



# DKGNJ

## STATE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

APRIL 2, 2022

State Convention

Doubletree Hotel & Executive Meeting Center  
Somerset, New Jersey

### CALL TO ORDER/ANNOUNCEMENT OF QUORUM

After a quorum was established, the meeting was called to order by President Nora Pollard (Lambda) at 9:07 am.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Gail Starr (Omicron) led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

### MOTIVATIONAL THOUGHT

Chris Musick (Nu) delivered the motivational message focusing on the eight characteristics as described on the International website under "Who is the DKG Key Woman Educator?"

### ROLL CALL

Recording Secretary Dianne Papadinec (Iota) conducted a roll call vote of those in attendance. Those present are indicated with an X.

X	PRESIDENT	Nora Pollard	X	DELTA	Donia Mills
X	1 <sup>ST</sup> VICE-PRESIDENT	Irene Maskaly	X	EPSILON	Elizabeth Monaghan
X	2 <sup>ND</sup> VICE-PRESIDENT	Annabelle Boehm	X	ZETA	Joanne Applegate*
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

	IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT	Ingrid Williams	X	NU	Gail Gersie
			X	XI	Lisa Goodwin*
X	ALPHA	Megan Connolly	X	OMICRON	Diane Roberts
X	BETA	Jo Ann Corvino	X	PI	Catherine Kelly
	BETA	Kelly Johnson	X	RHO	Joanne Hyland
X	GAMMA	Angela Belmont	X	SIGMA	Jane Murphy

\*Representing the chapter president

### **JANUARY 8, 2022, MINUTES**

The minutes of the January 8, 2022, state executive board were approved by the review committee and distributed electronically. Since there were no corrections, the minutes stand approved as distributed.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Corresponding Secretary Gail Starr (Omicron) reported the following:

**CORRESPONDENCE SENT: 34 cards/70 email invitations (1/8/22 – 4/1/22):**

(4) Get Well: *Linda Sherry (Omicron), Dr Barbara Glazewski (Lambda), Patti Rahn (Omicron), Barbara Smith (Omicron)*

(13) Sympathy: *Joyce Salow (Omicron), Beth Harmon (Sigma), Mary Jean DiRoberto (Rho), Diane Roberts (Omicron), Margaret Jackson (Iota), Gretchen Gerber (Iota), Rose Rhine (Xi), Camy Kobylinski (Iota), Luella Vengenock (Beta), Vicki Galasso (Beta), Kim Falcone (Lambda), Family & Chapter of Bealuh Brinker (Beta)*

(1) Thinking of You: *Kathy Collins (Lambda)*

(3) Congratulations: *Joyce Powell (Beta), Nina Scully (Iota), Iota Chapter*

(56) Special Convention Seating Invitations: emailed to (33) state committee chairs, (23) outgoing/incoming chairs

(14) Special Convention Seating Invitations: emailed and sent via postal mail to all past state presidents

**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: None**

Please contact me at [dkgnjcorrespondingsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:dkgnjcorrespondingsecretary@gmail.com) with any card-worthy news from your chapter.

If you would like to make a reservation for the Jersey Girls' Dinner, scheduled for Thursday, July 14, 2022, at a New Orleans restaurant during the DKG Int'l Convention, please send a \$50 check to Ellen Hahn, our state treasurer, by April 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **RULES OF ORDER**

Dr. Barbara Glazewski (Lambda) read the rules of order which would be used for conducting the meeting.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

Checking Account as of 03/28/22	\$ 10,831.20
Designated Funds (Primerica & TD Savings)	\$ 89,810.08
Margaret Abel Scholarship Fund	\$67,382.72

The report will be filed for audit.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Nora Pollard's (Lambda) began her report on a personal note, expressing appreciation for the shower of love and support she received during her recent loss. This, she stated, truly reflects the first purpose of DKG, "To unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship."

