

MINUTES OF 2024 THETA PROVINCE CONVENTION

DELTA THETA TAU SORORITY, INC.

The Theta Province Convention of Delta Theta Tau Sorority, Inc. convened at 9:00 A.M., September 28, 2024 at the Brown County Inn in Nashville, Indiana.

Welcome

The Province Chairman, Kim Hart, called the meeting to order and introduced the Convention Chairman, Julie Callis, Lambda Theta, Martinsville, IN, who in turn introduced the Director of Guest Services for the Brown County Inn, Reyana Marchuk.

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

Initiation Ceremony

Margo Feedback, Eta Kapp, Brookville, IN, and her team conducted a mock Initiation Service.

Memorial Service

Patty Jo Nierste, Eta Kappa, Brookville, IN conducted the Memorial Service for the following Delta Sisters deceased during the past year:

- o Nettie VanArsdall, Delta Lambda-Gamma, Greensburg, IN – April 25, 2024
- o Peggy Hagerman, Epsilon Mu, Sullivan, IN – MAL, July 20, 2024
- o Carol Rumble, Iota Chi, Spencer, IN – Active, September 7, 2023
- o Jeanette Moran, Lambda Theta, Martinsville, IN – Active 68 yr mbr, Jan 5, 2024
- o Helen Perry, Lambda Theta, Martinsville, IN – MAL, November 10, 2023
- o Bernice Blose, Pi-Beta Alumnae Assoc, Richmond, IN - MAL, February 4, 2024

Object of the Province

Province Secretary, Jodie Brittain, Lambda Theta, Martinsville, IN, read the Object of the Province.

Introduction

The Chair introduced the National Officers in attendance:

- Karen Mace, Xi Gamma, Cuyahoga Falls, OH, National President
- Patty Jo Nierste, Eta Kappa, Brookville, IN, National Vice President
- Junior Cruea, Kappa Xi, Brookville, OH, National Secretary
- Kathy Haralson, Zeta Upsilon, Seneca, IL, National Treasurer, Theta Assigned Officer, and Theta Province Parliamentarian
- Kris Trapp, Tau, Valparaiso, IN, Chairman, Board of Trustees
- Dana Anderson, Gamma Pi, New Paris, OH, Third Member Board of Trustees
- Beth Wallis, Lambda Theta, Martinsville, IN, Executive Secretary and Honorary Member
- Mandy Allen, Beta Sigma, Clinton, IN, Director of Expansion and Growth
- Doris Sanders, Zeta Lambda, Shelbyville, IN, Editor of GRIT

The Chair introduced Past National Officers and National Committee Members:

- Terri Reister, 2022 Past National President, Lambda Nu, Mooresville, IN
- Julie Callis, 2023, Past National President, Lambda Theta, Martinsville, IN
- Jenny Wade, 2024 Past National President, Mu Lambda, Stockton, CA
- Connie Holzhausen, 2004 Past National Officer, Lambda Eta, Franklin, IN.
- Marcia Swift, Board Member of Delta Home and Past Theta PEG, Zeta Lambda, Shelbyville.
- Mary Beth Godsey, Past National Officer, Zeta, Bloomington, IN

The Chair introduced Past Theta Province Chairmen.

- Veanna Kessler – 2014 Past Province Chairman, Zeta Lambda, Shelbyville, IN
- Doris Sanders, 2000 and 2015 Past Province Chairman, Zeta Lambda, Shelbyville, IN
- Donna Justice – 2009 and 2016 Past Province Chairman, Lambda Eta, Franklin, IN

- Connie Feagans, 2001 and 2017 Past Province Chairman, Lambda Theta, Martinsville, IN
- Patty Jo Nierste, 2019 Past Province Chairman, Eta Kappa, Brookville, IN
- Emily Query, 2021 Past Province Chairman, Kappa Mu, Carlisle, IN
- Connie Holzhausen, 1997 and 2022 Past Province Chairman, Lambda Eta, Franklin, IN

The Chair introduced Deltas serving this convention:

