

ALPHA PROVINCE 2023 CONVENTION MINUTES
Delta Theta Tau Sorority, Inc.

The 2023 Alpha Province Convention of Delta Theta Tau Sorority, Inc., convened at 9:00 a.m. on October 28, 2023, at Drury Plaza Hotel Carmel in Indianapolis, IN.

The Province Chairman, Debi Hamblet, called the meeting to order and introduced the Convention Chair, Karen Allen, Alpha Omicron, Terre Haute, IN. Karen introduced Carlos Burgos, General Manager, Drury Plaza Hotel Carmel, who welcomed the congregation and provided information about the hotel and surrounding area.

The Province Chairman, Debi Hamblet, opened the business meeting with the Delta Opening Ceremony and Delta Prayer.

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

Due to the amount of space in the meeting room the two-person initiation was performed. After the candlelight ceremony, the Province Chairman, Debi Hamblet, introduced the initiation team and welcomed our new members. The team comprised of the following members:

Pontifex Prima: Terry Riester, Alpha Province PEG, Lambda Nu, Mooresville, IN

Sgt-at-Arms: Dee Simerl, Lambda Nu, Mooresville, IN

Pledge/Initiate: Cathy Gray, Lambda Nu, Mooresville, IN

Pledge/Initiate: Sonja Teague, Alpha Omicron, Terre Haute, IN

A short recess was called to welcome our new members and set up for the Memorial Ceremony.

Karen Mace, National Vice President, Alpha Assigned Officer, Xi Gamma, Cuyahoga Falls, OH, conducted the Memorial Service for the following Delta Sisters deceased during the past year:

Daphne Newport, 06/07/2023, Active, Alpha Omicron, Terre Haute, IN

Darla Barrett, 10/16/2023, Active, Alpha Omega, Brazil, IN

Sue Jones, 08/26/2022, Alumnae, Alpha Omega, Brazil, IN

Janice Botkin, 12/31/2022, Alumnae, Beta Nu-Gamma, Winchester, IN

Martha Boruff, 04/10/2023, MAL, Theta Lambda, Roachdale, IN

Rea Anthony, 10/17/2022, Alumnae, Theta Pi-Alpha, Jasonville, IN

Tracee Coy, 08/17/2023, Active, Eta Lambda, Noblesville, IN

Alice Cordes, 09/21/2023, Active, Lambda Nu, Mooresville, IN

The Province Chairman, Debi Hamblet, thanked Karen Mace for conducting a beautiful Memorial Ceremony.

The Convention Secretary, Terry Riester, read the Object of the Province and the Chair welcomed the assembly.

The Convention Secretary, Terry Riester, called the roll. Eleven (11) chapters and ten (10) other voting members responded. There were 22 eligible votes, one member having two (2)

votes; one (1) as PNP and one (1) as PPC in last ten years. The Chair declared a quorum established.

One (1) chapter, Beta Sigma, Clinton, IN was not in attendance. Registration and an explanation letter were received from Beta Sigma, Clinton, IN. A motion was made and seconded to excuse the absence. There was a 2/3 vote in the affirmative. Beta Sigma, Clinton, IN was excused from the 2023 Alpha Province Convention meeting.

The Chair introduced the National Officers present at the convention.

Jenny Wade, National President, Mu Lambda, Stockton, CA
Karen Mace, National Vice President, Alpha Province Assigned Officer, Xi Gamma, Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Paula Neidlinger, National Secretary, Zeta Zeta, Plymouth, IN
Kathy Haralson, National Treasurer, Zeta Upsilon, Seneca, IL
Mandy Allen, National Secretary of Philanthropy, PPC 2018, Alpha Omicron, Terre Haute, IN
Kris Trapp, Secretary, Board of Trustees, Tau, Valparaiso, IN
Doris Sanders, Editor of GRIT, Zeta Lambda, Shelbyville, IN

The Chair introduced the Past National Officers and Past Province Chairmen in attendance.

Sue Comer, Iota Mu, Lynn, IN, PNP 2001, PPC 1974
Karen Allen, Alpha Omicron, Terre Haute, IN, PNP 2013, PPC 2005, 2023 Alpha Province Convention Coordinator, 2024 National Convention Coordinator
Laura Gullett, Iota Mu, Lynn, IN, PNP 2016, PPC 2006 and 2007, Delta Home President
Terry Riester, Lambda Nu, Mooresville, IN, PNP 2022, PPC 2012, 2013, and 2014, 2023-24 Alpha Province PEG, 2026 National Convention Coordinator
Ramona Waddell, Indianapolis, PNP
Debbie Funk, Xi, Portland, IN (Beta Province), PNP, National Historian
Julie Swoveland, Zeta Chi, Dunkirk, IN (Beta Province), PNP, National Philanthropy Committee
Sharon Kitchens, Lambda Nu, Mooresville, IN, PPC 1994
Linda Sheese, Alpha Omega, Brazil, IN, PPC 2002
Janice Marsh, Alpha, Muncie, IN, PPC 1997 & 2000
Mariann Applegate, Eta Lambda, Noblesville, IN PPC 2009
Kathy Clark, Iota Mu, Lynn, IN, PPC 2015
Mandy Allen, Alpha Omicron, Terre Haute, IN, PPC 2018
Shannon Loughmiller, Alpha Omega, Brazil, IN, PPC 2019, National Philanthropy Committee
Trevia Gough, Iota Mu, Lynn, IN, PPC 2022