1. Precautions were put in place for the convention to keep everyone safe.
2. An ad hoc committee was appointed to distribute a survey to members about the convention. The committee will analyze the 146 responses received and will be reporting the results to the executive committee in the coming months. The committee members are Dr. Barbara Glazewski, Carol Schwartz, and Ingrid Williams.
3. Our next state meeting will take place at Steinert High School on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Leadership training for newly elected chapter officers will take place at this event, but all are invited to attend.
4. Ingrid Williams, our state nominations chair, is beginning the search for state officers for the 2023-2025 biennium. The nominations form is posted on the DKG NJ website.
5. The international convention will be held in New Orleans from July 12<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup>. The latest issue of the DKG News, which can be found on the international website, outlines the 122 proposed amendments. Two noteworthy amendments include changing the name of the organization to Women Educators Society International (DKG) and clarification on collegiate membership. Barbara Smith from Omicron chapter is on the planning committee for the international convention.
6. Chapter presidents were provided with a copy of the 2020 and 2021 convention booklets, as well as the 2022 booklet for their chapter archives.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **PROGRAM PLANNING**

First vice-president, Irene Maskaly (Iota), thanked the members who presented workshops, their invited guest speakers, presidors, and all who submitted workshop proposals.

The following programs will be presented at convention 2022:

1. DKGNJ Convention luncheon Keynote speaker: Rick Geffken, 'Stories of Slavery in New Jersey'
2. Book discussion workshops: A. The Alice Network, B. The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek
3. Workshop Presentations for DKGNJ Convention 2022 selected by committee:
  - A: Taking Time for Your Personal Well Being: Holistic Health & Mindful Living
  - B: Ruth Bader Ginsburg
  - C: Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE)
  - D: Educating the Whole Child: How SRO's Foster a Positive School Climate
  - E: Twitter for Educators 101
  - F. Leading Women Educators/Engaging Women Leaders: International President, Becky Sadowski
  - I: WHETHERproofing Your Financial House

All workshop attendees were encouraged to submit the workshop evaluation found on the website. The form will also be sent via e-mail. Members are encouraged to present and/or suggest programs and books for next year's convention

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Second vice-president, Annabelle Boehm (Lambda), reported that the NJDKG membership chairs have met virtually. They have discussed issues and opportunities facing New Jersey. Reviewing all the chapter calendars, the creativity of each group is outstanding. Facing the challenges of the pandemic, key women educators have continued to support each other in fellowship.

Annabelle stated that working with each membership chair to grow our organization is a rewarding experience for her. She offered a welcome to the new Inductees, congratulations to chapters celebrating milestone birthday, and honor to the members with 50+ years of dedication and service.

### **FINANCE**

At the DKG NJ state meeting on January 8th, the proposed budget for 2022-23 was presented to the Executive Board for adoption. The vote was unanimous to adopt the budget. State chairs should take note of the amount budgeted for their committees.

Money raised from the basket raffle can be used to cover any shortfall from the convention.

### **HISTORIAN**

Chairs, PJ Madreperl and Elizabeth Flynn, reported the committee met on March 9, 2022. Each chapter has worked hard at completing the template of historical information. It was discovered that some chapters were doing things differently than was the original intent. The discussion clarified some things each chapter should record and some things each chapter may include if they choose.

The storage at Georgian Court is in a room that appears to be an enclosed porch. It is not climate controlled and therefore may be at the mercy of the elements or damage from the elements during storms. Storage containers will be purchased to archive records. Priority will be given to state materials.

### **RULES & BY-LAWS**

Cathy Fortunato (Lambda) reported that at the January 8, 2022, DKGNJ state meeting, the following amendment to the DKGNJ by-laws was approved by the Executive Committee for presentation to the membership and subsequent vote at the DKGNJ Convention on April 2, 2022.

Article VI.A **currently** states that “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.”

The **proposed** language would state that “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-President may be combined into one position. The positions of Recording and Corresponding Secretary may be combined into one position.”

The **rationale** is that “it has gotten more and more difficult to fill the positions of the state officers. While not encouraged, this change would allow some state officer positions to be combined rather than have vacancies.”

These changes have **no budget impact**.

Cathy Fortunato moved the proposed amendment to be voted upon as stated above. The amendment was passed by more than two-thirds of the attending members.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS NONE**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Jane Murphy (Sigma) reported the Necrology committee will meet later today. The Celebration of Life ceremony will be held Sunday, April 3, at 9:00 am.
2. Sue Davis (Epsilon) gave some “housekeeping” announcements.

#### **ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**

Becky Sadowski, International President, gave an update regarding the upcoming convention and answered questions.

#### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Jane Murphy (Sigma) moved to adjourn the meeting. MaryLou LeCompte (Lambda) seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 10:19 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Papadinec (Iota)  
Recording Secretary

APPROVAL BY:

Chris Musick 4/19/22

Mary Lou LeCompte 4/19/22