

MINUTES OF DELTA PROVINCE CONVENTION  
DELTA THETA TAU SORORITY, INC.  
Host Chapter: Epsilon Rho – San Jose, CA  
October 18 – 19, 2024

The 95th annual Delta Province Convention of Delta Theta Tau Sorority, Inc. convened at The Marriot Courtyard Hotel, Cupertino, CA.

**Welcome**

The Province Chairman, Brenda Moore, welcomed all in attendance and introduced Pallie Zambrano, Delta Province Convention Chairman.

Pallie welcomed everyone to the convention and gave a short rundown of the day’s schedule.

The Province Chairman, Brenda Moore, called the business meeting to order at 9:02 am, October 19, 2024 with the Opening Ceremony and Prayer.

**Initiation Ceremony**

The Initiation Ceremony team was introduced by Brenda Corral, Delta Province PEG.

The two-member initiation ritual was utilized.

Pontifex Prima: Jenny Wade, PPC, PNP, Mu Lambda, Stockton, CA

Sgt-at-Arms: Monica Spielman, Lambda Sigma, Phoenix, AZ

Initiate: Ilse Blanco, Lambda Sigma, Phoenix, AZ

**Memorial Service**

Karen Mace, National President, conducted the memorial service for the following Delta sister who passed away during the year.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Chapter/City</u>	<u>Date</u>
Alice Spiach – MAL	Epsilon Nu-Alpha, San Jose, CA	10/12/2023

**Object of the Convention**

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

**Introductions**

The Chair introduced the following National Officers:

Karen Mace	Xi Gamma, Cuyahoga Falls, OH	National President, PPC
Kris Trapp	Tau, Valparaiso, IN	Chairman, Board of Trustees, Delta Province Assigned Officer
Michelle Westhues	Omicron Pi, Bethel, MO	Webmaster

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

Yvonne Cabral	Epsilon Rho, San Jose, CA	PPC
Nicole Johnson	Lambda Sigma, Phoenix, AZ	PPC
Charlotte Marengo	Theta Iota, Delano, CA	PPC, PNP, Delta Home Registrar
Brenda Moore	Epsilon Rho, San Jose, CA	PPC
Jenny Wade	Mu Lambda, Stockton, CA	PPC, PNP
Anita Waits	Theta Iota, Delano, CA	PPC, PNP
Deborah Waits	Theta Iota, Delano, CA	PPC
Bonnie Wells	Lambda Sigma, Phoenix, AZ	PNP

The Chair also gave special recognition to:

Tammy Greenwell	Omicron Pi, Bethel MO	Epsilon Province
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The Chair introduced members serving at this convention:

Sgt-at-Arms	Diana McDonald
Assistant Sgt-at-Arms	Pallie Zambrano
Page	Brenda Corral
Teller	Jody Levratto
Convention Secretary	Mary Sheldon

**Legislative Committee**

Charlotte Marengo, PPC, PNP, Theta Iota, Delano, CA  
Yvonne Cabral, PPC, Epsilon Rho, San Jose, CA

**Province Philanthropy Fund Committee**

Anita Waits, PPC, PNP, Theta Iota, Delano, CA  
Charlene Bonita, Theta Iota, Delano, CA

**Roll Call of The Voting Members**

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 member’s illnesses and inability to travel. A motion was made by Jenny Wade to excuse Gamma Xi from attending the 2024 Delta Province Convention, it was seconded by Monica Spielman. The motion was voted upon and passed unanimously.

## Credentials Report

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

<u>5</u>	Active Chapters in Province
<u>4</u>	Active Chapters in Attendance
<u>7</u>	Past Province Chairmen (of the Province)
<u>1</u>	Past National Presidents (who are not PPC)
<u>0</u>	Honorary Member of the Province (who are not PPC or PNP)
<u>12</u>	TOTAL ELIGIBLE VOTES (PC only votes if there is a tie)

## Proposed Convention Rules

Charlotte Marengo, Legislative Committee Member, read the proposed Convention Rules. There was a unanimous vote to adopt the 2024 Convention Rules as published in the program.

## Reading of the 2023 Convention Minutes

The Chair announced that the minutes of the 2023 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 10/18/2024 the checking account balance was \$390.08.