- Sergeant-at-Arms – Robin Garrett, Lambda Theta, Martinsville, IN
- Asst Sergeant-at-Arms – Marion Phillips, Lambda Theta, Martinsville, IN
- Convention Secretary, Jodie Brittain, Lambda Theta, Martinsville, IN
- Teller – Brittany LaMarche, Lambda Theta, Martinsville, IN
- Teller – Samantha Zhou, Lambda Theta, Martinsville, IN
- Page – Emily Adams, Lambda Theta, Martinsville, IN
- Page – Stephanie Messmer, Lambda Theta, Martinsville, IN
- Standing Rules Committee
 - Marylynn Winslow, Chairman, Nu Tau, Greenwood, IN and committee members...
 - Connie Feagans, Lambda Theta, Martinsville, IN
 - Mary Beth Godsey, Zeta, Bloomington, IN
- Province Philanthropic Project Committee
 - Connie Holzhausen, Chairman, Lambda Eta, Franklin, IN
 - Donna Kay, Iota Chi, Spencer, IN
 - Karen Cox, Lambda Theta, Martinsville, IN

The Chair asked if there would be any objections to changing the order of business if deemed advisable. There were no objections.

Minutes

The Chair announced that the minutes of the 2023 convention have been approved by the assigned officer and there was no request to read the minutes.

Roll Call

The Secretary, Jodie Brittain, called roll.

- Zeta – Bloomington, IN
 - Gamma Gamma – Washington, IN
 - Epsilon Mu – Sullivan, IN
 - Zeta Lambda – Shelbyville, IN
 - Eta Beta – Odon, IN
 - Eta Kappa – Brookville, IN
 - Theta Zeta – Seymour, IN
 - Iota Chi – Spencer, IN
 - Kappa Mu – Carlisle, IN
 - Lambda Eta – Franklin, IN
 - Lambda Theta – Martinsville, IN
 - Nu Tau – Greenwood, IN
 - Omicron Omega – Murfreesboro, TN
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- Veanna Kessler, Past Province Chairman, 2014
 - Doris Sanders, Past Province Chairman, 2015
 - Donna Justice, Past Province Chairman, 2016 (Donna will have 2 votes, one as PPC and one as delegate)
 - Connie Feagans, Past Province Chairman, 2017
 - Patty Jo Nierste, Past Province Chairman, 2019
 - Emily Query, Past Province Chairman, 2021
 - Connie Holzhausen, Past Province Chairman, 2022
 - Julie Callis, Past National President, 2023
 - Beth Wallis, Honorary Member
 - Kim Hart, Current Province Chairman 2024

There were 22 voting members present. One voting member has two votes due to the fact that they are a Past Province Chairman and a delegate. Therefore, are 23 eligible votes. The Chair declares a quorum established.

Convention Rules

Marylyne Winslow, Nu Tau, Greenwood, IN, Chairman of the Standing Rules and Convention Rules Committee was unable to attend. Kris Trapp, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Tau Valparaiso, IN read the Convention Rules and moved that they be adopted. There was no discussion and so a vote was taken, the Convention Rules were unanimously adopted.

Standing Rules

There were two pieces of legislation being introduced for changes to the Theta Province Standing Rules. Mary Beth Godsey, Zeta, Bloomington, IN, gave the report of the Standing Rules Committee.

Amendment 1, Article II – Province Convention, #5, Page 1

Present wording:

Proposed Amendment:

Add the option to combine Theta and Gamma Province Conventions.

Amended wording:

5. In the years when acceptable to *two* provinces, Theta and Gamma Provinces *or two chapters* will have the option to hold a combined province convention. During the combined convention, each province will have a Province Chairman, and each will have a separate business meeting. Each province will also have a Convention Chair. Social functions will be held jointly. The Convention Chairman and committees of each social function will work together to plan and execute those functions. Expenses and proceeds from all functions will be divided equally between the two provinces.

Rationale: To help convention hostess chapters meet the ever-increasing requirements set by the hotels with respect to the banquet rooms and the quota for overnight room sales.

Submitted by Kappa Xi Chapter, Brookville, OH

There was not a 2/3 vote in the affirmative and the amendment was not adopted.

