sent electronically prior to the meeting. On behalf of the Finance committee, Gail Griffin (Nu) moved that the proposed budget for 2022-23 be adopted by the Executive Board. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

INDUCTION

Carol Boehm (Lambda) reported that February 1 is the deadline for submitting names for the induction ceremony at convention. Inductees will be contacted February/March by letter. She then went over procedures that will be in place for the induction ceremony emphasizing that a rehearsal will take place at 8 am on April 2. New member kits can be downloaded or obtained from the DKG store.

RULES & BY-LAWS

Chair, Cathy Fortunato (Lambda), moved the following proposal to amend Article VI Section A of the standing rules:

[1] Current Language: The elected officers, all of whom must be active members, shall be a President, a First Vice-President, a Second Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, and a Corresponding Secretary.

[2] Proposed Language: The elected officers, all of whom must be active members, shall be a President, a First Vice-President, a Second Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, and a Corresponding Secretary. **If necessary, the positions of First and Second Vice-Presidents may be combined into one position and the positions of Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary may be combined into one position.**

Since there were no objections, the proposal passed by unanimous consent and will move forward to a vote at the April business meeting.

SCHOLARSHIPS & STIPENDS

Susan Relles (Lambda) reported that 30 applications were received for the Margaret Abel Award and will be processed shortly. There were two applicants for the Elizabeth M. Bozearth State Scholarship. Both are great candidates, and both may receive the scholarship.

SPECIAL AWARDS

Luella Vengnock (Beta) reported that Rose Award applications are due February 1. The 2020 form that can be found on the website can be used if necessary.

NECROLOGY

ALL chapters need to submit the necrology report form to Jane Murphy (Sigma) as soon as possible. There will be thirteen members acknowledged at the remembrance ceremony at convention.

CONVENTION

Convention committee members Carol Schwartz (Gamma), Sue Davis (Epsilon), and Jan Paxton (Alpha) provided an update with convention information.

1. Induction will include 2020, 2021, and 2022 new members.
2. Registration cost will be \$55.
3. Covid safety practices will be in place:
 - a. Proof of negative test or vaccination will be required.
 - b. Masks will be required at all times except meals.
 - c. At meals, there will be six people to a table.
 - d. There is no self-service at the buffet meals.
 - e. There will be no tickets for the workshops.
 - f. There will be no handouts.
 - g. Seating for workshops and events will be theater style.
 - h. The booklet will be electronic.
 - i. The number of people for a workshop will be limited.
4. There will be a basket auction.
5. Hotel room obligation was reduced 20% (160 rooms).
6. Any chapter with questions about their assignments should contact Carol Schwartz.

NEW BUSINESS

DISSOLUTION OF THETA

First Vice-President, Irene Maskaly (Iota), read a statement following protocol from DKG International stating that Theta had met the requirements for dissolution. Mary Lou LeCompte (Lambda) moved that the dissolution of Theta be accepted. Michele Contala (Lambda) seconded. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

Dianne Papadinec (Iota) moved that the name Theta be retired from future use in DKG NJ. Chris Musick (Nu) seconded. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. All articles for the winter newsletter are due to Heather Lieberman (Gamma) no later than January 15. The edition will have all of the information about the state convention.
2. Barbara Smith (Omicron) provided information about the International Convention scheduled for July 12-16, 2022, in New Orleans. Registration for the hotel is now online and registration for the convention will start next week. The best place to obtain information is dkg.org.
3. Contact Jan Paxton (Alpha) if changes/additions are needed on the website.
4. Angela Belmont (Gamma) reported that CTAUN is planning a webinar for the spring.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Ingrid Williams (Nu) moved to adjourn the meeting. Carol Schwartz (Gamma) seconded. The meeting adjourned at 10:04 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Papadinec (Iota)
Recording Secretary

Reviewed and approved by the Minutes Review Committee 1/18/21
M. LeCompte (Lambda), M. Musick (Nu), B. Smith (Omicron)