



**General Session Washington State Organization  
Spring Convention  
Saturday, April 13, 2019  
Spokane, Washington**

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**Champions of the HEART...Making a Difference**

President Sherri Wagemann called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

President Sherri introduced the Executive Officers and the International Representative, June Bowers.

Cathy Johnson gave the Credentials Report

Recording Secretary Lisa Wiese read the briefed minutes of the April 28, 2018, General Session, which were approved as read. There was no correspondence.

***Pat Russell gave the treasurer's report.*** She reminded those who qualify for a state travel stipend, that forms are on the state website and are due by June 1.

***Finance chair Nancy Guthrie gave her report.*** The proposed budget for the 2019-2020 year was approved by the Executive Board.

***Executive Secretary Paula Nichols gave her report.*** She thanked the staff at the Double Tree for their excellent and friendly service. She thanked Area VIII for hosting the convention. Paula mentioned other venues that she looked at for possible Fall Board locations. She looked at Wenatchee and Moses Lake. Best Western in Moses Lake did not respond. The Red Lion in Wenatchee was similar in cost except for the AV prices. We will continue to be in Yakima for the next 2 years. The dates for Fall Board Are: 2019: Sept. 27-28, 2020: Sept. 25-26.

Spring convention 2020 will be April 24-26 in Olympia, with Area X as hostess chapters.

Paula announced that there will be a line item on the Fall Board registration form for a hard copy of the state directory for \$10.00.

***Immediate Past President Terri Diehm:*** Terri asked that all Action Plans be turned in by the turnover meeting June 28. She will be announcing the Washington State Achievement Award winner at the banquet. She reminded members about the DKG member biography form found on the website.

President Sherri announced that the annual reports are found online.

Parliamentarian Janice Moen shared that the rules for the meeting are printed on p.9 of the convention booklet.

*Unfinished Business:* None

*New Business:* President Sherri welcomed and introduced the 2019-2021 State Officers.

**Reports requiring action:** Barbara Brown from the Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee presented the proposed amendments.

The Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee proposed several changes to the Bylaws.

**Motion: It was moved that amendments to Bylaws Articles be approved:**

- **IV Section C line 118.3:** For membership commencing on or after January 1 until June 30, the member shall pay one-half of the international and state membership dues. Each chapter will determine if their chapter dues will be adjusted.
- **VIII Section B line 505 1. Communication and Marketing**
  - a. The committee shall include a committee chair with expertise in communication, the state editor of the Alpha Sigma News and the state webmaster, all of whom will serve as co-chairs of the committee and shall receive reimbursement commensurate with chairs as stated in WSO Bylaws Article VIII Committees, Section A 5i.
- **VIII Section B2e line 542** Changes in the Washington State Organization's Bylaws and Standing Rules necessitated by amendments to the DKG Constitution and/or International Standing Rules shall be made by the state Bylaws and Standing Rules committee, shared with the Executive Committee, and then reported to our membership via email and on the WSO website within two months after the revised International documents are made available. In following this format, the state organization (Executive Board) will not need to approve each change individually.
- **Section B2f line 543** Once each biennium, chapter rules shall be reviewed for consistency with international and state governing documents. Revisions necessitated by amendments to the *DKG Constitution and/or International Standing Rules* may be made to Chapter Rules by the chapter's *Bylaws and Standing Rules* committee and then shared with chapter members via electronic means. Brief discussion and/or clarifications will be provided at the next chapter business meeting and a consent vote taken. A digital copy of the updated chapter rules will then be sent to the *State Bylaws chair*.
- **Article XIV Section B line 841** Any member, committee, board, or chapter may submit proposals to the chair of the Bylaws and Rules Committee on forms provided by the Bylaws and Rules Committee. Proposals shall be submitted with a postmark or electronic date no later than December 1st
- (It was requested that Article XI Publications line 764 be pulled from the group.)
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- **Motion for 5 amendments be approved. Motion passed.**
- Article XI: Having members with no email and being a long way from an "Office Depot" is a reason against the amendment. ASN should be mailed. Discussion pro and con ensued.

**Motion: It was moved that Article XI line 764 be approved. Motion passed.**

- **Article XI:** Having members with no email and being a long way from an "Office Depot" is a reason against the amendment. ASN should be mailed. Discussion pro and con ensued.

**Motion: It was moved that the following five SR amendments be adopted as presented.**

- 3.1 line 86 and 87 State dues shall be active members \$40.00 and reserve members \$15.00. Collegiate members shall not be charged state dues in an effort to support and mentor them.
- 3.12 line 87 and 88 State dues shall be active members \$40.00 and reserve members \$15.00. Beginning in ~~2013~~ 2019, state dues ~~may~~ must be discussed with the Executive Board and consideration given for regular adjustments once each biennium.
- **Subsection g Title International Conference Finances**
- 3.65 g3 line 306 The treasurer and the executive secretary ~~and the state editor or state webmaster~~ shall receive reimbursement for attendance at ~~regional conferences and~~ international conventions.
- 365h4 line 331 **Travel stipends for international conventions and regional conferences.\*\***  
*Executive Committee # 331*...Officers, (including parliamentarian), membership chair, educational excellence chair, ~~the state newsletter editor or the state webmaster~~ and presenters. Area liaisons, international officers, international committee members and state committee chairs shall receive 1 point. (Note: the word **regional** will be changed to **international** numerous other places in our governing documents to align with guidelines from International.)
- 9.12 line 683 ~~deadlines for submitting articles: October 10, February 10 and June 10 except for EEC, briefed schedule.~~ Effective in the 2019-2021 biennium, deadlines for submitting articles to *The Alpha Sigma News*: October 15, January 15, April 15, and July 15. ~~Deadlines for publication/on-line availability: Nov. 10, March 10, July 10.~~ Effective in the 2019-2021 biennium, deadlines for online availability of *The Alpha Sigma News*: November 15, February 15, May 15, and August 15

**Motion passed.**

Rachel Royston held their annual meeting.

Janice Moen gave the International Report of the Holden Fund

1. The fund provides training of officers and international committee chairs.
2. The fund provides speakers at conferences and international conventions.

Monique Harrison gave the International Communications and Marketing Committee report.

International Representative June Bowers gave the International World Fellowship report.

*Invitations:*

*2019 International Conferences:* June Bowers gave the invitation to international conferences.

*2019 CARTS :* The committee gave the invitation to Dumas Bay via song. Drawing for CARTS scholarship was held.

*2019 Fall Board:* Area VII gave their invitation via song, for September 27-28

The "Meet the Block" drawing was held.

President Sherri adjourned the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

The minutes were reviewed by Cathy Johnson, Caryn Mills and Carrie Derr, all of Beta Upsilon.

