

ALPHA PROVINCE 2024 CONVENTION MINUTES
Delta Theta Tau Sorority, Inc.

The 2024 Alpha Province Convention of Delta Theta Tau Sorority, Inc., convened at 9:00 a.m. on November 2, 2024, at Horizon Convention Center, Muncie, IN.

The Province Chairman, Debi Hamblet, called the meeting to order and introduced the Convention Co-Chairs, Janice Marsh, PPC, Muncie, IN and Karen Allen, PNP, Alpha Omicron, Terre Haute, IN. Janice welcomed the congregation and provided information about the events for the weekend.

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 five-person initiation ceremony was performed. After the candlelight ceremony, the Province Chairman, Debi Hamblet, introduced the initiation team and welcomed our new members. The team was comprised of the following members:

Pontifex Prima: Shannon Loughmiller, PPC, Alpha Province PEG, Alpha Omega, Brazil, IN
Sgt-at-Arms: Nicole Tipton, Alpha Omega, Brazil, IN
Pledge Supervisor: Linda Sheese, PPC, Alpha Omega, Brazil, IN
Chaplain: Danielle Riddell, Alpha Omega, Brazil, IN
Pledge/Initiate Stand-in: Michelle Bell, Alpha Omega, Brazil, IN

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

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

Margaret Montano, 05/20/2024, MAL, Alpha, Muncie, IN
Nancy Cole, 10/07/2021, MAL, Alpha Omega, Brazil, IN
Rita Eckard Girton, 03/17/2022, MAL, Alpha Omega, Brazil, IN
Sue Ann Hicks, 06/28/2021, MAL, Alpha Omega, Brazil, IN
Olive Liddil, 12/24/2021, MAL, Alpha Omega, Brazil, IN
Shirley Louderback, 07/21/2021, MAL, Alpha Omega, Brazil, IN
Rhea Pell, 05/19/2023, MAL, Alpha Omega, Brazil, IN
Anita Tilley, 11/29/2022, MAL, Alpha Omega, Brazil, IN
Sue Wheeler, 08/12/2024, MAL, Alpha Omega, Brazil, IN
Nancy Buser, 06/16/2024, MAL, Theta Lambda, Roachdale, IN
Lola Crosby, 12/26/2023, MAL, Theta Lambda, Roachdale, IN
Joanne Magee, 04/22/2024, MAL, Iota Mu, Lynn, IN

Mary Swanger, 12/03/2023, MAL, Alpha-Alpha, Muncie, IN
Phyllis Loffland, 10/27/2028, MAL, Alpha Epsilon-Beta, Indianapolis, IN
Linda Farris Badger, 05/10/2024, Alumnae, Alpha Omega-Alpha, Brazil, IN
Betty Burkhart, 09/29/2021, MAL, Alpha Omega-Beta, Brazil, IN
Janet Pell, 08/20/2021, MAL, Alpha Omega-Beta, Brazil, IN
Shirley Pell, 03/14/2024, MAL, Alpha Omega-Beta, Brazil, IN
Betty Thompson, 01/15/2024, MAL, Alpha Omega-Beta, Brazil, IN
Joyce Jones, 07/10/2024, MAL, Beta Nu-Gamma, Winchester, IN
Nancy Andis, PNP, 12/08/2023, Alumnae, Theta-Alpha, Greencastle, IN
Joann Gray, 10/21/2023, MAL, Theta-Alpha, Greencastle, IN
Shirley Brown, 10/29/2023, MAL, Lambda-Beta, Union City, IN
Roselene Vickery, 10/09/2024, Alumnae, Lambda-Beta, Union City, IN

The Province Chairman, Debi Hamblet, thanked Patty Jo Nierste 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. Twelve (12) chapters and Eight (8) 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; and one member having two (2) votes - one (1) as PPC and one (1) as Active Alpha Province Chairman. The Chair declared a quorum established.

The Chair recognized first-time Alpha Province Convention attendees.

Delegate – Kendra Castleberry, Beta Sigma, Clinton, IN
Non-Delegate – Leslie Hasty, Lambda Epsilon, Plainfield, IN

The Chair introduced the National Officers present at this convention.

Karen Mace, National President, Alpha Province Assigned Officer, Xi Gamma, Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Patty Jo Nierste, National Vice President, Eta Kappa, Brookville, IN
Dana Anderson, National 3rd Member, Board of Trustees, Gamma Pi, New Paris, OH
Mandy Allen, Director of Expansion & Growth, Beta Sigma, Clinton, IN

The Chair introduced the Past National Presidents (including out of Province) in attendance.

