

MINUTES OF DELTA PROVINCE CONVENTION
DELTA THETA TAU SORORITY, INC.
Host Chapter: Lambda Sigma – Arizona
November 10 – 11, 2023

The 94th annual Delta Province Convention of Delta Theta Tau Sorority, Inc. convened at The Enclave at Anthem Community Room, Anthem, AZ.

Welcome

The Province Chairman, Brenda Moore, welcomed all in attendance and introduced Bonnie Wells and Nicole Johnson, Delta Province Convention Co-Coordinators.

Bonnie and Nicole welcomed everyone and explained “The 5 C’s of Arizona – Cattle, Copper, Citrus, Climate, & Cotton”.

The Province Chairman, Brenda Moore, called the business meeting to order at 9:08 am, November 11, 2023 with the Opening Ceremony and Prayer.

Initiation Ceremony

A mock Initiation Ceremony was facilitated by Charlotte Marengo.

Pontifex Prima: Monica Spielman, Lambda Sigma, Phoenix, AZ
Sgt-at-Arms: Charlotte Marengo, PNP, PPC, Theta Iota, Delano, CA
Initiate (stand in): Brenda Corral, PEG, Epsilon Rho, San Jose, CA

Memorial Service

Jenny Wade, National President, conducted the Memorial Service for the following Delta sisters who passed during the past year.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Chapter/City</u>	<u>Date</u>
June Capp – Alumna	Delta Tau Beta, Los Angeles, CA	01/06/2023
Jeannie Gregorio – MAL	Epsilon Rho, San Jose, CA	08/12/2023
Janice Massey – MAL	Theta Iota, Delano, CA	09/22/2023
Joyce Umfress – Active	Gamma XI, Bakersfield, CA	10/02/2023

Object of the Convention

Convention Secretary, Mary Sheldon, read the Object of the Convention.

Introductions

The Chair introduced the following National Officers:

Jenny Wade	Mu Lambda, Stockton, CA	National President, PPC
Paula Neidlinger	Zeta Zeta, Plymouth, IN	National Secretary
Kris Trapp	Tau, Valparaiso, IN	Secretary, Board of Trustees, Delta Province Assigned Officer

Evonne Albert Xi Phi, Marissa, IL Third Member, Board of Trustees

The Chair introduced the following Past National Presidents, Past Province Chairmen, and National committee members in attendance:

Nicole Johnson	Lambda Sigma, Phoenix, AZ	PPC
Mary Jane Litz	Lambda Sigma, Phoenix, AZ	PNP
Charlotte Marengo	Theta Iota, Delano, CA	PPC, PNP, Delta Home Registrar
Elaine Sager	Mu Lambda, Stockton, CA	PPC
Jenny Wade	Mu Lambda, Stockton, CA	PPC, National President
Anita Waits	Theta Iota, Delano, CA	PPC, PNP
Bonnie Wells	Lambda Sigma, Phoenix, AZ	PNP

The Chair also gave special recognition to the six (6) Past National Presidents in attendance:

Bev Edwards (Out of Province - Eta Province)

Naomi Johnson

Mary Jane Litz

Charlotte Marengo

Anita Waits

Bonnie Wells

The Chair introduced Eta Province attendees Glenna Miller and Bev Edwards from Lambda Alpha, Tacoma, WA.

Mary Jane Litz introduced Honorary Member, Naomi Johnson, Lambda Sigma, PNP.

The Chair introduced members serving at this convention:

Sgt-at-Arms	Brooke Litz
Assistant Sgt-at-Arms	Monica Spielman
Page	Monica Spielman
Teller	Charlene Bonita
Convention Secretary	Mary Sheldon

Legislative Committee:

Mary Jane Litz, PNP, Lambda Sigma, Phoenix, AZ
Charlotte Marengo, PPC, PNP, Theta Iota, Delano, CA

Province Philanthropy Fund Committee:

Bonnie Wells PNP, Lambda Sigma, Phoenix, AZ

Monica Spielman, Lambda Sigma, Phoenix, AZ

Roll Call

Convention Secretary, Mary Sheldon, called the roll. There were four (4) chapters present as well as eight (8) other voting members. There were twelve (12) total votes possible. The Chair declared that a quorum had been established.

