



Delta Kappa Gamma Society for Key Women Educators



Nevada State Organization 2025 Convention

General Session 2 Agenda – Saturday, April 26, 2025

1. Meeting called to order at 8:30am.
2. Karen Laskowski (Gamma) led the Pledge of Allegiance
3. Introduce Guests [Dr. Lisa Cooper Wilkins and Delora Brown](#)
4. Linda Getschman (Nu) shared the Inspiration
5. Parliamentary Procedures – Judy Silker (Nu)
 - a. Members need to speak clearly.
 - b. Members should identify themselves with name and chapter when speaking.
6. Attendance – Karen Laskowski (Gamma)
[Alpha – 7, Beta – 0, Gamma – 5, Delta – 6, Epsilon – 4, Theta – 5, Kappa – 1, Lambda – 2, Nu – 2, Xi – 4, Omicron 1](#)
7. Recognize 50+ year members and new members to DKG
[50+ year members by chapter: Alpha – 2, Beta – 1, Gamma – 2, Delta – 0, Epsilon – 3, Theta – 1, Kappa – 2, Lambda – 4, Nu – 0, Xi – 1, Omicron - 0](#)
[New members by chapter: Alpha – 1, Gamma – 3, Delta – 3, Epsilon – 2, Kappa – 1, Lambda – 1, Nu – 3, Delta – 0, Theta – 0, Xi – 0, Omicron - 0](#)
8. International Business:
 - a. The DKG Visionary Network – Pat Goeppinger (Gamma)
 - i. Virtual, interest-based groups within the network and only available to DKG members.
[Judy Silker \(Nu\) shared some of the interest group presentations she has attended including ones highlighting special education, Spanish, and Zentangle. She is scheduled to conduct a virtual presentation on Sunday, April 27. Her topic is crochet.](#)
 - b. The Social Security Fairness Act, HR 82 – Pat Goeppinger (Gamma)
 - i. The Windfall Elimination Provision and Government Pension Offset, was signed into law on January 5, 2025. Upon implementation, this Act eliminates the reduction of SS Benefits. [Pat shared that she has contacted Social Security about a timeline. She was told it could be as late as November before some people receive their back pay.](#)

- c. The DKG Code of Ethics Policy and Procedure along with the Ethics Violation Complaint Form is available on the International Website. [Pat Goeppinger has sent the Code of Ethics to all chapter presidents.](#)
- d. 2025 International Conference is in New Orleans, LA, July 31 – August 2, 2025. Registration information is available on the International Website. [Judy Merz \(Epsilon\) and Marlene Killion \(Omicron\) will be attending.](#)
- e. 2026 International Convention will be in Aurora, CO from June 30 – July 4, 2026.

9. State Business:

- a. Approval of minutes for General Session held on April 13, 2024.
 - i. Cindy Frazer (Gamma)
 - ii. Susan Capistrant (Theta)
 - iii. Leta Rabenstine (Xi)
 - iv. Christi Pagni (Xi)

[Joyce King \(Gamma\) moved that the minutes of the General Session held on April 13, 2024, be approved as posted on the website to all members.](#)

[Seconded by Donna Harper \(Gamma\). Approved – yes](#)
- b. Need three members to approve minutes for April 26, 2025, General Session 2.
 - i. [Joyce King \(Gamma\)](#)
 - ii. [Susan Capistrant \(Theta\)](#)
 - iii. [Donna Harper \(Gamma\)](#)
- c. Reports:
 - i. Finance – Maxime Emm (Delta) – [Maxine Emm \(Delta\) shared a comprehensive report stating that some of the amounts presented are estimates due to not having all the receipts for convention.](#)
 - ii. Membership and Necrology – Cheryl Anderson (Delta) – [Cheryl presented a comprehensive report with membership numbers. She also shared the names of the members who would be celebrated during the Ceremony of Remembrance. They are Barbara Bernstein \(Epsilon\), Suzanne Roberts \(Alpha\), and Patricia Pearce \(Kappa\)](#)

[Cheryl presented a certificate to each chapter that reported new members. She gave charms to all the members of Delta, Gamma, and Nu chapters because they brought in 3 or more members each.](#)
 - iii. EEC and committees – Judy Merz (Epsilon)

[Judy mentioned UNICEF and SEE \(Supporting Early Educators\).](#)
 - iv. Judy Merz (Epsilon) would like to have a contact person from each Chapter to share information.

1. Committees:

- a. Exemplary Award – Focus Leader Judy Merz (Epsilon)
- b. State Apple Award – Focus Leader Cheryl Anderson (Delta)
- c. Rose of Recognition – Focus Leader Judy Merz (Epsilon)
- d. Arts and Humanities – Focus Leader Judy Silker (Nu)
- e. World Fellowship – Focus Leader Susan Capistrant (Theta)
- f. US Forum – Brenda Downs (Delta) Brenda distributed copies of U.S. From Connection and bookmarks with links to <https://www.leg.state.nv.us>
<https://www.congress.gov>

She also shared some Assembly Bills that have passed.

