



## Washington State Organization Fall Executive Board 2022 Minutes

Saturday, 24 September 2022, 4 pm- 6:00 pm

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Voting Members: State Officers & Chapter Presidents (or designee). Ex officio: State Treasurer, State Parliamentarian, State Executive Secretary. All members are welcome to attend as non-voting observers.

Welcome: President Patricia Bennett-Forman (Alpha Sigma Kitsap)

Called to order at 4:00 pm

Introductions

- Beverly Mantey-VanCronkhite, Northwest Regional Director from WI and Dalene Cook, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, OR State Organization

Collect: Vicki Mitchell (Psi Kennewick)

Roll Call

- A quorum has been established

Appointment of Minutes Review Committee

- Liz Friedrich (Psi Kennewick) and Nancy Sauer (Psi Kennewick)

Parliamentary Pause: Rules of the Meeting: Parliamentarian Janice Moen (Kappa Kent)

- Janice reviewed the rules and procedures for the meeting.
  - Zoom meeting procedure emphasized – when speaking, identify yourself first, especially if submitting or supporting a motion.

Briefed Minutes from May 2022: Secretary Deirdre Catlin (ETA Spokane)

- The previous meeting minutes were read and approved as read.

Correspondence: Secretary Deirdre Catlin (ETA Spokane)

- No new correspondence

Treasurer's Report: Patricia Russell (Beta Sigma Seattle)

- Total Assets = \$133,973
- Not meeting in person is saving funds
- Financial Report is filed as presented

Credentials Report: Patricia Russell (Beta Sigma Seattle)

- 129 Women registered/89 present at meetings/29 chapters represented

## Officers' Reports

Executive Secretary: Sherri Wagemann (Eta Spokane)

- Contracts in place and signed for
  - Spring Convention 2023 and 2024
  - Dumas Bay 2023
  - Rainbow Lodge 2024
  - All times and locations will be posted on DKG website calendar
- 2023 State Directories
  - Waiting for more information from members to finish the directory
  - Planned release is 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> week of October
  - Electronic copy sent to chapter presidents
  - If desired a hard copy, pre-order forms are on DKG website
- Zoom accounts are complete for the year

1st Vice President/EEC: Monique Harrison (Beta Sigma Seattle)

- EEC – implementation of Affinity Groups is still in the works. Information will be sent to chapter presidents
- Contact Monique if your chapter needs assistance with workshops

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Membership: Teri King (Iota Mason/Thurston)

- Currently 663 members (anticipating the number to increase as final dues renewals are counted)
- 16 new, younger members since Spring Convention
- Started SLACK channel for faster, real-time communications for Membership Committee and chapter membership contacts.

President: Pat Bennett-Forman (Alpha Sigma Kitsap)

- Acknowledged work of state and committee members for Fall Board workshops
- Announced International committee appointments for 2022-2024
- All personnel send in information to Webmasters to update the State Calendar
- Website improvements continue to enhance communication
- Pat Russell's last year as treasurer
  - Looking to pick new member by next Spring so they can shadow Pat for a year
  - Job Description and Application on DKG website

## Reports Requiring Action

Treasurer's Report: Jan Morgan (Phi Grays Harbor/Pacific)

- Financial review was conducted in person with 5 members present

**MOTION: It was moved by Jan Morgan, that the findings of the Financial Review Committee be accepted as presented. Motion Carries**

US Forum: Susan Fritts (Alpha Sigma Kitsap)

- Met in New Orleans National Convention where the Mental Health proposal was presented and passed
  - The WSO Education Policy and Legislature Committee then made allowable revisions to the adopted resolution to be more intentional on recommended actions, especially legislative actions.

**MOTION: It was moved by Susan Fritts, that the Executive Board approve the Resolution “On Recognizing Mental Health Issues for Educational Staff and Promoting Support Services (2)” for WSO and chapters to implement in the 2022-2024 biennium. Motion Carries**

### Committee Reports

Nominations: Liz Friedrich (Psi Kennewick)

New state officer and other state nominations are due December 1, 2022, for 2023-2025 biennium

- New member for the Rachel Royston Royston Foundation Board is a 5-year position
- New member for the Nominations Committee is a 3-year position

Scholarships & Grants: Linda Johnson (Alpha Zeta Goldendale)

- 10 applications received for grant and scholarships
- \$638 raised during Book Challenge fundraiser
  - Challenge sent out to chapter presidents for greater participation now that there is better communication on the fundraiser; ends June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- Stipend and scholarship information is found on the DKG website, due February 1, 2023

Bylaws and Rules: presented by Monique Harrison (Beta Sigma Seattle) for Jannette Manuel, in absentia

- November 1, 2022, amendments are due to the state committee chair
- DKG website has the current copy of Bylaws and Standing Rules
  - Chapters tasked with making sure they are compliant