Request to be excused from convention

Correspondence was received from Gamma Xi asking to be excused from attending the Delta Province Convention due to the unexpected death of their chapter President, Joyce Umfress. Additionally, three (3) of six (6) members of the chapter are currently ill. A motion was made by Nicole Johnson to excuse Gamma Xi from attending the 2023 Delta Province Convention. The motion was seconded by Anita Waits. The motion was voted upon and passed unanimously.

Credentials Report

The credentials report was presented by Mary Sheldon, Convention Secretary:

- 5 Active Chapters in Province
- 4 Active Chapters in Attendance
- 5 Past Province Chairmen (of the Province)
- 3 Past National Presidents (who are not PPC)
- 0 Honorary Member of the Province (who are not PPC or PNP)
- 12 TOTAL ELIGIBLE VOTES (PC only votes if there is a tie)

Reports of Committees

Convention Rules

Charlotte Marengo, Legislative Committee Member, read the proposed Convention Rules. There was a unanimous vote to adopt the 2023 Convention Rules as published in the program.

Minutes

The Chair announced that the minutes of the 2022 convention had been approved by the Assigned Officer. No requests were made to read the minutes; therefore, they were not read.

Financial Report

The Chair presented the draft Province Financial Report. The final report will be sent to the Chapter Presidents and to the National Board and Council once it is completed. As of 10/29/2023 the checking account balance was \$329.81.

Standing Rules Committee

Charlotte Marengo presented/read the proposed Legislative changes. A recommendation was made by Legislative Committee member, Charlotte Marengo to adopt the amendments as presented/read. The recommendation was seconded by Brenda Corral. As there was no discussion and all proposed changes/recommendations were approved by unanimous vote, they will be adopted. The following are the articles (with new language) that have been adopted:

DELTA PROVINCE LEGISLATION 2023

AMENDMENT 1: ARTICLE 1 – MEETINGS Section 1: (a)

Section 1: (a) Delta Province shall have rotation areas as follows: Area 1- Northern, Area 2- Central, Area -3 Southern. Bids from other areas may be received and considered if no bid has been received from a chapter in that area.

AMENDMENT 2: ARTICLE 1 – MEETINGS Section 1(b) 1, 2 and 3

(b) In the event there are no bids presented for the next Province Convention, the place of the meeting shall be selected in the following manner:

1. Within sixty (60) days, the chapter shall send its bid to the Immediate Past Province Chairman.
2. At the expiration of sixty (60) days, the Immediate Past Province Chairman shall prepare a ballot of bids presented and send same to each chapter and other voting members to be voted upon and returned within thirty (30) days. She shall advise all chapters and other voting members at the expiration of thirty (30) days. She shall advise all chapters and other voting members at the expiration of thirty (30) days the results of the ballot.
3. Should only one bid be received by mail or e-mail, it shall be adopted as the convention city and all chapters and other voting members notified by the Immediate Past Province Chairman within thirty (30) days.

AMENDMENT 3: ARTICLE II – OFFICERS Section 1

Section 1: Candidate names for the office of Province Chairman shall be sent to the presiding Province Chairman sixty (60) days prior to convention. Province Chairman shall include this information in her letter to the chapters and other voting members of Delta Province forty-five (45) days prior to convention. Qualifications shall be outlined in order that delegates and other voting members may vote intelligently and represent the wishes of their respective chapters or Province. In choosing candidates, we shall bear in mind their ability, progressiveness, and cooperative capacity.

AMENDMENT 4: Section 1 (c) 1, 2, and 3

1. Within thirty (30) days after the Province Convention, the chapter shall send the name and qualifications of its nominee to the Immediate Past Province Chairman.
2. At the expiration of thirty (30) days, the Immediate Past Province Chairman shall prepare a ballot of the nominees presented, send same to each chapter and other voting members, to be voted upon and returned within thirty (30) days. She shall advise all chapters and other voting members, at the expiration of thirty (30) days the results of the ballot.

