

Executive Board Meeting

Saturday, September 7, 2024

ZOOM 1:00pm



1. Welcome by Pat Goepfinger (Gamma). Meeting was called to order at 1:02 PM.
2. Pledge of Allegiance by Karen Laskowski (Gamma)



3. Inspiration – Quotes presented by Pat Goepfinger (Gamma)
4. Attendance: Karen Laskowski, State Secretary, (Gamma)
16 members attended –
Alpha – Kay Kurvers
Delta – Brenda Davis, Candy Rooney, Cheryl Anderson, Maxine Emm
Epsilon – Judith Merz, Penelope Thompson
Gamma – Pat Goepfinger, Cindy Frazer, Joyce King, Karen Laskowski
Kappa – 0
Lambda – 0
Nu – Judy Silker
Omicron – Heidi Hull
Theta – Jane Barnes
Xi – Caroline Asikainen, Leta Rabenstine
5. Approval of minutes: need three members – Joyce King (Gamma), Cindy Frazer (Gamma), and _____.
6. Treasurer's report: Maxine Emm (Delta) – Reports were presented and Maxine explained any changes. Kay Kurvers (Alpha) asked if there is a possibility of moving money within the Martha Schultz Doctoral Scholarship account into CDs. Maxine said there likely is, however a vote is necessary. Heidi Hull (Omicron) mentioned moving the money is difficult because money in CDs would be locked in for a certain amount of time. Maxine will look into the possibility of moving money to CDs.

7. Parliamentary Procedures: Judy Silker (Nu) – When making a motion, state your name and chapter. State the motion then restate so the Secretary can write it down.
8. Society Business: -
 - a. International Convention in National Harbor, Maryland – full report attached
 - i. Hi-lights: Pat Goeppinger (Gamma) – Pat will email report to all. It will also be on the next President’s page.
9. Leadership Seminar – ZOOM – Pat Goeppinger (Gamma) – Pat presented a recap of the July 24, 2025 Leadership Seminar and will share the report with all chapters.
10. Town Hall ZOOM meeting – Pat Goeppinger (Gamma) – Pat shared a recap of the meeting and will share the recap with all chapters.
11. Committee Reports:
 - a. Membership and Necrology – Cheryl Anderson (Delta) – Chair
 - 136 Active
 - 12 Reserve
 - 1 Chapter Honorary
 - 1 State Honorary

Total 150 which includes new members and dropped members

Necrology – Barbara Bernstein (Epsilon) – Her life will be celebrated during the Ceremony of Remembrance at State Convention.

Kay Kurvers asked the qualifications for becoming a Reserve member. Cheryl stated that, according to the Constitution, a member may be considered reserve by chapter vote when the member moves and wants to remain a member of their chapter or if a member’s health/medical condition does not allow them to actively participate.

- b. The Nevadagram – Donna Harper (Gamma) – Chair – Pat reported on behalf of Donna
- c. State Historian – Candy Rooney (Delta) – Chair – Candy has emailed all Chapter presidents asking for a list of officers and committee chairs.
- d. State Communications and Website - Cindy Frazer (Gamma) – Chair – Cindy has resigned after 17 years of maintaining the website. Pat asks that chapters speak with their members in order to find someone to carry on the website maintenance.

Judy Merz asked Cindy about the type of platform used for the website. The website uses the HTML platform and is currently hosted by International at a cost of \$36/year.
- e. Exemplary Award – Judy Merz (Epsilon) – Chair – nominations due January 15, 2025
- f. EEC – Judy Merz (Epsilon) - (Chair) – Judy shared a graphic that will be shared with all.
 - i. State Apple Award – Cheryl Anderson (Delta) – Cheryl reminded attendees that the chapter decides on the amount awarded, time of year awarded, and number of awards.
 - ii. Rose of Recognition – February 15, 2025 deadline
 - iii. Arts and Humanity Jury – Ardynne Sprinkle (Theta)
 - iv. World Fellowship – no longer supporting Schools for Africa. Now supporting GIRLS which is a UNICEF program. More information will be shared soon.
 - v. US Forum – Brenda Downs (Delta) – contact Brenda with any questions that would impact education/educators that could be posed during the upcoming legislative session.

