

**MINUTES OF BETA PROVINCE CONVENTION  
DELTA THETA TAU SORORITY, INC.**

The 2019 Beta Province Convention of Delta Theta Tau Sorority, Inc., convened at 9:10 a.m., November 2, 2019, at the Harre Union of Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana.

The Province Chairman, Jean Whitenack, called the meeting to order and introduced the Convention Chairmen, Kris Trapp and Andrea Colson, who in turn introduced Rex Richards, President of Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce who gave the welcoming address.

The Province Chairman opened the business meeting with the Pledge to the Flag, and Delta Opening Ceremony and Delta Prayer.

A short recess was called to set up for the Initiation Ceremony.

The Chair welcomed the new members, Deb Certain and Mallory Simmons from Sigma Chapter, Marion.

The Chair introduced Diane Redlarczyk, Beta Province Expansion and Growth Chairman, who introduced the Initiation Team from Tau Chapter, Valparaiso. They are as follows:

Lanie Steinwart, Pontifex Prima	Carrie White, Secunda	Connie Knauff, Scriba
Kris Trapp, Quaester	Andrea Colson, Chaplain	Apryl Niksch, Delta
Phyllis Lyons, Theta	Julia Hess, Tau	Ann Barone, Sister Delta
Deb Koeppen, Sgt. At Arms	Selena Schneckenberger, Pledge Supervisor.	

Julie Swoveland, National Vice President, conducted the Memorial Service for the following Delta Sisters deceased during the past year:

Susan Miller	MAL	Sigma	Marion, IN	January 27, 2019
Sharon Douglas	MAL	Tau-Gamma	Valparaiso, IN	December 12, 2018
Barbara Thorstad	MAL	Alpha Rho	Chesterton, IN	October 16, 2018
Mary Titus	MAL	Beta Zeta	Warsaw, IN	May 31, 2019
Helen Crosbie	MAL	Epsilon Phi	Pennville, IN	August 10, 2019
Marideen Brown	Alum	Zeta Zeta-Beta	Plymouth, IN	December 31, 2018
Diana Whitehead	Alum	Eta Mu-Alpha	Goshen, IN	February 28, 2019
Tommy Jo Shupe	MAL	Theta Kappa	South Whitley, IN	November 17, 2018
Maribel Conn	Active	Theta Nu	Albany, IN	November 21, 2018
Wanda Clevenger	Alum	Theta Nu Alpha	Albany, IN	November 1, 2017.

The Convention Secretary, Brenda Arnold, read the Object of the Province and the Chair welcomed the Assembly.

The Chair introduced Beta Assigned Officer, Terry Riester, National Chairman, Board of Trustees, Lambda Nu, Mooresville; and Julie Swoveland, National Vice President, Zeta Chi, Dunkirk.

The Chair also introduced National Committee Members, Past National Presidents, Past National Officers, and Past Beta Province Chairmen as follows:

**National Committee Members:**

Diane Redlarczyk- Alpha Rho- Chesterton- Beta Province Expansion & Growth Chairman

Kris Trapp, Tau- Valparaiso- National Nominating Committee

Jill Mueller, Eta Mu- Goshen – National Nominating Committee

Ryan Parsons-Rozycki, Alpha Rho- Chesterton – Philanthropy Committee 3<sup>rd</sup> member & Secretary

Rise Buzzard, Alpha Delta- Huntington- 2020 National Convention Chairman

**Past National Officers:**

Jill Mueller, Eta Mu, Goshen

**Past National Presidents:**

Virginia Benefiel, Zeta Zeta, Plymouth

Debbie Funk, Xi, Portland

Rise Buzzard, Alpha Delta, Huntington

Bonnie DeMeyer, Kappa Rho, New Carlisle

**Past Beta Province Chairmen:**

Joan Allen, Zeta Omega Highland

Debbie Funk, Xi, Portland

Deborah Gidley, Zeta Zeta, Plymouth

Rise Buzzard, Alpha Delta, Huntington

Kay Webb, Sigma, Marion

Bonnie DeMeyer, Kappa Rho, New Carlisle

Virginia Benefiel, Zeta Zeta, Plymouth

Jill Mueller, Eta Mu, Goshen

Marcie Schlosser, Theta Nu, Albany

Julie Swoveland, Zeta Chi, Dunkirk.