3. Should the name of only one nominee be received by mail or e-mail, the nominee shall be accepted as the Province Chairman and all chapters and voting members shall be notified by the Immediate Past Province Chairman immediately.

AMENDMENT 5: ARTICLE II – OFFICERS Section 2 (c)

(c) To send form # 52, Report of Chapter Philanthropy, to each chapter so it is received by May 1st. These are to be returned to the Province Chairman by August 1st together with Province Philanthropy Fund dues of \$5.00 per capita and Province General Fund dues of \$5.00 per capita.

AMENDMENT 6: ARTICLE II – OFFICERS Section 2 (d)

(d) To send a copy of convention minutes to each active chapter and alumnae, and other voting members in the province, to each National Officer (elected and appointed), and Delta Province Expansion & Growth Chairman, within forty-five (45) days following convention. Original copy shall be retained in the files of the Province Chairman.

AMENDMENT 7: ARTICLE II – OFFICERS Section 3 (a) 1

1. To record the minutes of the business meeting.

AMENDMENT 8: ARTICLE IV – COMMITTEES Section 3 all

Section 3: The Philanthropy Committee shall be composed of the Province Chairman to serve as chairman, a Past National Officer, and one (1) from general membership. It shall be the duty of this committee to prepare recommendations for adoption of the Province Philanthropy Project.

- a. Appointments to this committee shall be made by the Province Chairman immediately following convention. The immediate Past Province Chairman shall serve as an ex-officio member of the committee.
- b. It shall be within the committee's discretion not to include a project for consideration based on the information received.
- c. Proposed philanthropy projects for Delta Province shall be sent to the Philanthropy Committee at least sixty (60) days prior to convention.
- d. The committee shall send notice and details of recommended proposals for consideration as projects to the chapters and voting members at least forty-five (45) days prior to convention.
- e. In the event no other projects have been proposed by the philanthropy committee; projects may be presented from the convention floor and shall require a 2/3 vote to adoption.
- f. The committee shall receive necessary expenses to cover cost of postage or incidental expenses, as approved by the Province Chairman. Said expenses to be taken from the Philanthropy Fund.

AMENDMENT 9: ARTICLE V – PHILANTHROPY FUND Section 1

Section 1: Each chapter shall pay to the Province Chairman by August 1st of each year Philanthropy Dues of five (\$5.00) dollars per capita on the active membership as of June 1st for

the Philanthropy Fund of the province philanthropy project unless exempt by National Council and Board of Trustees.

AMENDMENT 10: ARTICLE IX – PROVINCE STANDING RULES Section 2

Section 2: Copies of these Standing Rules shall be obtained from the Province Chairman at a cost of one (\$1.00) dollar per copy to help defray expenses (available on DTT website).

Delta Home Report

Bev Edwards, Lambda Alpha, Tacoma, WA presented the Delta Home Program Directorate Fact Sheet as of August 2023.

Communications

Mary Sheldon, Convention Secretary, read the communication/notes received from Karen Mace, National Vice President and Yvonne Cabral, Epsilon Rho, San Jose, CA, PPC.

Guest Speaker

Mary Jane Litz introduced guest speaker, Amanda Stroschein, who was awarded an educational grant in counseling at the DDT National Convention in Texas. Amanda spoke about her experiences and journey to further her education in marriage and family therapy. She thanked DDT for awarding her the grant which will help her further her education.

On this Veteran's Day, Kris Trapp, Secretary, Board of Trustees recognized and thanked Brooke Litz, a fourth (4th) generation member of Lambda Sigma, Phoenix, AZ, for her military service. Brooke is currently serving her nation as a member of the Marine Corps.

Meeting adjourned at 11:36 am for lunch and reconvened at 1:24 pm.

