

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Omega State
Spring Executive Board Meeting
Denver Marriott South Hotel on I-25 South and Lincoln Avenue
March 21, 2015

Omega State President Beth Barzdukas called the Omega State Executive Spring Board Meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and welcomed all attendees. Farabe Smith, Omega State Editor, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Suzanne Foster, Omega State Music, Art, and Humanities Chairman, led the group in the song "Weave."

Dr. Sue Pettit, Omega State Vice-President, called the roll in the absence of Penny Propst, Omega State Recording Secretary. Individuals responded by announcing their favorite grade level to instruct. Attendance was as follows: Executive State Board – 9, Chapter Presidents and Representatives – 61, Committee Chairmen – 18, Past State Presidents – 6. The total present was 61.

President Beth Barzdukas announced that Chapter Rules and Bylaws Committees will be conferencing with individual chapter presidents or members during the board meeting. She presented First Timer Awards to Cathie Gonzales (Alpha Mu) and Nancy Scofield (Beta). President Beth honored Dr. MaryAnn Roldan, Omega State U.S. Forum Chairman, with a certificate for her recent appointment to the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International World Fellowship Committee. Dr. Roldan's work has begun as the committee is now reviewing over 90 applications for the DKG World Fellowship Scholarships. Loretta Kerr and Kathy Parker, Omega State Chapter Strengthening Committee members, reported on the strategies of the Hold Harmless Agreements between international, state, and chapters. The DKG Society International advises chapters not to use any intellectual property used in international training materials before January 2015 as it would be uncertain if written permission was given. Chapters wishing to place an article on their website should do so by using links. They suggested that chapters not post PowerPoints on their website.

President Beth reviewed the items in the folder which included certificates for chapters having an Early Career Educator project, Schools for Africa project and/or Strategic Action Plans. Also in the folders were updates on the 2015 Omega State Convention. President Beth made a rose cookie for the Spring Executive Board Meeting participants.

Susan Denny, Omega State Parliamentarian, read the Rules of the State Executive Board Meeting.

Mary Smith, Omega State Nominations Committee member, served as Omega State Recording Secretary *pro tempore* in the absence of Penny Propst. President Beth Barzdukas announced the committee which would approve the 2015 Spring Executive Board Meeting minutes. They are the following: Loretta Kerr (Phi), Nancy Heinz (Alpha Rho), Nancy Robinson (Delta), and Judy Leinweber (Kappa). President Beth asked for any corrections or additions to the Fall Executive Board Meeting Minutes. Being none, the minutes were approved.

Kathy Flynn, Omega State Membership Chairman, gave a Membership Moment. She discussed the letters available soon from International which a chapter might use to invite members to join.

Susan Denny, the DKG Educational Foundation Liaison, gave a report on this entity. Since its establishment in 1964, the foundation has spent more than \$4 million for its mission of supporting and encouraging intercultural understanding and educational excellence.

Sandy Balerio, Omega State Scholarship Chairman, encouraged participants to apply for the Omega State Lifelong Learning Scholarships for convention or conference use. Monies awarded range from \$200-\$1,000. Sandy read a thank you note from Amanda Glover who received her second Omega State Scholarship.

Chi chapter members led the group in an exercise break.

Suzanne Foster led the members in a music break.

Lilly Vigil, Omega State Treasurer, reported that as of yesterday, 28 out of 32 chapters had paid their dues which were due by October 31. Omega State is 150 members short of what the budget was based on. She presented certificates to the chapters who completed the IRS 990-EZ Form – which was 100% of the chapters.

Sarah Helman, Finance Committee Chairman, reported strategies to deal with the decreasing membership. This has reduced income by \$14,998. The Finance Committee moved "to increase dues \$5.00 in 2015-2016 and \$5.00 in 2016-2017 and asked the Executive Board to support the increase of dues." The motion passed. This recommendation will be voted on at the 2015 Omega State Convention.

Farabe Smith, Omega State Editor, asked members to make sure their email addresses are submitted to DKG Society International as this is where she gets the addresses for mailing the *Omega Peaks*. Farabe moved "that we publish and distribute *Omega Peaks* electronically." It was seconded by Shirley Organ (Alpha Beta). The motion passed.

Kathy Flynn, Omega State Membership Chairman, presented membership recognition certificates. Honored were the following Omega State Executive Board officers, committee chairman and committee members: Dr. MaryAnn Roldan (Beta), 40 years; Dorothy Hanscom (Alpha Omicron), 40 years; Theresa Cortese (Upsilon), 30 years; Kathy Parker (Phi), 30 years; Sarah Helman (Rho), 20 years; Carol Drollinger (Alpha Iota), 20 years; and Dr. Maxine Fawcett-Yeske (Eta), 10 years. The following individuals were given certificates for 50 years of membership: Bess Brown (Alpha Beta); Lee Oldham (Beta); Glenna Mathes (Mu), and Mary Lou Barton (Pi). Karen Libby, Omega State Membership Committee member, did the Membership Moment. Once a member has dropped their membership, 70% of those surveyed said they would reinstate if asked in the future. Karen reminded attendees that reinstated members need to pay dues and there are no reinstatement fees. A reinstated member is not voted on by the chapter and does not go through initiation a second time.