## Report of the Legislative Committee/Standing Rules Committee

Yvonne Cabral presented/read the proposed Legislative change:

### AMENDMENT 1: ARTICLE II – OFFICERS – Section 1: (b) page 2

Present Wording:

*The Province Chairman shall be elected by ballot. A majority vote shall constitute an election. In the event there is no election, a second ballot shall be taken on the two nominees having received the highest number of votes. If there is only one nominee, the secretary shall be instructed to cast the elective ballot.*

Proposed:

*Insert after ballot on 1<sup>st</sup> line: at Convention for t two (2) year term. Installation ceremony will only be required on initial year.*

Amendment to the amendment, proposed by Lambda Sigma, Phoenix, add sentence:

*If at the end of the first year the current Province Chairman cannot complete the two (2) year term, there will be a nomination and election at Province Convention for a two (2) year term.*

After discussion, a motion was made by Nancy Bain, Epsilon Rho, San Jose, CA to adopt the amendment as amended. Anita Waits, Theta Iota, Delano, CA, seconded the motion. Adopted by vote; eleven (11) in favor and 1 (one) opposed. Newly adopted article below:

## **ARTICLE II – OFFICERS – Section 1: (b) page 2**

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### **Delta Home Report**

Charlotte Marengo, Theta Iota, Delano, CA presented the Delta Home report. She requested that if anyone knows of a member over age 60 who needs financial help please reach out to Charlotte and she will get in touch with that member. She also suggested that we reach out to check on our MAL members who may need support.

### **Reading of Communication**

Mary Sheldon, Convention Secretary, read the communication/notes received from: Doris Sanders, Editor of Grit, Paula Neidlinger, Secretary of Philanthropy, Junior Cruea, National Secretary, Patty Jo Nierste, National Vice President, Evonne Albert, Secretary, Board of Trustees, Dana Anderson, Third Member, Board of Trustees, Mary Jane Litz, Lambda Sigma, Phoenix, AZ, Jodi Reinhardt, NFED.

### **NFED Guest Speakers**

Brenda Moore introduced guest speakers Sean Vor and his father, Neal Vor. Sean spoke about what it was like growing up with ectodermal dysplasia. He shared that he felt like a normal kid when he attended NFED camps and conferences and that he learned a lot from the older kids who were at camp. Sean said, “you can be yourself and find a support system at camp”. Sean is 37 years old now and works in sound design. He is an avid soccer player and is married; he and his wife have two children. His father, Neal, shared what it was like for the family through the process of diagnosis and the challenges they faced and continue to face dealing with the medical insurance bureaucracy. They are both very excited for the new treatments that are evolving since the faulty gene has been identified. Both men expressed their thanks for the continued support that is received from DTT.

**Meeting adjourned at 11:58 am for lunch and reconvened at 1:35 pm.**

### **National Philanthropy Committee Report**

Jenny Wade spoke on behalf of the philanthropy committee. This year's National Yearly Philanthropy money was split between two projects: Head for the Cure, raising awareness of brain cancer and Sleep in Heavenly Peace, providing children with beds. Each project received \$3,000. Additionally, The National Philanthropy Project, NFED, received \$5,000, giving the organization \$295,248.64 in donation support since 1997. Jenny reminded the chapters in attendance that their chapter projects may be submitted for the National Yearly Project; projects must be on the national level and have a 501 (c) 3 affiliation. Proposals to the National Philanthropy Committee need to be submitted by December 10, 2024.

### **Report of Province Philanthropy Committee**

Anita Waits, Theta Iota, Delano, CA introduced the two province projects to be voted on at this convention: League of Dreams and the Pajama Plus Project.

1. Anita Waits, Theta Iota, Delano, CA presented information about the League of Dreams, an adaptive sports league. This is an organization whose mission is to give children a chance to play sports by providing training, team camaraderie, and competitive sporting opportunities to athletes ages 5 to 22 with physical, developmental, and cognitive disabilities.
2. Pallie Zambrano, Epsilon Rho, San Jose, CA, and Libby Souter presented information about the Pajama Plus Project. This is an organization that supports children in need by providing essential bedtime items like pajamas, books, socks, and underwear to enhance their well-being, especially children facing poverty, homelessness, or illness.

There was a motion presented from the floor by Charlotte Marengo to vote by written ballot for either:

- A. League of Dreams
- B. Pajama Plus Project
- C. 50/50 split of funds available

The motion was seconded by Bonnie Wells. The motion unanimously carried, and ballots were passed out, collected, then tallied.

Result of vote: League of Dreams – 3 votes, Pajamas Plus Project – 0 votes, 50/50 split – 9 votes. The monies collected will be evenly shared by both philanthropy projects presented at the meeting.