Kay Kurvers (Alpha) asked, What is the function of the Department of Education?
Brenda Downs (Delta) will look into the department's function and report during a later meeting.

- g. Annie Webb Blanton State Scholarship – Leta Rabenstine (Xi) – Chair – scholarship is being awarded to a member in the South (Epsilon, Gamma). If no applicants by January 1, open to all State members.
- h. Martha Schultz Doctorial Scholarship – Cheryl Anderson (Delta) – Chair – Kay Kurvers (Alpha) asked if a person working toward becoming a lawyer could apply or is it strictly for someone pursuing a doctorate in education. Cheryl will investigate the verbiage of the scholarship and let membership know. Maxine will share all information she has about the Martha Schults Doctorial Scholarship with Cheryl.
- i. Emergency Fund – Marlene Killion (Omicron) – Chair – Chapters, please let Marlene know when donations are made so recognition can be made during convention.
- j. Nominating Committee – Linda Scribner (Lambda) – Chair – 2025-2027 Slate of Officers

Penny Thompson (Epsilon) presented the 2025-2027 Slate of Officers.

President – Pat Goepfinger (Gamma)

1st VP – Cindy Frazer (Gamma)

2nd VP – Candy Rooney (Delta)

Secretary – Karen Laskowski (Gamma)

Appointed – Treasurer – Maxine Emm (Delta)

Nominating Committee – Penny Thompson (Epsilon), Linda Scribner (Lambda), and Jill Murphy (Kappa).

- k. Bylaws – Judy Silker (Nu) – Chair
- l. Fundraising – Cheryl Anderson (Delta) – Chair - Cheryl will place one more order for this year with a deadline of October 6.

Orders may be placed yearly moving forward unless a design change is requested. Pat suggested adding a sweatshirt to the order form.

12. State Business:

- a. Emails from state – Pat Goepfinger (Gamma) – Pat sends emails to members of committees as to not overwhelm everyone with emails.
- b. Proposed amendment to Bylaws – Judy Silker (Nu)

Executive Board Members

Amend Article VIII, Executive Board, Section A, # 1.

- 1. **The members of the Executive Board shall be the elected officers, past state presidents, the chapter presidents and State Committee Chairs. The treasurer shall be a voting member except when she receives remuneration for her services.**
Proposal passed and will be presented during the State Convention in April 2025.
- c. Change to Budget for 2025-2027
 - i. Increase available amount for State Convention Venue deposit from \$500 to \$2000.

- ii. This change only needs approval of the Executive Board.
Maxine Emm was given permission to Increase available amount for State Convention Venue deposit from \$500 to \$2000.
- d. Convention 2025 Planning Committee
 - i. Venue – Maxine Emm (Delta) and Kay Kurvers (Alpha)
Sure Stay Resort by Best Western
\$113/night taxes and fees included
We are not committed to a block of rooms
 - ii. Finances – Maxine Emm (Delta) – Maxine shared a spreadsheet noting the various scenarios based on number of attendees.
 - iii. Chapter responsibilities – Pat Goeppinger (Gamma)
 - iv. Guest Speakers/Programs – Pat Goeppinger (Gamma) – Pat submitted her top three choices of speakers.
 - v. Registration – Penny Thompson (Epsilon) – waiting on final numbers in order to complete the registration form.
- e. Please continue to update rosters and send to Cindy Frazer (Gamma), Maxine Emm (Delta) and Pat Goeppinger (Gamma)
- 13. New Business – Cheryl Anderson (Delta) and Judy Silker (Nu) mentioned offering Honorary membership to our Superintendent of Public Instruction and Assistant Superintendents. Membership Committee would recommend a person(s) for Honorary membership then the Executive Board would vote.
It was suggested that a committee be created comprised of the membership chairs of each chapter. If there is no membership chair in the chapter, the chapter VP or Treasurer could be the membership chair.
- 14. Questions, concerns
- 15. Adjourn – 3:01 PM

Respectfully submitted by Karen Laskowski (Nevada State DKG Secretary)