Guest Speaker

Guest speaker, Susan Heard, from the St. Baldrick's Foundation, spoke to the attendees and thanked DDT for the \$3,000.00 donation received from National Philanthropy. She spoke to the group and showed a power point presentation about the many ways St. Baldrick's supports pediatric cancer research.

Philanthropy Committee/Guest Speaker

Mary Jane Litz, Lambda Sigma, presented their philanthropy project, Rusty's Angels Sanctuary. She introduced Emilie Spear, founder and spokesperson for the sanctuary which cares for mature dogs. Emilie showed a video and talked to the group about how they support and help senior dogs find adoptive families and homes. If dogs are not able to be placed with a family, they are loved and taken care of at the sanctuary.

There was a motion presented from the floor by Nicole Johnson to accept Rusty's Angels Sanctuary as the 2023 Delta Province Philanthropy Project. The motion was seconded by Brenda Corral. The motion was unanimously passed.

The following donations were made to the Philanthropy Fund from the floor:

- \$100 Epsilon Rho, San Jose, CA
- \$ 50 Brenda Moore, Epsilon Rho, San Jose, CA
- \$100 Theta Iota, Delano, CA in memory of Janice Massey – MAL, Theta Iota, Delano, CA
- \$ 50 Charlotte Marengo, Theta Iota, Delano, CA in memory of Janice Massey – MAL, Theta Iota, Delano, CA
- \$100 Charlene Bonita, Theta Iota, Delano, CA in memory of Janice Massey, MAL, Theta Iota, Delano, CA
- \$100 Jenny Wade, Mu Lambda, Stockton, CA in honor of Anita Waits, Theta Iota, Delano, CA and Bonnie Wells, Lambda Sigma, Phoenix, AZ
- \$100 Mu Lambda, Stockton, CA
- \$100 Lambda Sigma, Phoenix, AZ
- \$ 25 Mary Jane Litz, Lambda Sigma, Phoenix, AZ in honor of Brooke Litz, Lambda Sigma, Phoenix, AZ
- \$100 Lambda Sigma, Phoenix, AZ
- \$ 25 Bonnie Wells, Lambda Sigma, Phoenix, AZ in memory of June Capp, Alumna Delta Tau Beta, Los Angeles, CA
- \$ 50 Kris Trapp, Tau, Valparaiso, IN
- \$100 Yvonne Cabral, Epsilon Rho, San Jose, CA in memory of Jeannie Gregorio, MAL Epsilon Rho, San Jose, CA
- \$ 25 Elaine Sager, Mu Lambda, Stockton, CA
- \$ 25 Glenna Miller, Lambda Alpha, Tacoma, WA in honor of Jenny Wade
- \$ 25 Charlotte Marengo, Theta Iota, Delano, CA in honor of Joyce Umfress – Active Gamma XI, Bakersfield, CA
- \$100 Anita Waits, Theta Iota, Delano, CA

Donated from the floor:	\$1,075.00
Donated from Philanthropy Fund:	\$ 129.81
Donated by Charlotte Marengo to make an even amount:	<u>\$.19</u>
	\$1,205.00

Donated to Rusty’s Angels Sanctuary: \$1,205.00

NFED Guest Speakers

The Chair introduced two guest speakers from NFED, the National Philanthropy Project for Delta Theta Tau. Kelly Rice and her daughter Addison spoke to the group about attending a National NFED convention and meeting other children and families living with NFED. Addison also showed us her new dentures and hair piece and spoke to us about some of her experiences as a junior high school student.

Workshops

Four workshops were presented, throughout the day, by the national officers present at the conference. Jenny Wade, Paula Neidlinger, Kris Trapp, and Evonne Albert presented information and skits about: #1 Social Media and how to more effectively use it to promote DDT. #2 Liability Insurance, what it covers. #3 Characters/Province Chairman and how to recruit for province chairman. #4 Legacy Spirits who spoke about Philanthropy, the Founders Memorial, the Norma Money Benefit Fund, Grit, and Opportunity. The workshops were very informative.