The Chair presented the Delta Sisters serving this Convention:

Convention Secretary: Brenda Arnold, Beta Zeta, Warsaw.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Carol Jane Douglas, Tau, Valparaiso.

Pages: Clair Burkhart, Alpha Delta, Huntington; and Lisa Grasso, Theta Nu, Albany.

Tellers: Marcia Randolph, Beta Zeta, Warsaw; and Deb Webster, Beta Zeta, Warsaw.

**Province Standing Rules Committee:**

Chairman, Bonnie DeMeyer, PNP, Kappa Rho, New Carlisle

Carolyn Scruggs, Zeta Chi, Dunkirk; and Jody Klopfenstein, Theta Kappa, South Whitley.

**Province Philanthropy Committee:**

Chairman, Jill Mueller, Eta Mu, Goshen;

Kathy Nelson, Zeta Alpha, Redkey; and Kathleen Kljajich, Zeta Omega, Highland.

The Chair thanked them for serving at this Convention.

The Convention Secretary, Brenda Arnold, read communications from:

Bonnie Wells, National President

Karen Mace, National Treasurer

Mary Beth Godsey, National Secretary of Philanthropy

Beth Wallis, Executive Secretary

Julie Callis, National Secretary, Board of Trustees

Kendra Olson, Director of Expansion & Growth.

The Convention Secretary called the roll. Fifteen (15) chapters and eleven (11) other Voting members responded for a total of twenty-six (26) voting members in attendance. The Chair declared a quorum established.

The Convention Secretary read correspondence from the following absent chapter(s):

Eta Zeta, LaGrange.

There was a motion and a second for Eta Zeta Chapter to be Excused. The motion failed. Eta Zeta is Unexcused.

The Chair welcomed two (2) Delegates and two (2) non-delegates who were attending their first Province Convention by having them stand to be recognized.

The Minutes of the last Province Convention were approved by the Assigned Officer, and there being no request, they were not read.

There being no objection, the order of business may be changed if deemed advisable.

Bonnie DeMeyer, Chairman of Standing Rules Committee read the Convention Rules:

1. Credential badges shall be worn at all convention meetings.
2. All Voting Members of the convention shall be in or near their seats five minutes before each meeting
3. The Sergeant-At-Arms will be instructed not admit anyone during roll call and Sorority Ceremonies.
4. A fine of one dollar (\$1.00) shall be assessed each Delegate not in her seat and answering roll call at each meeting, or leaving before adjourned, unless excused by the presiding officer. Payment of a fine shall be made to the Convention Secretary immediately following the close of the meeting.
5. The Province Chairman may change the order of business when deemed necessary.
6. Workshops are considered a meeting of the Province Convention.
7. A Delegate addressing the Chair shall stand and, after being recognized, give her name, chapter, and city.
8. Main motions shall be written, signed by the maker of the motion, and given to the Convention Secretary for the minutes.

9. Debate shall be limited to five (5) minutes for each speaker. The Province Chairman will designate who shall serve as timekeepers, preferably the Tellers of the Convention.
10. A Voting Member of the Convention may speak only twice on the same question unless given consent by the assembly. She may not speak the second time if someone who has not spoken wishes the floor.
11. When a two-thirds (2/3) vote is required, it may be taken by standing without counting, unless there is a question as to the vote. In this case, it will be a standing count-off vote.
12. A delegate who finds it necessary to leave a business meeting must leave her credential badge with the Sergeant-at-Arms. When the member returns to the meeting, the Sergeant-at-Arms will return her credentials badge.
13. Pages shall pass all messages during the meetings.
14. Business or business casual attire is acceptable apparel for the Convention meetings; this is defined as business dress, skirt, slacks, or capris. (this does not include jeans, shorts or T-shirts).
15. If a non-delegate wishes to speak, she asks permission of the Chair and if the assembly does not object, she may speak.
16. So that all may enjoy the convention, all attendees are asked to refrain from side conversations during the business meetings.
17. During all business meetings, workshops, and committee meetings, all electronic devices and cellular phones will be turned off or placed on a silent/vibrate mode and should be put away. Limit use to breaks or outside the business room.
18. Members of the convention shall refrain from texting or playing games during the business meeting. Use is allowed during breaks only.