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

\$100	Epsilon Rho, San Jose, CA	in memory of Linda Brown, Epsilon Rho, San Jose, CA
\$ 50	Brenda Moore, Epsilon Rho, San Jose, CA	in memory of Linda Brown, Epsilon Rho, San Jose, CA
\$ 50	Theta Iota, Delano, CA	in memory of Alice Spiach– MAL, Epsilon Nu-Alpha, San Jose, CA

- \$ 50 Charlotte Marengo, Theta Iota, Delano, CA in memory of Alice Spiach– MAL, Epsilon Nu-Alpha, San Jose, CA
- \$ 50 Charlene Bonita, Theta Iota, Delano, CA in memory of Janice Massey, MAL, Theta Iota, Delano, CA
- \$100 Jenny Wade, Mu Lambda, Stockton, CA in memory of Lynn Ellen Hahn
- \$ 50 Mu Lambda, Stockton, CA
- \$100 Lambda Sigma, Phoenix, AZ
- \$ 50 Kris Trapp, Tau, Valparaiso, IN in honor of Delta Province
- \$100 Yvonne Cabral, Epsilon Rho, San Jose, CA in memory of Alice Spiach– MAL, Epsilon Nu-Alpha, San Jose, CA
- \$ 50 Anita Waits, Theta Iota, Delano, CA in honor of the national officers in attendance
- \$ 50 Michelle Westhues, Omicron Pi, Bethel, MO in memory of Joyce Halterman
- \$ 50 Pallie Zambrano, Epsilon Rho, San Jose, CA in memory of Linda Brown, Epsilon Rho, San Jose, CA
- \$150 Bobbi Ottoveggio, Epsilon Rho, San Jose, CA in honor of Charolette Toledo, Janet Hunter, Robbie McGagin
- \$ 20 Nina Bhaisa, Epsilon Rho, San Jose, CA in memory of Linda Brown, Epsilon Rho, San Jose, CA
- \$ 20 Brenda Corral, Epsilon Rho, San Jose, CA
- \$ 20 Tammy Greenwell, Omicron Pi, Bethel, MO in memory of Joyce Halterman
- \$ 20 Jody Levratto, Epsilon Rho, San Jose, CA
- \$ 20 Karen Mace, Xi Gamma, Cuyahoga Falls, OH
- \$ 50 Sharon Vergho, Epsilon Rho, San Jose, CA in memory of Gary Vergho

Donated from the floor:	\$1,150.00
Balance in Province checkbook:	\$ 190.08
Donated by Epsilon Rho to make an even amount:	\$ <u>.92</u>
	\$1341.00

Donated to League of Dreams:	\$ 670.50
Donated to Pajama Plus Project:	\$ 670.50

### **Presentation of Acknowledged Years**

Mary Sheldon, Epsilon Rho President was presented with her 10-year pin.  
 Brenda Corral, Epsilon Rho Treasurer was presented with her 10-year pin.  
 Yvonne Cabral, Epsilon Rho was presented with a Delta Theta Tau charm necklace acknowledging and honoring her 60-year membership in DDT. Thank you, Yvonne for your service to the chapter and your community.

## **PEG Presentation and Report**

Brenda Corral, Delta PEG reported that Gamma XI received the award for expansion and growth in the province. They inducted two new members into their chapter 2023 – 2024.

## **Delegates Folder**

Kris Trapp, Chairman, Board of Trustees and National Assigned Officer to the Province covered the contents of the Province Delegates folder which are to be shared with individual chapters. Contents included: Convention Order of Business Agenda, Copy of National Bylaws, revised July 2024, Note to Chapter Publicity Chairman - Philanthropy Press Release, 2024 National Philanthropy Committee Report, Teresa McAllister Award Information (Form 61 & 61 – A), Norma Money Benefit Fund Form (Form 50), Membership Application (Form 18), New Member Form Letter (Form 18 – A), Kings Jewelry Order Form.