The Chair introduced the following out of Province members not previously mentioned:

Marcia Swift, Zeta Lambda, Shelbyville, IN, Delta Home Directorate
Kathy Leyes, Phi, Lewisburg, OH, Gamma Province Chairman

The Chair introduced appointed members serving at this convention:

Convention Secretary: Terry Riester, PNP, Lambda Nu, Mooresville, IN

Sergeant-At-Arms: Cathy Hoffman, Lambda Epsilon, Plainfield, IN

Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms: Linda Sheese, Alpha Omega, Brazil, IN

Pages: Dee Simerl, Lambda Nu, Mooresville, IN

Kim Knieriem, Lambda Epsilon, Plainfield, IN

Tellers: Sharon Kitchens, Lambda Nu, Mooresville, IN

Becky Chenault, Lambda Epsilon, Plainfield, IN

Province Standing Rules Committee:

Chairman: Shannon Loughmiller, PPC, Alpha Omega, Brazil, IN

Gina Sichting, Lambda Nu, Mooresville, IN

Maria Crawford, Lambda Nu, Mooresville, IN

Province Philanthropy Committee:

Chairman: Lindsey Cuneo, PPC, Iota Mu, Lynn, IN

Dee Simerl, Lambda Nu, Mooresville, IN

Sharon Kitchens, Lambda Nu, Mooresville, IN

The Chair welcomed the six (6) non-delegates who were attending their first province convention by having them stand to be recognized.

The Chair conducted a special presentation to honor Pat Mote, recognizing her 20 years of service to Delta Theta Tau Sorority as Alpha Province PEG, 2002-2022.

The minutes of the 2022 Province Convention were read and approved by the Assigned Officer. There was no request to read the minutes aloud.

Shannon Loughmiller, Chairman, Province Standing Rules Committee, read the convention rules.

1. Members of the Convention shall be in their seats at least five (5) minutes before each meeting.
2. A fine of one dollar (\$1.00) shall be assessed each delegate not in her seat and answering roll call at each meeting, or for leaving a meeting before it is 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. The Sergeant-at-Arms will be instructed not to admit anyone during Roll Call.
3. Workshops are considered a meeting of the Province Convention.
4. A delegate addressing the Chair shall stand and, after being recognized, give her name, chapter name and city.
5. Main motions shall be written, signed by the maker of the motion and given to the Convention Secretary for the minutes.
6. 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 this convention.

7. 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.
8. If a non-delegate wishes to speak, she shall ask permission of the Chair and if the assembly does not object, she may speak.
9. 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 which case it will then be a standing count off vote.
10. Pages or Tellers shall pass all notes and messages during the meeting.
11. Business wear is the accepted attire in the convention meeting room; this is defined as business dress, skirt, slacks and capris. Jeans and shorts are not considered business attire.
12. There shall be no smoking during the meeting.
13. So that all may enjoy the convention, all attendees are requested to refrain from whispering, texting and playing games on any electronic devices during the business meetings.
14. During all business meetings, workshops and committee meetings, electronic devices and cellular phones shall be turned off or placed on a silent/vibrating mode and must be put away (not to be on the table).

The Convention Rules were adopted.

Shannon Loughmiller, Chairman, Province Standing Rules Committee, reported that no changes were submitted for the Alpha Province Standing Rules.

A motion was made and seconded to accept amendments from the floor. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

NOTE: From Alpha Province Standing Rules, ARTICLE XII – AMENDMENTS,
2) Amendments may be made at Province convention without previous notice, by a unanimous vote of those present and eligible to vote.

ARTICLE VIII – PROVINCE STANDING RULES COMMITTEE, 2) currently reads:

It shall be the duty of this committee to receive all proposed amendments to the Province Standing Rules. Proposed amendments to be reviewed by Assigned Officer before submitting in writing to Chapters thirty (30) days prior to convention.

Proposed wording:

It shall be the duty of this committee to receive all proposed amendments to the Province Standing Rules. Proposed amendments to be reviewed by Assigned Officer before submitting in writing to Chapters and all voting members thirty (30) days prior to convention.