Communications and Marketing: Candice Rutherford (Kappa Kent)

- Updating website is a continuous process
- Will be publishing brochure to the website

- Newsletter for state is soon to be released – State President encourages every member to open the email and read the newsletter

Leadership Development: Cathy Johnson (Beta Upsilon Grand Coulee)

- Created New Presidents' workshop
- Writing three articles for future newsletters
- Available to help chapter presidents for sustainability and workshops into the Spring Convention

Educational Legislation and Advocacy: Marge Lofstrom (Beta Delta Auburn)

- Started chapter legislative contacts
- Created Civics 101 workshop to help chapters get their voices heard in local levels

Dumas Bay Fine Arts Retreat: Candice Rutherford (Kappa Kent)

- Regroup, Relax and Renew is theme for June 27 – June 29, 2023, workshop

Rachel Royston Scholarship Fund: Dr Clair Smith (Mu Clark Country)

- Call on chapters to get the word out for available scholarship funds, desire for more applicants
  - DKG Website has application information
  - Mid- October to mid- December is the scholarship window
- Chapters are encouraged to contribute to scholarship fund
- Close to \$1 million total money given

Achievement Award: Susan Fritts (Alpha Sigma Kitsap)

- Time to nominate deserving members for 2023 Achievement Award
- Deadline for applications is 1 Feb 2023 information on DKG website

## Area Liaison Reports

Area I: Mary Rennie (Theta Yakima)

- All chapters are doing social Workshops, picking up new members, meeting in person,
- Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, planned workshop Area I

Area II: Lydia Elsom (Eta Spokane)

- March 11, 2023, Area II workshop: topic Mental Health issues, Tau to dissolve

Area III: Vicki Mitchell (Psi Pasco)

- 5-6 new members in Psi, Area III workshop February 11, 2023, "What DKG Can Do and Benefits"

Area IV: Linda Elliott (Beta Delta Auburn)

- Most chapters are meeting in person enhancing connections
- Area IV workshop: February 23, 2023; theme is Resilience with a speaker from the Holocaust Center

Area V: Kay Stern (Chi Cowlitz)

- Area V workshop: March 11, 2023, Brain Health and Creativity topic
- Holding two area-wide recruitment events

Area VI: Kim Brandt (Lambda Bellingham)

- Area VI workshop: May 6, 2023, at the Taum Museum of Northwest Art and Lunch
- October focus on active engagement in Legislation

Area VII: Judy Bernt-Hill (Bet Sigma Seattle)

- Area VII workshop: March 11, 2023, at Englewood Golf Club, theme TBD
- Resuming in person meetings

Area VIII: Rosa Eilert (Zeta Wenatchee)

- Facing membership decline, working to see if they can put workshop together

Area IX: Keitha Bryson (Iota Mason Thurston)

- Area IX workshop: November 5, 2022, Native American Heritage Event
- Area doing well even though very senior members

Area X: open position

- April event for workshop or will pair up with other area chapters

Music and Arts Liaison: Terri Diehm (Beta Delta Auburn)

- January 15, 2023 – February 15, 2023, is the open window for National Art Contestants
  - Can find submission forms on the International Website under Art Gallery
- Terri is collecting information on state members who are artists for the DKG database

## Unfinished Business

Fall Board 2023/2024: Sherri Wagemann (Eta Spokane)

- Results for polls taken for future boards and dates:
  - Hold 2023 Fall Board virtually
  - Hold 2024 Fall Board virtually
  - Time period for the boards – end of September

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### New Business

Dissolution Report: Susan Fritts (Alpha Sigma Kitsap)

- Dodie French, Beta Nu president, read the Dissolution Letter from Beta Nu Sequim
- Susan Fritts accepted the letter
  - Members have been invited to join other chapters

**MOTION: Beta Nu Sequim has completed all dissolution requirements. Susan Fritts moved that WSO accept Beta Nu Sequim Chapter's request for dissolution with regret. Motion Carries**

### Invitations/Announcements

2023 Spring Convention April 28-30, 2023, Red Lion Olympia will be in person; invitation from Area 5 viewed.

DKG International Conferences: Beverley Mantey-VanCronkhite (Northwest Regional Director)

- Detroit Michigan, July 11-16, 2023
- Phoenix Arizona, July 18-22, 2023, will be a cultural experience
- Tampere, Finland July 26-29, 2023, with optional tours of Finland/Estonia post conference
- More information on the International DKG website

Gratitude expressed to all who worked hard on the conference and to those attending by Pat Bennett-Forman.

Adjournment at 6:12 pm

Deirdre Catlin  
Deirdre Catlin, Secretary

9/29/2022  
Date

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Approved

*Pat Bennett-Forman*

Pat Bennett-Forman, President

9-29-22

Date