



AZS Meeting January 5, 2019

Steinart High School

Klockner Road

Hamilton, NJ

After the determination that a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order by AZS President Carol Schwartz (Gamma) at 9:58 a.m.

The Motivational Thought was delivered by Babette Wise (Pi), State Motivator

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Irene Maskaly (Iota), State Corresponding Secretary

At 10:02 adjourned to committee meetings

Meeting resumed at 11:23

Rules of Order were announced by Dr. Margaret Niemiec (Rho), State Parliamentarian

Approval of Minutes:

Dr. Nora Pollard (Lambda) State Recording Secretary.

The minutes of the September 8, 2018 state meeting were e-mailed to members to review prior to the meeting. There were no corrections, and the minutes were approved.

Correspondence:

Irene Maskaly (Iota), State Corresponding Secretary.

Correspondence sent between September 2018 and January 2019 included 5 get well cards, 4 congratulations, 1 birthday, one thinking of you, and 11 condolence cards. One holiday card and one thank you card were received. The full report is on file with the State Corresponding Secretary and the State Recording Secretary.

Treasurer's Report:

Ellen Hahn (Beta), State Treasurer. Balance as of December 10, 2019 was \$47,997.45 which includes \$38,329.00 for dues collected. The full report is on file with the State Treasurer and the State Recording Secretary.

President's Report: Carol Schwartz (Gamma).

The Executive Committee met in December to finalize details for our April 5th to 7th, 2019 convention and to discuss our plans for the last quarter of our biennium.

Jane Tanner, NE Regional Director, will be our International Guest this year. She will arrive Friday evening to enjoy our basket auction and the beginning of our weekend. She will bring greetings from International as she helps to open our convention. Jane will be available to present a workshop to chapter Treasurers and/or do a round table with our chapter Presidents. She will also have the opportunity to meet all our new inductees.

The minutes for our 2019 DKGNJ Convention will once again be approved using the Minutes Approval Committee. The appointed committee is Chair, Barbara Smith (Omicron), Elizabeth Flynn (Mu), and Carmela DeMarco (Gamma).

Chapter responsibilities remain the same as last year. Please make sure to check your responsibilities. The chapter Presidents received the list and it is also available on the website.

The State Committee Chairs will be sent a report format that will be used to write your final biennium report which will be published in our annual convention booklet. The reports are due by February 28th.

In order to involve as many DKGNJ members as possible a volunteer/recommendation form was sent to each committee chair and chapter President. Chapter Presidents were asked to share this form with their chapter members, requesting they volunteer or recommend someone who is willing to serve as a committee chair and get involved at the state level. These forms are due to Irene Maskaly, Corresponding Secretary by March 15th.

The question about asking paraprofessionals into membership was addressed at our December Executive meeting. After referring the matter to Claire Swanson, our International Membership Chair, quoted from our Go-to-Guide. "1) In the section of membership, the definition of a professional educator is interpreted to include one-to-one instruction as well as group instruction. 2) The chapter decides if the prospective member is classified as a professional educator. 6) Certification or license is not required." If the paraprofessional meets the criteria the chapter may approve the membership.

Congratulations to Jessie Ollano (Gamma) who received "The Award of Excellence" granted by Photographer's Forum Magazine. Also, watch for the spring issue of the Collegial Exchanged for Annabelle Boehm's (Lambda) article.

Please mark your calendar for July 30 to August 1, 2019 for our DKG International Conference – Global Awareness in Connecticut at Foxwoods Resort and Casino. Irene Maskaly will once again be planning a great Jersey Girl's Dinner for us.

Georgian Court University has been housing our archives for some time now, however, the archives have been relocated to a location where they are not easily accessed. At this time, Kathy Froriep (Mu) is unable to investigate other locations for our archives. I would like to appoint an Ad Hoc Committee to investigate other locations. If you would like to volunteer to help in this endeavor, please contact me.

Thank you to all of the committee chairs for continually working diligently with their committee to accomplish all of their goals.

Thank you to everyone who returned their volunteer survey forms for the 2020 International Convention in Philadelphia. Seventy-four surveys were returned from the four states working on the convention. Fifty-one of those surveys were from NJ. Jersey Girls know how to step up when needed and I am sure as 2020 gets closer, we will get many more responses from NJ.

Be sure to check the DKG International website for International Scholarships. Applications are due electronically by February 1st. The DKG Cornet application is also on the website and due February 1st. Arts and Humanities submissions for the spring Gallery are due February 15th. March 1st is the due date for the Bulletin: Journal submission. All of the information is once again on the DKG International website.

Reminder of upcoming dates:
Convention: April 5-7, 2019
Portfolio Exchange: June 1, 2019
State Meeting: September 7, 2019

Standing Committee Reports:

Membership: Dr. Pamela Albert Devine (Mu), State Second Vice President and Membership Chair. 15 members in attendance. Induction chairs spoke about induction. Inductees from last year who were not inducted may be inducted at this year's convention. The full report is on file with the State Membership Chair and the State Recording Secretary.