Amendment 2: Article II – Province Convention, #2, Page 1

Present wording: 2. Voting members shall consist of the Chapter delegates, Province Chairman, Past Province Chairmen for ten (10) years following their serving as Province Chairman, Past National Presidents and Honorary members of the Province.

Proposed Amendment: 2. Voting members shall consist of the Chapter delegates, Province Chairman, Past Province Chairmen for five (5) years following their serving as Province Chairman, Past National Presidents of Theta Province for five (5) years following their serving as National President, and Honorary members of the Province.

Rationale: With the number of chapters we have in our Province, allowing so many Past Province Chairmen and Past National Presidents to vote reduces the voting power of the delegates. Depending on attendance at any given Province Convention, there could be more Past Province Chairmen and Past National President votes than Delegate votes.

Submitted by Lambda Eta, Franklin, IN

There was not a 2/3 vote in the affirmative and the amendment was not adopted.

Philanthropy Project Presentation

Connie H, Lambda Eta, Franklin, IN, Chairman of the Theta Philanthropic Projects Committee, gave her report on behalf of the members of her committee, Donna Kay, Iota Chi, Spencer, IN, and Karen Cox, Lambda Theta, Martinsville, IN.

Two projects were submitted for consideration.

- Hope House, Indiana
- Donor Organ Camp, Indiana

A representative from each was available to speak to the assembly.

Theta Province Standing Rules state that, if there is more than one proposed Philanthropy Project, a ballot vote shall be taken. There were two choice, Hope House and Donor Organ Camp. There was a pause to allow time for a motion for a third option to split the money between the two projects. Ballots were distributed, collected and counted. A third option is approved.

There were 23 possible votes. Hope House received 0 votes. Donor Organ Camp received 2 votes. The vote to split the money between the two projects was 21.

The Theta Province Philanthropic Project for 2024 is both Hope House and Donor Organ Camp.

Other donations were made to the Philanthropy Projects and made a total of \$1500 to be split equally between both Projects. (\$750 each)

Reports of Committees

Kathy Haralson, National Treasurer and Theta Province Officer spoke about the printed material for National contained within the delegate's packets

Philanthropy

Junior Cruea, National Secretary, Gamma Xi, Brookville, OH gave the 2023-2024 Annual Report of the National Philanthropy Committee.

Dana Anderson, Gamma Pi, New Paris, OH, 3rd Member of Board of Trustees, gave the 2024 National Philanthropy Committee Province Presentation.

Delta Home Board

Marcia Swift, Delta Home Board Member, Zeta Lambda, Shelbyville, IN gave her report.

Theta Province Expansion and Growth

Margo Feedback, Theta Province Expansion and Growth, Eta Kappa, Brookville, IN gave her report.

Following lunch, workshops were held from 1:45-2:15 P.M. Delegates were required to attend. Workshops were provided to learn more about the sorority, share ideas and any concerns. Non-delegates were also invited to attend.

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:00 P.M. to reconvene at 1:30 P.M.

AFTERNOON MEETING
2024 THETA PROVINCE CONVENTION

At 1:30 P.M. the assembly came to order. The teller verified that all the delegates were present and a quorum was established. The Chair turned the meeting over to the National Officers for workshops.

Once the workshops were completed, attendance was taken to determine the chapter receiving the Traveling Banner. This was awarded to Theta Zeta, Seymour, IN. (70% of members present.)

Correspondence was read by the Convention Secretary.

Financial Report

The Chair read the financial report as follows:

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THETA PROVINCE

DELTA THETA TAU, INC.

September 28, 2024

Balance received from previous chairman	\$50.54
Receipts for 2024 Province fees for 13 chapters	\$540.00
Receipts for General Operating Fund	\$310.57
Total Receipts – previous balance	\$850.57
Disbursements for Postage and supplies	\$77.50
General Fund Balance as of 2024	\$232.07
Transfer to Philanthropy Fund	\$183.00
General Fund Balance	\$50.07

Theta Province Standing Rules state that excess money in the general fund is to be moved to the Philanthropy fund. A donation of \$182.00 will be made leaving a total of \$50.07 in the General Operating Fund.