Additionally, there are resources available on: [www.deltathetatau.org](http://www.deltathetatau.org)

National Bylaws revised July 2024 and updated pages only

Counseling Grant Application

2023 – 2024 Annual National Philanthropy Committee – National Minutes

Delta Home Fact Sheet – National Minutes

National Presidents T-shirt Order Form

Forms and Approved Suppliers

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2025 National Convention Information

## **Workshops**

Three workshops were presented, throughout the day, by the national officers present at the conference. Karen Mace, Kris Trapp, and Michelle Westhues presented information and skits about: #1 Bylaws 101. There was quick quiz to see how much members knew about existing bylaws and how and where to find more information about specific bylaws. # 2 Sister Skit. This skit enlightened us about what DOES and what DOES NOT constitute a legitimate volunteer opportunity. #3 How to Grow Your Chapter. This workshop was presented by Michelle Westhues who shared many strategies to increase chapter membership. Some of the ideas were: reach out to national officers, use social media platforms (Facebook, TikTok, Instagram), hand out brochures, partner with high school clubs, join your local Chamber of Commerce, have a membership referral contest in your chapter, wear your DTT shirts in the community and talk about your local DTT chapter. Michelle also reminded those in attendance to look for the monthly newsletter via email. If you are not receiving the newsletter, please check email addresses on Form 1 to make sure they are correct. Contact Michelle if you have any questions or challenges with getting the newsletter.

## **National Officers Business**

Karen Mace, National President, reported that members belonging to Theta Province have been testing online registration and using credit cards to register for conventions. She talked about how she chose her theme, Birds of a Feather Soar Together, and how she moved into leadership roles being mentored by sisters in her Xi Gamma chapter. Karen gave each attendee a homemade heart shaped cookie with green icing, decorated with a white rose, which she made.

### **Nominations and Election for Delta Province Chairman**

Deborah Waits, Delegate, Theta Iota, Delano, CA nominated Charlene Bonita, Theta Iota, Delano, CA as Province Chairman for the 2024 – 2026 Province Conventions. There being no other nominations, Secretary Mary Sheldon cast the elective ballot for Charlene Bonita as Province Chairman for 2024- 2026.

### **Bids and Election for 2026 Delta Province Convention City**

Leanne Wade, Delegate, Mu Lambda, Stockton, CA made a bid to host the province convention for 2026. As there were no other bids, by direction of the Chairman, Secretary Mary Sheldon cast the elective ballot for Mu Lambda, Stockton, CA to host the 2026 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. Karen Mace, National President, presented the certificates to the chapters. A copy of the Philanthropy Report Summary 2023- 2024 is attached to these minutes. Province Philanthropy dollars totaled \$15,693.03. Province Philanthropy hours totaled 6,859.5.

### **Traveling Gavel**

This year's Traveling Gavel Award, presented to the chapter with the highest philanthropy per capita, was awarded to Epsilon Rho, San Jose, CA. Congratulations to Epsilon Rho.

### **2025 National Convention – Gems of the Universe**

Bonnie Wells, National Convention Chairman, presented information about the upcoming national convention to be held July 9 – 13, 2025 in Tucson, AZ at the Loews Ventana Canyon Resort. Detailed information can be found in GRIT.

### **2025 Province Convention**

Sisters from Theta Iota, Delano, CA performed a skit about the upcoming 2025 Delta Province Convention to be held October 24 - 25, 2025 in Bakersfield, CA.

### **Installation of the 2024 - 2026 Province Chairman**

National President, Karen Mace, installed Charlene Bonita, Theta Iota, Delano, CA as the 2024 – 2026 Delta Province Chairman. Charlene thanked everyone for their confidence in her and gave her contact information. Charlene's information is:

Charlene Bonita

710 Trenton Street

Delano, CA. 93215

Phone: 661-586-4593

Email address: [charlybonita@gmail.com](mailto:charlybonita@gmail.com)

### **Outgoing Province Chairman Remarks**

Brenda Moore thanked those in attendance for the opportunity to serve as Chairman of the 2024 Province Convention. She gave a special thank you to Kris Trapp, Chairman, Board of Trustees and National Assigned Officer to the Province for her support and mentorship throughout the year. Brenda received a white carpet rose plant from Province Convention Chairman, Pallie



Zambrano, Epsilon Rho, San Jose, CA. Pallie thanked Brenda for her guidance, support, and planning help for the Delta Province Convention.

**Closing Ceremony and Prayer**

The Chairman, Brenda Moore, thanked everyone for attending. She led the group in the closing prayer.

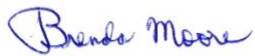
There being no further business the 95<sup>th</sup> Delta Province Convention was adjourned at 4:24 pm.



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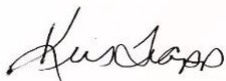
Mary Sheldon, Convention Secretary

Approved:



11/04/2024

Brenda Moore, Province Chairman



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Kris Trapp, Assigned Officer – Chairman, Board of Trustees