Sue Comer, Iota Mu, Lynn, IN, PNP 2000-2001, PPC 1974
Karen Allen, Alpha Omicron, Terre Haute, IN, PNP 2012-2013, PPC 2005, 2024 National Convention Coordinator, Alpha Province Convention Co-Coordinator
Laura Gullett, Iota Mu, Lynn, IN, PNP 2015-2016, PPC 2006 and 2007, Delta Home President

Terry Riester, Lambda Nu, Mooresville, IN, PNP 2021-2022, PPC 2012, 2013, and 2014,
2026 National Convention Coordinator
Debbie Funk, Xi, Portland, IN (Beta Province), PNP, National Historian
Julie Swoveland, Zeta Chi, Dunkirk, IN (Beta Province), PNP, National Philanthropy
Committee

The Chair introduced the Past Province Chairmen, not previously mentioned, in attendance.

Mandy Allen, PPC 2018, Beta Sigma, Clinton, IN, PPC
Deborah Feliciano, PPC 2011, Eta Lambda, Noblesville, IN
Treva Gough, PPC 2022, Iota Mu, Lynn, IN
Debi Hamblet, PPC 2023, Lambda Nu, Mooresville, IN
Shannon Loughmiller, Alpha PEG, PPC 2019, Alpha Omega, Brazill, IN
Jan Marsh, PPC 1997 & 2000, Alpha, Muncie, IN
Linda Sheese, PPC 2002. Alpha Omega, Brazil, IN

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

Carolyn Scruggs, Zeta Chi, Dunkirk, IN (Beta Province)
Sue Burk, Xi, Portland, IN (Beta Province)

The Chair introduced appointed members serving at this convention:

Convention Secretary: Terry Riester, PNP, Lambda Nu, Mooresville, IN
Sergeant-At-Arms: Kim Knieriem, Lambda Epsilon, Plainfield, IN
Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms: Linda Sheese, Alpha Omega, Brazil, IN
Pages: Dee Simerl, Lambda Nu, Mooresville, IN
Becky Musick, Lambda Epsilon, Plainfield, IN
Tellers: Cathy Hoffman, Lambda Epsilon, Plainfield, IN
Becky Chenault, Lambda Epsilon, Plainfield, IN
Province Standing Rules Committee:
Chairman: Karen Allen, PNP, Alpha Omicron, Terre Haute, IN
Diana Foxworthy, Alpha Omicron, Terre Haute, IN
Toni Roloff, Alpha Omicron, Terre Haute, IN
Shari Shepherd, Alpha Omicron, Terre Haute, IN
Province Philanthropy Committee:
Chairman: Terry Riester, PNP, Lambda Nu, Mooresville, IN
Maria Crawford, Lambda Nu, Mooresville, IN

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

The was no objection to changing the business in order if deemed advisable.

Karen Mace, National President, Alpha Province Assigned Officer, reviewed the contents of the folders provided to Delegates.

Karen Allen, PNP, 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. 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.

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.

Terry Riester, PNP, Chairman, Province Philanthropic Committee, introduced the proposed philanthropic project. Pages distributed brochures and information.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace was presented by Ed Hacker, Martinsville, IN Chapter President, Lorie Hacker, and their mascot (dog), Hazel.

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.

Total funds available for donation to the Alpha Province Philanthropic Project

Alpha Province Philanthropy Account	* \$944.94
Ramona Waddell, PNP	\$200.00
Karen Mace, National President	\$20.00
Patty Jo Nierste, National Vice President	\$20.00
Dana Anderson, 3 rd Member, Board of Trustees	\$25.00
Theta Lambda, Roachdale, IN	\$20.00
Lambda Nu, Mooresville, IN	\$20.00
Lambda Epsilon, Plainfield, IN	\$20.00
Iota Mu, Lynn, IN	\$20.00
Debi Hamblet & Burrow	\$20.00
Multi-Chapter Change	\$0.06
Anonymous	<u>\$290.00</u>
Total Philanthropy Awarded	\$1,600.00

* An error was discovered in the draft financial report that, once corrected, increased the Philanthropy Award by \$100 above what was reported at the time of convention.

One project was presented, therefore Terry Riester, Convention Secretary, cast the elective ballot. Sleep in Heavenly Peace was selected as the 2024 Alpha Province Philanthropic Project. A check for \$1,600.00 was issued.

Karen Allen, PNP, Chairman of the Standing Rules Committee, presented legislation.

ARTICLE V – DUTIES OF THE ENTERTAINING COMMITTEE, 3) currently reads:

Plan not less than three (3) social functions for convention. Two (2) functions on Saturday (one being the Banquet to which husbands or escorts may be invited) and Sunday Brunch. The Mixer shall not be a required function.