National Philanthropy Committee

Evonne Albert, 3rd Member, Board of Trustees, gave the Alumnae Philanthropy and National Committee Report. She encouraged all chapters to submit a National Philanthropy Project for consideration. She also reminded all chapters of the December 10th deadline to apply for the education grant in counseling.

PEG Presentation and Report

Brenda Corral, Delta PEG, reported that she attended the PEG workshop at the National Convention. She presented Lambda Sigma chapter with a certificate honoring their growth of 11.1% in membership for 2022 – 2023.

Delegates Folder

Kris Trapp, Secretary, Board of Trustees and National Assigned Officer to the Province covered the contents of the Province Delegates folder. Contents included: Newly Adopted Legislation Amendments, Philanthropy Press Release, National Philanthropy Committee Report, Delta Home Fact Sheet, Teresa McAllister Award Information, GRIT Guide, Norma Money Form, Marketing Committee Report. Additionally, there are resources available on: www.deltatheta.org for National Bylaws revised July 2023, National Convention Minutes, 2023 National Convention Press Release, 2024 National Convention Information, Forms, Approved Suppliers.

Pass Through Donations

Evonne Albert, 3rd Chair, Board of Trustees gave an in-depth explanation of what “pass through donations” are. They are items you use specifically for philanthropy projects, and they are to be listed, with receipts, using Form 52.

Nominations and Election for Delta Province Chairman

Brenda Corral, Delegate, Epsilon Rho, San Jose, CA nominated Brenda Moore, Epsilon Rho, San Jose, CA as Province Chairman for the 2023 – 2024 Province Convention. There being no other nominations, Secretary Mary Sheldon cast the elective ballot for Brenda Moore as Province Chairman for 2023- 2024.

Bids for Province Convention 2025

Anita Waits, Delegate Theta Iota, Delano, CA made a bid to host the province convention for 2025. As there were no other bids, by direction of the Chairman, Secretary Mary Sheldon cast the elective ballot for Theta Iota, Delano, CA to host the 2025 Province Convention.

Philanthropy Awards/Report of Delta Province Philanthropy

Chairman, Brenda Moore read the awards and thanked each chapter for all they do in the name of Delta Theta Tau throughout the year. Jenny Wade, National President, presented the certificates to the chapters. A copy of the Philanthropy Report Summary 2022- 2023 is attached to these minutes. Province Philanthropy dollars totaled \$17,353.77. Province Philanthropy hours totaled 5,496.40.

Traveling Gavel

This year's Traveling Gavel Award was earned by Gamma XI, Bakersfield, CA. Since they were unable to attend this year's conference, the Chair will make sure that they receive their award. Congratulations to Gamma XI.

2024 National Convention/Delta Rose Cruise

Jenny Wade, National President, presented information about the upcoming national convention to be held July 10 – 14, 2024 in Orlando, FL.

2024 Province Convention/California Dreamin'

Brenda Moore, Brenda Corral, and Mary Sheldon performed a skit about the upcoming 2024 Delta Province Convention to be held October 18th – 19th, 2024 in Cupertino, CA.

Installation of the 2024 Province Chairman

National President, Jenny Wade, installed Brenda Moore, Epsilon Rho, San Jose, CA as the 2023 – 2024 Delta Province Chairman. Brenda thanked everyone for their confidence in her and gave her contact information. Brenda's information is:

Brenda Moore

1398 Ramon Drive

Sunnyvale, CA. 94087

Phone: 408-314-5001

Email address: blmoore814@yahoo.com

Closing Ceremony

The Chairman, Brenda Moore, thanked everyone for attending.

There being no further business the 94th Delta Province Convention was adjourned at 4:07 pm.



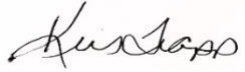
Mary Sheldon, Convention Secretary

Approved:



Brenda Moore, Province Chairman

December 5, 2023



Kris Trapp, Assigned Officer
Secretary, Board of Trustees

December 5, 2023

