

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

New Jersey Alpha Zeta State Convention

Opening Session
Friday, April 4, 2014

Alpha Zeta State President Mary Conover (Pi) convened the Opening Session of the 2014 AZS Convention at 7:35 in the Ballroom East of the Doubletree Executive Conference and Meeting Center in Somerset, New Jersey. Conover called on State Motivator Johanna McCauley (Zeta) for a meditative thought.

Conover then welcomed AZS sisters, initiates, and guests, noting that 283 participants registered for convention including 19 of the 41 initiates. She then thanked the convention team of Mary Jean DiRoberto (Rho), Susan Davis (Epsilon), and Jan Paxton (Alpha) and AZS First Vice President and Program Planning Chair Barbara Smith (Omicron) for their work in planning the convention.

Conover thanked the many people involved in planning the convention including Saula Cutter and Jan Wilson (Gamma) for their work in assembling and publishing the convention booklet; Jan Paxton and Tau for preparing the convention materials; Beta for assisting in registration; Kathy Froriep (Mu) for securing our auction license; Lambda and Mu for organizing our auction; and Sue Davis and Kappa for their work in providing the ice cream social. She noted the importance of the auction, the book sale, and chapter sales in providing much needed non-dues revenue for the state and chapters and encouraged everyone to support these endeavors.

Conover concluded by reminding participants to visit the info fair and to sign the intent to attend the Indianapolis Convention if appropriate. She explained the importance of the international convention as a constitutional convention and encouraged members to attend. She reminded members that Claire Swanson (Alpha) addressed the topic of the proposed change to the voting procedure at the AZS January State Meeting. She then called upon Dr. Judy Merz (Alpha) who explained the proposed changes to DKG's publications to include an academic journal and a trade magazine.

The convention team welcomed attendees and offered assistance throughout the weekend. They had no additional announcements.

Conover stated that the ice cream social would begin immediately, with the auction following.

With no additional announcements, Conover adjourned the opening session at 8:05.