

**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA
ALPHA UPSILON STATE**

2019 Fall Executive Board Meeting
Southbridge, MA
September 28, 2019

- I. Call to Order** The meeting was called to order by Lynn Howard 8:15 AM.
- II.** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lynn Howard and singing of “God Bless America” was led by Dr. Anita Newman and Christine Bonci.
- III.** The Invocation was read by Gwen Miller.
- IV. Roll Call** Recording Secretary Kathryn Dunlap distributed the red attendance binders for signing.
- V. Parliamentary Procedures** Dr. Anita Newman explained the procedures.
- VI. Recording Secretary’s Report** Kathryn Dunlap
Kathryn reviewed the minutes of the May 4, 2019 Spring Conference Meeting. The minutes were accepted as amended. (Dates for area meetings replace dates for annual meetings in Coordinating Council report.)
- VII. Corresponding Secretary’s Report** Jillayne Flanders No report (Not present)
- VIII. Treasurer’s Report** Carol LaPolice See Report
Carol thanked the chapter treasurers for making a successful change to the new calendar. She reported that we have 16 chapters, 496 active members and 46 reserve members. For all financial data, see report.
- IX. Executive Secretary’s Report** Dorothea Maynard See report
Dorothea spoke about the Conference in Iceland. She briefed the members on the survey of the May meeting to which 37 responded. She urged members to fill out the survey so any changes can be made for future conferences. For the Fall Workshop, 47 attended including 10 chapter presidents or representatives and 3 first timers. Winter Board will be held February 1st (tentative – Southbridge Hotel and Conference Center), Spring Conference will be held May 1-3, 2020 at Hotel 1620 in Plymouth, June planning meeting will be held June 13, 2020 (tentative), DKG International Convention will be in Philadelphia, July 7-11, 2020.
- X. President’s Report** Lynn Howard See report
Lynn reported that she had attended conferences in Iceland and Connecticut. The five international conferences received donations of \$21,324.21 for the International Emergency

Fund. This included \$2000 from Bingo Night at Foxwoods. Lynn is currently looking for an International Speaker for Spring Conference and is requesting the International President. Also under consideration - the NE Regional Director or European Director. She announced the 2022 International Conference will be held in New Orleans and the 2024 International Convention will be in Maryland – metro Washington DC area. Look for results of the survey about the conferences in DKG news online.

Lynn outlined her goals for her biennium:

- 1 Plans to increase membership and have more members attend state meetings.
- 2 Increase communications to chapter presidents. (Trying to email membership once a month)
- 3 Marketing – social media

PROGRAM OF WORK

- 1. EEC Chair** **Claire LaBonte** Brief Report
Claire is looking for speakers for meetings.
- 2. Archivist** **Kaaren Harrington** No report
- 3. Leadership Training** **Gail Saccone** No report
Gail will work with Claire to prepare for President’s training
- 4. Literacy Council** **Diana Grady** See report
Diana prepared booklets of recommended books that parallel the speakers’ topics of the Fall Workshop. She was giving a book-share workshop at the time of the Executive Board Meeting and there is more information in her report.
- 5. Legislation** **Annette Shaw** No Report
The new Massachusetts State budget item has gone back to committee. It is an old situation but changes are positive for lower income districts. Members are urged to contact legislators when the budget is up for discussion on education reform.
MRU is working on the *double dipping* problem as are Mass Retirees.

SOCIETY BUSINESS

- 1. Membership** **Marilyn Spedding** No Report
Statewide chapter for those who have no chapter near them after theirs dissolved. A new 2019-2020 Presidents’ Challenge has been initiated to honor chapters who increase or maintain membership. There are 3 award levels: gold, silver and bronze.
- 2. Necrology** **Natalie Januskiewicz** See report
Natalie read the names of 8 members who passed away this year and will be remembered at the Necrology Service in May. She reminded presidents to fill out form 6 and send it to her upon the death of a member.
- 3. Coordinating Council** **Paula Wilson** No Report
Paula read a letter requesting Chi chapter be dissolved. International has deleted the chapter for non-payment of dues. Motion passed (9/28/19).

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| 4. By-laws | Martha Cotton | See report |
| An amendment passed to automatically change our bylaws based on International by-laws. Our state chapter will no longer be known as Alpha Upsilon State but as MA State Organization of The Delta Kappa Gamma International. Discussion of and changes in by-laws was tabled until Winder Board Meeting. | | |
| 5. Finance | Jillian Sceppa Etienne | See report |
| Jillian presented the budget for discussion. The budget was accepted. | | |
| 6. The Baystater | Gail Saccone | No report |
| Deadline for the next issue is November 1. Send articles et al. 1 st timer articles and welcomed. Conference/Meeting forms will be on last pages for ease of printing. The new email address is baystaterma@gmail.com | | |
| 7. Communications | TBA | No report |
| See items under Webmaster | | |
| 8. Nominations | Bette Bridges | No report |
| 9. Directory | Jo-Anne Butler | See report |
| Jo-Anne is updating the Massachusetts State Organization Directory and would appreciate any changes in phone, address or email by October 22, 2019 | | |
| 10. Webmaster | Christine Bonci | No report |
| The state is represented on both Facebook and the state website - alupsma.weebly.com
Baystater is always posted on the website. Find out more about Go To Meeting from Christine. | | |

STATE PROGRAMS

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| Sara E. Chase | Linda Stewart | See report (not present) |
| There were no applications or awards this year. The next deadlines are December 14, 2019 for spring semester and April 11, 2020 for summer and also academic writing. The maximum award is \$2500 per semester. | | |
| Christa McAuliffe | G'Tanya Small | No report |
| There were no applications or awards. | | |
| Golden Gift Leadership | Donna Brown | No report (not present) |

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

1. US Forum **Carol LaPolice**

Carol recounted highlights of her time with US Forum and reported she was appointed New England representative for voting. It was moved and accepted to increase the expenditure to \$3600 available to send members in March. There are sufficient funds in the budget to provide for 4 people to go to the seminar March 15-17, 2020 in Washington, DC. (Anyone can go if they pay their own way.) See Carol for an application if you are interested.

2. World Fellowship **Beverly Shaw Johnson** No report

3. International Speakers Fund **TBA** No report

4. Golden Gift Fund **Marjorie Burns** See report

The Golden Gift Seminar, *DKG Ignite: Leaders Empowering Leaders*, will be held July 19 - 26 in Austin, TX. Deadline for application is December 1st and is both written and video. All the information is online.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Two "Friend of Education Awards" were approved. Eta Chapter nominated Steve Meinel from Savers in Fall River who donated books for school libraries. Alpha Eta Chapter nominated Jacalyn Stuart Bennett from Newburyport turned a gym into a mindfulness and wellness area for yoga and fitness, a support for women and children.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to adjourn made and seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:35 AM
Respectfully submitted,
Kathryn Dunlap, Recording Secretary