Rationale: To clarify that proposed amendments shall be sent to all voting members.

The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

ARTICLE IX – PROVINCE PHILANTHROPIC COMMITTEE, 1), a) currently reads:

The duties of this committee shall be to receive suggestions for the Province Philanthropic Project, make any necessary investigation of suggested projects and shall submit to the Chapters thirty (30) days prior to convention all proposed Philanthropic Projects with sufficient detail for Chapters to consider and instruct their Delegates.

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The duties of this committee shall be to receive suggestions for the Province Philanthropic Project, make any necessary investigation of suggested projects and shall submit to the Chapters and all voting members thirty (30) days prior to convention all proposed Philanthropic Projects with sufficient detail for Chapters to consider and instruct their Delegates.

Rationale: To clarify that proposed Philanthropic Projects shall be sent to all voting members.

The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

ARTICLE XII – AMENDMENTS, 1) currently reads:

These Standing Rules may be amended at annual Province Convention by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, the proposed amendment having been submitted to the Standing Rules Committee, in writing, sixty (60) days before Province Convention and submitted to the Chapters in writing thirty (30) days before.

Proposed wording:

These Standing Rules may be amended at annual Province Convention by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, the proposed amendment having been submitted to the Standing Rules Committee, in writing, sixty (60) days before Province Convention and submitted to the Chapters and all voting members in writing thirty (30) days before.

Rationale: To clarify that proposed amendments shall be sent to all voting members.

The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

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 Alpha Province Assigned Officer and sent out with minutes to all Chapters and voting members of the Province.

Sharon Kitchens, PPC, Reporting Member, Province Philanthropic Committee, introduced the proposed philanthropic projects for their presentations. Pages distributed brochures and information for each presentation.

Friendship House, presented by Alpha Omega, Terre Haute, IN

An organization of ordinary people showing up to provide opportunities for people with disabilities, helping them find jobs, live on their own, and experience life beyond their parent's houses.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace, presented by Lambda Nu, Mooresville, IN

NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN! An organization that builds and provides beds and bedding to children in need; helping to provide a safe, comfortable, good night's sleep.

Forever An All-Star, previously submitted by Iota Mu, Lynn, IN was withdrawn.

Total funds available for donation to the Alpha Province Philanthropic Project

Philanthropy Account	\$951.92
Jenny Wade, National President	\$50.00 in honor of Terry Riester, PNP
Karen Mace, National Vice President	\$25.00
Kathy Haralson, National Treasurer	\$28.08 to round up to an even dollar amount
Kris Trapp, Secretary, Board of Trustees	\$50.00

Tellers collected ballots and returned with the final count.

Total Votes Possible	22 votes
Total Votes Received	
Friendship House	10 votes
Sleep In Heavenly Peace	11 votes
Write-in to split funds – Disqualified because this option was not presented prior to ballot distribution.	1 vote

Sleep in Heavenly Peace, receiving the higher number of votes, was selected as the 2023 Alpha Province Philanthropic Project. A check for \$1,105.00 was issued.

The Chair introduced Laura Gullett, President, Delta Home Directorate, to give the report on Delta Home. (Attachment II)

The Convention Secretary, Terry Riester, read communications. One (1) note was received from Kendra Olson, Director of Expansion and Growth.

National Officers made announcements concerning items for sale during the convention.

Karen Allen, Convention Chair, announced corrections in the convention program. Instruction for lunch break was also provided.

The meeting was recessed for the 21 & Topsy Luncheon, with the business meeting to reconvene at 1:30 pm.

The afternoon meeting was called to order by Debi Hamblet, Alpha Province Chairman, at 1:30 p.m. A quorum was established.

The meeting was turned over to the Alpha Province Assigned Officer, Karen Mace, National Vice President, to conduct the afternoon workshop. The National Officers presented workshop on the following.

- Social Media – How to share your photos using hashtags.
- Liability Insurance – What it covers; how and why each chapter pays for it.
- Volunteering for Province Chairman – How to serve Delta Theta Tau Sorority as a Province Chairman and using this knowledge as a learning tool to the National level.
- National Financial Accounts – The history and purpose of each national account.

National President, Jenny Wade, concluded the workshop with a presentation on her theme, “Live A Lasting Legacy”. She detailed her journey to become a member of Delta Theta Tau Sorority and then follow her calling to become a National Officer.

The Chair thanked the National Officers for their entertaining and informative skits.

2024 National Convention Coordinator, Karen Allen, presented information about the 2024 National Convention, Delta Cruise, to be held in Orlando, FL, July 10-14, 2024.