Rules/Bylaws: Dr. Barbara Glazewski (Lambda)

On behalf of the Rules/Bylaws Committee, Barbara requests to extend the allotted time of three minutes to a maximum of fifteen minutes to explain the proposed changes and to have a single read rather than the 3 readings of the rules/bylaws. Candy Zachowski (Iota) made the motion and Peg Madison (Sigma), seconded. All were in favor.

After reviewing the changes to the bylaws, on behalf of the rules/bylaws committee, Barbara moved to forward these proposed changes to the AZS Bylaws to the membership for a vote at the AZS Contention in April 2019. Two points of discussion were initiated by members. 1) Amy Weinstein (Gamma) suggested changing "initiation" to "induction". It was noted that this is not necessary at this time as the governing document from International is not yet ready. 2) Barbara Smith (Omicron) brought up the topic of the state name change. President, Carol Schwartz, indicated that there is still debate going on at the International level on this topic and we will await further guidance from International. As this was a motion by a committee, a second was not required. The vote was called. There were 25 votes in the affirmative and 0 in the negative. There are two-thirds in the affirmative and the motion is adopted.

Barbara then reviewed the standing rules in a similar fashion and moved, on behalf of the Rules/Bylaws Committee, that these proposed changes to the AZS Standing Rules be forwarded to the membership for a vote at the AZS Convention in April, 2019. There was no discussion. The vote was called. There were 25 in the affirmative and 0 in the negative. The motion is adopted.

The full report is on file with the State Rules/Bylaws Chair and the State Recording Secretary.

Convention: Jan Paxton (Alpha) and Sue Davis (Epsilon)

Representatives from most chapters were in attendance. Chapter representatives have all of the information. Watch the state website for details. Hotel: If you want to be near chapter members, stay in lobby until everyone is there. Call Sue with problems while at the hotel. 973-713-3091

Induction: Carol Boehm (Lambda), Angela Castaneda (Gamma), and Amy Weinstein (Gamma)

9 chapters represented. Emphasized Feb deadline. Presidents reminded to bring certificates and Red Book to the induction. The full report is on file with the State Induction Chair(s) and the State Recording Secretary.

Programs and EEC: Ingrid Williams (Nu), State First Vice President

13 chapter chairs were present at the meeting. 14 workshops with a variety of topics to appeal to all members are confirmed for convention. 2 or 3 facilitators will be assigned to each workshop; if anyone is interested in facilitating, contact Ingrid. Early registration will help to ensure that you get into your preferred workshop. Susan Vernechec is the keynote speaker, her book will be available for sale after

the luncheon. The full report is on file with the state First Vice President and the state Recording Secretary.

Scholarship/Stipend: Faith Steinfert (Epsilon), Pam Wilkinson (Rho), and Heidi Tilghman (Gamma) 14 chapters represented. 1 stipend application was awarded \$500. The full report is on file with the state Scholarship/Stipend chair and the state Recording Secretary.

Finance: Gail Griffin (Nu)

The finance committee meet on November 11, proposed budget for 2019-2020 was discussed and sent to the executive committee for review and acceptance. Some line items were reduced based on expenditures from previous years. Line items 15-18 support designated funds, these are only supported by basket auction funds but auction funds are decreasing so they are now in the regular budget. On behalf of the finance committee, Gail proposed that the budget be forwarded to the membership for a vote at the AZS Convention in April, 2019. Passed with 24 in agreement, 0 not in agreement. The full report is on file with the state Finance Chair and the state Recording Secretary.

Necrology: Ruth Mooney (Gamma)

7 chapters represented. Reviewed responsibilities especially submitting form 6 immediately after the death of the member. Deadline for inclusion in the April 2019 necrology is Feb 1, tribute due to Ruth by March 1. The ceremony was also reviewed. Form 2 is due to Ruth by Feb 1. The full report is on file with the state Necrology Chair and the state Recording Secretary.

Nominations: Carmella DeMarco (Gamma).

On behalf of the committee, Carmella moved that the slate of officers for 2019-2021 be forwarded to the membership for a vote at the April 2019 convention. The proposed slate is:

President: Ingrid Williams (Nu)

First Vice President: Dr. Nora Pollard (Lambda)

Second Vice President: Irene Maskaly (Iota)

Recording Secretary: Dr. Pamela Albert Devine (Mu)

Corresponding Secretary: Gail Starr (Omicron)

Nominations Chair: Carol Schwartz (Gamma)

Vote: 21 yes, 0 nay.

Carmella expressed her thanks to the members of the committee. The full report is on file with the state Nominations Chair and the state Recording Secretary.

New Business:

Darcey Ericksen (Eta): made a recommendation for a change to the price of meals starting with the 2020 convention as an incentive to attend both. This will be referred to the budget committee.

Motion to adjourn Candy Zachowski (Iota) was seconded by Michele Klamerus (Theta). Meeting adjourned at 12:26.

Respectively Submitted,
Dr. Nora Pollard (Lambda)
State Recording Secretary