The Financial Report of the Province was presented as a draft by the Province Chairman.

A final report will be reviewed and accepted by the Beta Assigned Officer and sent out with Minutes to all Chapters and Voting Members of the Province.

Jill Mueller, Chairman of the Province Philanthropy Committee, presented the proposed Philanthropic Project, NFED. That being the only Philanthropy Project presented, the Convention Secretary cast the elective ballot for NFED as the 2019 Beta Province Philanthropic Project. There being no objection or discussion, the Chair declared them elected.

Per Standing Rules, \$150.00 remains in the General Fund. That means \$290.00 is transferred to the Philanthropy Fund. The new total in the Philanthropy Fund is \$588.50.

NFED will receive \$558.50 at the close of the Convention.

Beta Province Expansion and Growth Chairman, Diane Redlarczyk, gave a presentation. She presented the award for Chapter Achievement and Chapter Growth, Alpha- Redkey was presented the 1<sup>st</sup> place award, and Delta Chi- Monticello received the 2<sup>nd</sup> place award. She thanked all who made Province special. She expressed a need for sisters to support each other, to grow the membership needing women of all ages, and communicating with sisters and members of the community.

Bonnie DeMeyer, PNP, Chairman of the Standing Rules Committee, presented the following proposed change:

**Old Standing Rule:**

ARTICLE II – MEETINGS

Section 7. If not excused from representation at Province Convention, a Chapter shall pay Convention and Registration Fees to the Entertaining Chapter and the fifty dollars (\$50.00) to the Executive Secretary.

**Change to Read:**

If not excused from representation at Province Convention, a Chapter shall pay Convention and Registration Fees to the Entertaining Chapter and a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00) to the Province Chairman for deposit into Province Philanthropy Fund.

**Rationale:**

This change was made to the National Bylaws at Convention this summer, and the change to Beta Standing Rules makes it in compliance with Bylaws.

Because this change is to bring the Province Standing Rules into compliance with the National Bylaws, no vote was necessary.

There being no further business for the morning session, the meeting recessed at 11:10 a.m.

The Chair, called the workshop to order at 1:30 p.m. She asked the Tellers to check the Delegate section and give the results to the Convention Secretary. They reported all fifteen (15) Delegates present.

Terry Riester presented the workshop program of “Nobody Did Anything” emphasizing that everybody is a role model, everybody is accountable, and everybody needs to commit to take responsibility. She emphasized that sisters need to be strong women with large hearts and have great communication, measurable goals, and buy in for success. With a lack of follow-through sisters should concentrate on solutions not problems.

Julie Swoveland shared information about the Norma Money Benefit Fund. Any active, associate or alumnae member who is in dire need or in need of financial aid for medical care may apply for up to \$1,500 in benefits. The fund is supported by 2% of annual national sorority dues.

Terry asked the assembly to turn on their cell phones, go to the Delta Theta Tau website, and then she walked through the website, and gave explanations of different areas including forms

and information about national, province and chapter activities. Information is also available on Instagram and Facebook.

The Chair called the afternoon business meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. The Tellers were asked to check the Delegate section and report any absences. The Convention Secretary called the roll of other Voting Members. All fifteen (15) Delegates and eleven (11) other Voting Members were present for a total of twenty-six (26) voting members in attendance. A quorum was established.

The Chair introduced Virginia Benefiel, PNP, who gave the Delta Home Report. She provided the Delta Home Program Directorate Fact Sheet and The Delta Home Program pamphlet and spoke about the benefits offered in this program. She also presented information on the Special Gift Fund that is used for birthday and Christmas presents, chapter and alumnae dues, GRIT subscriptions and National and Province Convention registrations, and unexpected expenses.

