



NSO Executive Board Meeting

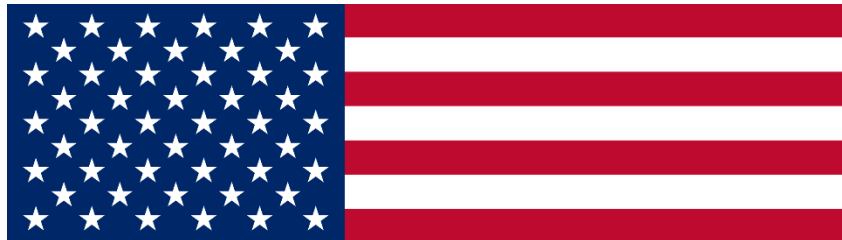
Saturday, October 4, 2025

Agenda – ZOOM – 10:00

*For joining
us*

1. Welcome

(Gamma)
order at



by Pat

Goeppinger.

Meeting called to
10:05 AM.

2. Pledge of

Penny

(Epsilon)



Allegiance led by
Thompson.

3. Inspiration - "I touch the future. I teach." – Christa McAuliffe.

4. Attendance: Karen Laskowski (Gamma)

Alpha 1 Beta 1 Delta 2 Epsilon 2 Gamma 4 Kappa 1

Lambda 0 Nu 1 Omicron 1 Theta 0 Xi 0

5. 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.

6. Approval of 2024 Executive Board Meeting Minutes – Joyce King and Cindy Frazer

Approved as read

7. Approval of 2025 Executive Board Meeting Minutes – Need 3 members

1 Joyce King (Gamma) 2 Irene Chachas (Beta) 3 Judy Silker (Nu)

8. Treasurer's Report: Maxine Emm (Delta) Maxine presented her report and it was emailed to members. Kay Kurvers asked what Silver Spoon is. It is a designation given by the bank to non-profits which means no fees on an account.

9. Committee Reports:

a. Membership and Necrology – Cheryl Anderson (Delta) Cheryl emailed her reports to the Executive Board. Judy Merz mentioned that the numbers will change due to members who have not renewed and/or new members.

b. The Nevadagram – Donna Harper (Gamma) Pat and Donna will discuss publication dates.

c. State Historian – Candy Rooney (Delta)

d. State Communication and Website – Susan Neal (Kappa) Susan informed the Board that the Domain has been renewed (\$30.85) and the State Website has been set up using Wix for 2 years at a cost of \$312.00 which she has donated. Susan Neal asked Pat to add the state website to the newsletters, so members are used to seeing it.

Maxine Emm asked if international is still charging us for the website. Susan said they should not be charging us because we are not connected with them.

International does have to approve our website which has been completed.

e. EEC – Judy Merz (Epsilon)

i. State Apple Award – Cheryl Anderson (Delta)

ii. Rose of Recognition – discussion later in Agenda

iii. Arts and Humanities – Judy Silker (Nu)

iv. World Fellowship – Susan Capistrant (Theta)

v. US Forum – Brenda Downs (Delta)

Susan Neal asked if the information Brenda receives about US Forum can be added to the State website. Judy Merz suggested that there be a link to the International site which makes it so a person must log in to see the information.

f. Annie Webb Blanton State Scholarship – Leta Rabenstine (Xi)

g. Martha Schulz Doctorial Scholarship – Cheryl Anderson (Delta)

Maxine suggested that we expand the scholarship to master's degrees. Maxine would like to work with a lawyer to determine whether this change is possible.

A committee was formed. Members are Maxine Emm (chair), Judy Merz (Epsilon), Judy Silker (Nu), Pat Goeppinger (Gamma), and Cheryl Anderson (Delta).

Kay Kurvers (Alpha) will be reviewing Alpha Chapters past minutes to determine the parameters of the donation made by a member's estate to the chapter. Kay's review of Alpha chapter minutes does not include Martha Schulz monies...