Jan Marsh, Alpha, Muncie, IN, announced that Delta Theta Tau Sorority had been awarded an Honorary Distinguished Alumnae Award by Muncie Central Alumnae Association of Muncie Central High School, Muncie, IN. Jan planned to post pictures of the presentation on our Facebook page.

Terry Riester, PNP, Alpha Province PEG, presented a chart showing the changes in expansion and growth of our province over the last three years. Unfortunately, it was announced that Epsilon Omega, Crawfordsville, IN chose to disband on 06/15/2023. Alpha Province now has 12 Active Chapters and four (4) Alumnae Chapters. However, spirits were lifted when awards for growth in membership in 2023 were presented to:

Eta Lambda, Noblesville, IN	14.29% increase
Delta Xi, Alexandria, IN	12.50% increase
Theta Lambda, Roachdale, IN	11.11% increase
Beta, Elwood, IN	10.00% increase
Lambda Epsilon, Plainfield, IN	09.09% increase

Congratulations to these five (5) chapters!

Shannon Loughmiller, Chairman, National Philanthropy Committee, presented the National Philanthropy report.

The Chair reported on chapter philanthropy and recognized the following top five (5) chapters for their work in philanthropy and volunteer hours for 2022. Awards were presented by Jenny Wade, National President.

Total Philanthropy Fund

Alpha Omega, Brazil, IN	\$21,120.62
Lambda Nu, Mooresville, IN	\$15,437.36
Beta, Elwood, IN	\$13,182.03
Delta Xi, Alexandria, IN	\$12,188.87
Iota Mu, Lynn, IN	\$7,751.89

Philanthropy Fund per Capita

Lambda Nu, Mooresville, IN	\$771.87
Lambda Epsilon, Plainfield, IN	\$756.68
Beta, Elwood, IN	\$659.10
Alpha Omega, Brazil, IN	\$640.02
Alpha Omicron, Terre Haute, IN	\$576.47

Total Volunteer Hours

Delta Xi, Alexandria, IN	2,628.00
Alpha, Muncie, IN	2,330.50
Lambda Epsilon, Plainfield, IN	2,250.50
Alpha Omega, Brazil, IN	1,989.65
Eta Lambda, Noblesville, IN	1,972.75

Volunteer Hours per Capita

Alpha, Muncie, IN	233.05
Lambda Epsilon, Plainfield, IN	225.05
Eta Lambda, Noblesville, IN	164.40
Lambda, Union City, IN	98.93
Delta Xi, Alexandria, IN	93.86

Nominations were opened for the 2024 Alpha Province Chairman. Nicole Tipton, Alpha Omega, Terre Haute, IN and Debi Hamblet, Mooresville, IN were nominated. There were no additional nominations from the floor.

Nicole Tipton withdrew her nomination. With no other nominations, the Convention Secretary, Terry Riester, cast the elective ballot. Debit Hamblet, Lambda Nu, Mooresville, IN was elected the 2024 Alpha Province Chairman.

Nominations were opened for the 2025 Alpha Province Convention Hostess. Members of Lambda Nu, Mooresville, IN and Lambda Epsilon, Plainfield, IN volunteered to co-host the 2025 Alpha Province Convention. There being no other bids, Tery Riester, Convention Secretary, cast the elective vote for Lambda Nu, Mooresville, IN and Lambda Epsilon, Plainfield, IN to co-host the 2025 Alpha Province Convention.

The Chair declared a recess to prepare for the Installation of the 2024 Alpha Province Chairman, Debi Hamblet.

Amanda Allen, National Secretary of Philanthropy, PPC, presided over the Province Chairman Installation Service.

Debi Hamblet thanked everyone and gave the following information.

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Alpha, Muncie, IN invited the assembly to the 2024 Alpha Province Convention "We Gather Together" to be held November 1-3, 2024, at The Horizon, Muncie, IN.

Amanda Allen, National Secretary of Philanthropy, PPC, presented a new award to the chapter with the most members by percentage present at the meeting. Lambda Epsilon, Plainfield, IN received the award with 7% of their active membership present at the meeting.

"Thank you" gifts were presented by the Chair and other members serving the convention.

The Chair gave her final remarks and turned the floor over to Karen Allen, Convention Chairman, for final announcements.

There being no further business, the Alpha Province Convention was adjourned at 4:00 p.m. The meeting was closed with the Delta Closing Ceremony.

Respectfully Submitted,



Terry Riester,

PNP

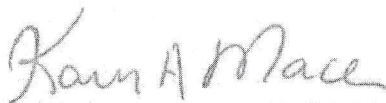
Convention Secretary

Approved



Debi Hamblet
Alpha Province Chairman 2023

Dated: 12/8/2023



Karen Mace
National Vice President, Alpha Assigned Officer

Dated: 12/4/2023