The Chair presented the Summary of Chapter Philanthropy and Terry Riestler, Assigned Officer, distributed and following awards:

#### **BETA PROVINCE PHILANTHROPY SUMMARY**

**June 1, 2018 – May 31, 2019**

Number of Chapters in Province	16
Number of Chapters in Province Reporting	16
Number of Chapters in Province Not Reporting	0
Number of Active Members in Province	240

#### **Total Philanthropy Fund**

1. Portland – Xi	\$38,300.68
2. Valparaiso – Tau	\$12,073.04
3. Chesterton – Alpha Rho	\$11,306.50
4. Plymouth – Zeta Zeta	\$10,071.96
5. Monticello – Delta Chi	\$ 8,501.56

#### **Philanthropy Fund – per capita**

1. Portland – Xi	\$1,915.03
2. Marion – Sigma	\$ 572.82
3. Chesterton – Alpha Rho	\$ 513.93
4. New Carlisle – Kappa Rho	\$ 505.48
5. Monticello – Delta Chi	\$ 500.09

#### **Total Volunteer Service Hours**

1. Portland – Xi	2,990.00
2. Plymouth – Zeta Zeta	2,063.50
3. Dunkirk – Zeta Chi	2,057.55
4. Monticello – Delta Chi	1,981.00
5. Huntington - Alpha Delta	1,692.75

**Volunteer Service Hours – per capita**

1. Portland – Xi	149.50
2. Huntington - Alpha Delta	141.06
3. Dunkirk – Zeta Chi	137.17
4. Monticello – Delta Chi	116.52
5. Marion – Sigma	73.31

Total Province Membership as of June 1, 2018      251

Total Province Membership as of June 1, 2019      240.

The Convention Secretary called attendance for each chapter in order to calculate the 2019 Attendance Award. The winning chapter was Sigma Chapter, Marion with six (6) active members and five (5) present in the convention room. The 2019 Attendance Banner was presented to Sigma Chapter, Marion.

Nominations were opened for the 2020 Beta Province Chairman. Carolyn Scruggs, Zeta Chi, Dunkirk, was nominated to be 2020 Beta Province Chairman. There being no further nominations, Convention Secretary cast the elective ballot for Carolyn Scruggs as 2020 Beta Province Chairman. There being no objection or discussion, the Chair declared her elected.

Nomination were opened for the 2021 Beta Province Convention City. Alpha Delta, Huntington volunteered to be the hostess chapter for the 2021 Beta Province Convention. There being no further nominations, Convention Secretary cast the elective ballot for Alpha Delta, Huntington, for the 2021 Beta Province Convention City. There being no objection or discussion, the Chair declared them elected.

Rise Buzzard, PNP, 2020 National Convention Coordinator, gave a presentation for the 2020 National Convention to be held July 8-12, 2020. The theme is “Roaring 20s” and will be held at the Hilton of Chicago, Oakbrook Hills Resort.

Xi Chapter, Portland, gave the 2020 Province Convention Presentation as the host chapter. The theme is “Roaring Good Time” and will be held October 9-11, 2020, at the Horizon Convention Center and Courtyard by Marriott Muncie in conjunction with Alpha Province in Muncie, Indiana.

The Chair declared a recess to prepare for the installation of the newly-elected Beta Province Chairman, Carolyn Scruggs.

Installation service was conducted by Julie Swoveland, National Vice President, assisted by Carol Jane Douglas, Sergeant-at-Arms.

Carolyn Scruggs thanked everyone and gave the following information:

Carolyn Scruggs, 4804 W. Petty Rd., Muncie, IN 47304, 765-287-8076,  
[cpandasmile@yahoo.com](mailto:cpandasmile@yahoo.com).

There being no further business, the Beta Province Convention was adjourned at 3:15 p.m. The meeting was closed with the Delta Closing Ceremony.

Respectfully submitted:

Brenda E Arnold

Brenda Arnold, Convention Secretary

Date: 11-2-19

Jean Whitenack

Jean Whitenack, Beta Province Chairman

Date: 11/2/19

Terry H. Riestler

Terry Riestler, Assigned Officer

Date: 02 NOV 2019