2. Chapter members interested in joining a committee or being a Focus Leader, please contact Judy Merz (Epsilon), jrmerz@aol.com.

- v. Nevadagram – Donna Harper (Gamma) Pat Goeppinger and Donna will be getting together to come up with a schedule for publications.
Please include names with photo submissions and any other details.
Encouraged committees to submit articles for inclusion in the Nevadagram.
- vi. Historian – Candy Rooney (Delta)
- vii. Webmaster – Susan Neal (Kappa) Susan asked everyone to complete a photo release form and to be careful about submitted copyrighted material/photos for publication on the website.
Judy Merz (Epsilon) offered to assist anyone who needs help accessing MyDKG.
- viii. Awards – Judy Merz (Epsilon) – during Luncheon
- ix. State Apple Awards – Cheryl Anderson (Delta)
Delta – 11, Alpha – 1, Gamma – 1, Epsilon – 1, Xi – 1, Theta – 2, Nu – 3
The remaining chapter will be awarding theirs by the end of the school year.
- x. Anne Webb Blanton State Scholarship – Leta Rabenstine (Xi)
Awarded to Karen Laskowski (Gamma). Karen gave a brief synopsis of the two courses she completed. The first course was Instilling a Growth Mindset. The second was Effective Strategies for Struggling Writers.
- xi. Martha Schultz Doctorial Scholarship – Cheryl Anderson (Delta)
Susan Capistrant (Theta) mentioned that Capella University gives DKG members a 10% discount. There is a link on the International website.
- xii. Emergency Fund – Marlene Killian (Omicron)
Alpha - \$100
Gamma - \$150

Delta - \$85
Epsilon - \$100
Theta 1 \$100
Lambda - \$50
Xi - \$50
Total - \$635

- xiii. Convention Planning Committee – 2027 State Convention – Information will be coming later.
- xiv. Nominating Committee – Linda Scribner (Lambda), Penny Thompson (Epsilon), and Jill Murphy (Kappa)

1. Election of 2025-2027 Officers – Swear in officers at Luncheon???

Yes

- a. President – Pat Goeppinger
- b. 1st Vice-President – Cindy Frazer
- c. 2nd Vice-President – Candy Rooney
- d. Recording Secretary – Karen Laskowski
- e. Nominating Committee (3) – North, South and Outlying areas
Penny Thompson (Epsilon), Linda Scribner (Lambda), and Jill Murphy (Kappa) **Jill Murphy resigned and Susan Neal took her place.

Penny Thompson (Epsilon) presented the slate of officers and asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Hearing no nominations from the floor, the slate of officers was accepted unanimously. There was a motion made by Charlene Harris (Theta) stating “I so move.”

- xv. Leadership Committee – Pat Goeppinger (Gamma)

- 1. Possible date and time – Wednesday, June 17, 2026, 10:00-12:00.

There was discussion about the topic of not having a convention during the even years. Judy Silker informed the group that our bylaws state the convention if held annually.

A committee will be formed including Judy Merz (Epsilon), Joyce King (Gamma) and Judy Silker (Nu).

Maxine Emm (Delta) asked if there will be an Executive Board Meeting this Fall and suggested the committee come up with a schedule and present a report at the Fall Executive Board meeting.

xvi. State Fundraising – Cheryl Anderson (Delta)

T-shirt sales have brought in \$700. Cheryl is looking into adding sweatshirts as an option. To place an order, there needs to be at least nine T-shirts ordered. Cheryl will email chapter presidents with the next order deadline.

Basket Raffle: Every chapter contributed \$25 for the purchase of gifts cards. Cheryl randomly assigned baskets to the chapters.

Maxine Emm (Delta) asked the membership/planning committee to consider requesting each chapter contribute \$50 next time to cover the cost of the gift card and the cost of the items that would go with the gift cards.

xvii. Proposed Amendment: To be voted on by members in attendance.

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.

Motion made by Donna Harper (Gamma)

Seconded by Marlene Killion (Omicron)

Motion passed unanimously.

xviii. Questions and concerns

Susan Capistrant shared their chapter's Craft Fair information. May 10 from 9:00 – 3:00 at Stonehouse Nursery

Carol Cardillo – complication due to an ear infection and A Fib. Please send cards to 865 Sweet Briar, Sparks, NV 89436

Xi – Jan Pederson has moved to Texas.

xix. Go over Schedule of Events for afternoon.

xx. Meeting adjourned. 10:45 AM