Omega State Recording Secretary Theresa Cortese handed out the *2014-15 Directory* with a correction list. If anyone would like a directory emailed to them, Theresa announced she would be glad to accommodate their request.

Loretta Kerr, Omega State Chapter Strengthening Committee member, asked Pi Chapter President Virginia Champlin to discuss ways to procure new members. Virginia shared a meeting idea where they have a chapter tea and reunion. Prospective members are given an informative envelope with brochures for all three levels of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and local scholarship opportunities. They played a game where the four prospective guests quizzed the members about the organization. Loretta reminded the attendees that chapter strengthening is an ongoing process to be done at least every two years.

Carol Drollinger, Omega State Star Chapter Award Chairman, provided a hard copy of the Star Chapter Application for all chapters which is also available online.

President Beth Barzdukas discussed what needed to be accomplished during the committee meetings. Committee reports need to be completed and submitted to her by April 15 so they may be placed in the convention program. Information about the Info Fair was provided to attendees. This is an opportunity for each committee to highlight their work either as a display or game during the convention. The Strategic Action Plan needs updated and sent electronically to Dr. Sue Pettit, Omega State First Vice-President.

A lunch break was taken.

President Beth Barzdukas asked Dr. Sue Pettit to complete the roll call for the Omega State Past Presidents.

Kerry Tripp, Omega State Nominations Chairman, presented the Omega State Slate of Officers for the 2015-2017 which are the following: President - Dr. Sue Pettit; First Vice-President - Shirley Organ; Second -Vice President – Brenda Wray; Recording Secretary – Memory Lamfers; Corresponding Secretary - Dr. Barbara Whinery. Area Representative for the Nominations Committee are the following: Phyllis Finlay (Alpha Chi) – Area 1, Lois Astler (Omega) – Area 5, Susan Appelgren (Rho) – Area 7. Voting for officers and area representatives will be done at the 2015 Omega State Convention.

Brenda Wray, Omega Convention Co-Chairman (Alpha Delta), explained the online registration for the 2015 Omega State Convention to the attendees. Dr. Temple Grandin will be the speaker Friday - June 5, 2015. Members are asked to bring their own bag for the convention.

Shawna Sajdak presented the program which was Schools for Africa in Rwanda.

Dr. Sue Pettit, Omega State Meeting Task Force Chairman, reported that the committee met November 15, 2014. The members are Dr. Barbara Whinery, Norma Silvers, Joyce Best and Amanda Glover. They came up with two proposals to help focus on the leadership training at the conferences. Dr. Barbara Whinery (Delta) stated, that “the Omega State Meeting Task Force proposes that the State Leadership Conference be held for the next three biennia at a consistent site.” Joyce Best (Alpha Rho) seconded the motion. A standing vote was taken with 24 in favor and 20 against. The motion passed.

Dr. Barbara Whinery, from the Omega State Meetings Task Force Committee, moved that “the Omega State Meetings Task Force recommends that the Task Force continue to meet in order to work on incentives to attract new members and chapter leaders to attend State Leadership meetings.” Joyce Best seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Kathy Flynn, Omega State Archivist, reported that she is going through several boxes of materials to select items to store at the University of Colorado Archives Library.

Kathy Flynn, Omega State Membership Chairman, updated the attendees on the importance of sending in the Death of a Member Report - Form 6. She asked for chapter presidents and past state presidents to submit histories for an organizational book she is compiling. A template to model is *The Golden Anniversary Book, Omega State, 1936 – 1986*. She requested chapter presidents and past state presidents to submit their photos online to her.

Evangeline Sena, Personnel Committee Chairman, stated on behalf of the Personnel Committee, “I move we accept Nancy Scofield as Omega State Webmaster.” The motion passed.

Beth Barzdukas asked attendees to consider going to the Southwest Regional Conference.

Lois Astler, Omega State Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee Chairperson, asked the attendees to get their Chapter Rules in to the committee. A template will be mailed to the chapters who have not submitted this document.

Loretta Kerr, Omega Membership Committee Member, presented a chapter program idea where the benefits of membership in Delta Kappa Gamma Society International can be shown to members. Each benefit was attached to a jewel or coin and removed from a treasure chest as it was explained. Loretta stated, “We have so much to offer – get excited at the chapter level – and talk positive about DKG!”

A drawing was held for prizes.

Dr. MaryAnn Roldan had a form for people to sign up for the *U.S. Forum Connection* newsletter. She discussed the Senate Bill 80 which would give Colorado PERA members a choice over their benefit plans. The bill did not pass. She highlighted the U.S. Forum sponsored panel on human trafficking which will be presented at the 2015 Omega State Convention.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Penny Propst
Omega State Recording Secretary
Mary Smith, Theta – recorder and notes