Philanthropy Project

The Chair summarized the work that Theta Province accomplished for our philanthropic projects between June 1, 2023 and May 31, 2024. At the close of the fiscal year 2024, Theta Province had:

- 13 chapters with all chapters reporting
- There were 181 active members
- The total Philanthropy dollars given from those 13 chapters was \$210,736.51
- The total Philanthropy dollars per capita was \$1,164.29
- The total volunteer hours provided by those 13 chapters was 22,700.75
- The total volunteer hours per capita was 125.42

Presentation of the Philanthropy Awards

National President, Karen Mace, announced the results of the Theta Province Philanthropy and presented the awards

TOTAL PHILANTHROPY FUND PROVINCE TOTAL \$210,736.51

1. Lambda Eta, Franklin, IN - \$90,861.16
2. Lambda Theta, Martinsville, IN - \$20,639.36
3. Eta Kappa, Brookville, IN - \$19,615.02
4. Zeta Lambda, Shelbyville, IN - \$17,473.43
5. Theta Zeta, Seymour, IN - \$12,827.29

PHILANTHROPY FUND PER CAPITA TOTAL \$1,164.29

1. Lambda Eta, Franklin, IN - \$7,571.76
2. Zeta Lambda, Shelbyville, IN - \$1,092.09
3. Eta Kappa, Brookville, IN - \$980.75
4. Zeta, Bloomington, IN - \$972.83
5. Theta Zeta, Seymour, IN - \$916.24

TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS PROVINCE TOTAL 22,700.75

1. Eta Kappa, Brookville, IN – 3,337
2. Iota Chi, Spencer, IN – 2,505
3. Lambda Eta, Franklin, IN – 2,306.5
4. Zeta, Bloomington, IN – 2,247
5. Lambda Theta, Martinsville, IN – 1,989.25

VOLUNTEER HOURS PER CAPITA TOTAL 125.42

1. Lambda Eta, Franklin, IN – 192.21
2. Zeta, Bloomington, IN – 187.25
3. Eta Kappa, Brookville, IN – 166.85
4. Iota Chi, Spencer, IN – 156.56
5. Zeta Lambda, Shelbyville, IN – 92.15

Nominations for 2025 Province Chairman

The Chairman called for nominations for the 2025 Province Chairman. No nominations were submitted. The name of Pam Hering was submitted from the floor for consideration. Due to her being a member less than a year and having not held an office, her name was withdrawn. Lori Hacker, then volunteered for 2025 Province Chairman. Convention Secretary, Jodie Brittain, cast the elective ballot for Lori Hacker as Theta Province Chairman for 2025.

Installation of the New Province Chairman

National President, Karen Mace, installed Lori Hacker as the 2024 Theta Province Chairman and Robin Garrett, Lambda Theta, Martinsville, IN served as the Sergeant-at-Arms. Lori Hacker thanked the assembly and provided her information:

Lori Hacker
3475 Hauser Ct
Bargersville, IN 46106
lorihacker@gmail.com
317-828-1540

Eta Beta, Odon, IN is the next chapter in the rotation and will serve as the Hostess Chapter for the 2025 Theta Province Convention.

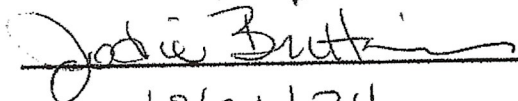
Announcements

Chairman Kim Hart thanked the assembly and all those that assisted for a great convention. There being no further business, the Theta Province Convention was adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

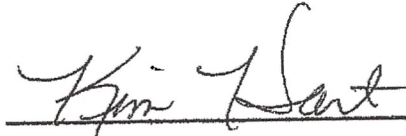
The meeting was closed with the Delta Closing Ceremony.

Respectfully Submitted

Jodie Brittain, Convention Secretary




Date: 10/21/24



Kim Hart

Province Chairman

Date: 10/21/24



Kathy Haralson

Theta Province Assigned Officer

Date: 10/23/2024

Attachments and/or link to National Website:

- Final 2024 Theta Province Financial Report