- h. Emergency Fund – Marlene Killian (Omicron) Marlene read her report and asked that chapters notify her about donations before convention. Fifty-seven people received \$500 each last year – 2024.

10.State Business

- a. Submitted State Bylaws and Standing Rules to International Revision Task Force. Pat resubmitted our State Bylaws and Standing Rules to International Revision Task Force because they stated they did not have the ones she submitted about a year ago.
- b. Planning Committee for 2026 ZOOM Convention/Leadership Seminar
 - i. Thursday, June 25, 2026
 - ii. 10:00-2:00
 - iii. Joyce King (Gamma), Judy Merz (Epsilon), Judy Silker (Nu), Karen Laskowski (Gamma), Pat Goeppinger (Gamma), Gemma Romo (Alpha)
 - iv. Other volunteers? Possibly Maxine Emm (Delta)
 - v. Need to check again with International on Virtual Speakers.

Planning Committee will work on planning the 2026 Zoom Convention.

Judy Silker advised we begin working on securing a venue for 2027 since it is a little over a year and a half from now. Maxine Emm, Cheryl Anderson, and Brenda Downs will work on a venue. Judy Silker would like to hold an Art Show during the 2027 convention.

- c. State Level Project? Pat asked chapters to discuss ideas for state level projects. Judy Merz said the Apple Award is a state project.
- d. Please consider:
 - i. The Ambassador Program
 - ii. Participating in the DKG Visionary Network
 - iii. Impact Spotlight – Information under EEC on International Website.
 - iv. Membership Spotlight – able to nominate members under the Apply/Submit on MyDKG.

- v. Chapter participation in Celebrating the Centennial by contributing \$19.29 to the Centennial Celebration Fund. State participation?

Kay Kurvers (Alpha) made a motion that the state send \$19.29 for 2025 only. Susan Neal (Kappa) seconded the motion. The motion passed (12 to 1).

e. Amendments to Bylaws:

Article VII

Meetings

Section A

Convention

Business of the state shall be conducted ~~annually~~ **on odd years** at a convention held at a time and place determined by the Alpha Chi State Executive Board, for the purpose of receiving reports and adopting policy, amending bylaws, electing officers and conducting other business which may properly come before it.

Marlene Killion asked what would happen to the Executive Board meeting that coincides with convention and would the Leadership training be around the same time as the Executive Board meeting.

Pat shared that they could be held on the same day. This would enable all members to participate.

According to the bylaws, Executive Board only needs to meet once per year. The plan is for the Executive Board to meet in the Fall, then in the Spring one week before convention.

Article VII

Meetings

Section B

Other meetings

Area conferences and/or workshops shall be held **on even years**, for the purpose of leadership training and dissemination of Society information.

Article X

Activities

Section C

Special Awards

Chapters may select an outstanding member **on odd years** to receive the Rose of Recognition Award at the state convention. A certificate and a red rose will be presented to the recipients. *Judy Silker proposed chapters could award the Rose of Recognition every year, then be recognized during convention. The wording will be changed and sent out. Change “receive” to “recognition.”*

f. **Amendments to NSO Standing Rules:**

4.0 Meetings

4.01 ~~Yearly~~ State Convention locations will be established

4.02 The State Convention shall be held ~~annually~~ **on odd years**.

g. The Exemplary Award given **on odd years**.

- i. This not in our Bylaws or SR – only states that it is to be awarded at the State Convention. *Not necessary to change wording.*

11. New Business:

a. International Convention

- i. Aurora, Colorado (Gaylord Rockies) *Pat Goeppinger is attending. Some members of Delta may be attending as well.*
- ii. June 30-July 4, 2026

b. DKG Ignite: Leaders Empowering Leaders

12. Questions and concerns. *Pat has been seeing several emails bouncing back as undeliverable. She will be sending the email list to the Executive Board which includes Committee Chairs and Past Presidents so people can check for correctness. Susan Neal will send Pat the list she has in order to cross reference.*

13. Meeting adjourned. *11:37 AM*

Submitted by Karen Laskowski – 10/4/25