Proposed wording:

Plan not less than three (3) social functions. A combination of Mixer, Luncheon, Banquet (which could include a husband or escort as a guest) or Brunch/Breakfast. Any combination of these events could take place on Friday, Saturday, and/or Sunday.

Rationale: The cost of hosting and attending conventions is increasing at a very high rate. Having the flexibility for the entertaining chapter to make choices that fit the facility, food service and location and thinking of the cost for National Officers, Chapters and individuals who would be attending.

The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

ARTICLE VIII – PROVINCE STAND RULES COMMITTEE

Add:

3) It shall be the duty of this committee to prepare the Convention Rules for the upcoming Alpha Province Convention. Convention Rules to be reviewed by Assigned Officer prior to submitting to the Hostess Chapter. Approved Convention Rules shall be submitted to the Hostess Chapter no less than 30 days prior to the convention to be placed in the convention program.

Rationale: It is not stated in the Standing Rules that the duty of preparing the Convention Rules belongs to the Standing Rules Committee.

The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

The Chair introduced Laura Gullett, PNP, President, Delta Home Directorate, to give the report on Delta Home.

Mandy Allen, Director of Expansion and Growth, reported on behalf of Bonnie Wells, 2025 National Convention Coordinator. Information was provided for the 117th Delta Theta Tau National Convention. Loews Ventana Canyon Resort, Tucson, AZ; July 9 – 13, 2025

The Convention Secretary, Terry Riester, read communications. Notes were received from the following:

Junior Cruea, National Secretary
Kathy Haralson, Treasurer
Paula Neidlinger, Secretary of Philanthropy
Kris Trapp, Chairman, Board of Trustees
Evonne Albert, Secretary, Board of Trustees
Beth Wallis, Executive Secretary
Doris Sanders, Editor of GRIT
Michelle Westhues, Webmaster

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

Jan Marsh, Convention Co-Chair, made announcements and provided instruction for lunch break.

The meeting was recessed for the Cornucopia of Delts 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 President, to conduct the afternoon workshop. The National Officers presented workshop on the following.

DTT Trivia – True or False. Do you know the answer?
Form 52 – What hours are and are not allowed to be claimed on the Form 52.
Frequently Asked Questions – Review of several frequently asked questions in addition to taking questions from the floor.

National President, Karen Mace, concluded the workshop with a presentation on her theme, “Birds of a Feather Soar Together”. She detailed her journey on how she became a member of Delta Theta Tau Sorority and shared one of her many DIY projects with everyone – Cookies!

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

Nicole Tipton, Alpha Omega, Brazil, IN reported on updates for one of our philanthropic project recipients, Friendship House, in Terre Haute, IN. They recently received additional blessings with a donation of fencing and air conditioning.

Shannon Loughmiller, Alpha Province PEG, reported on chapter growth. Alpha Province has 12 Active Chapters and four (4) Alumnae Chapters. Awards for growth in membership in 2024 were presented to:

4th - Beta Sigma, Clinton, IN	1.05% increase (tied w/Beta)
4th - Beta, Elwood, IN	1.05% increase (tied w/Beta Sigma)
3rd - Iota Mu, Lynn, IN	1.07% increase
2nd - Lambda Epsilon, Plainfield, IN	1.09% increase
1st - Theta Lambda, Roachdale, IN	1.16% increase

Dana Anderson, 3rd Member, Board of Trustees, 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 2023. Awards were presented by Karen Mace, National President.

<u>Total Philanthropy Fund</u>	
Delta Xi, Alexandria, IN	\$19,773.77
Alpha Omega, Brazill, IN	\$17,000.18
Lambda Nu, Mooresville, IN	\$15,751.97
Beta, Elwood, IN	\$9,458.86
Alpha Omicron, Terre Haute, IN	\$9,153.33

<u>Philanthropy Fund per Capita</u>	
Alpha Omicron, Terry Haute, IN	\$1,144.17
Lambda Nu, Mooresville, IN	\$984.50
Delta Xi, Alexandria, IN	\$617.93
Alpha Omega, Brazil, IN	\$566.67
Lambda Epsilon, Plainfield, IN	\$563.76

<u>Total Volunteer Hours</u>	
Theta Lambda, Roachdale, IN	2,718.00
Alpha, Muncie, IN	2,593.50
Delta Xi, Alexandria, IN	2,385.00
Lambda Epsilon, Plainfield, IN	2,091.75
Lambda, Union City, IN	1,874.00

<u>Volunteer Hours per Capita</u>	
Alpha, Muncie, IN	324.19
Lambda Epsilon, Plainfield, IN	190.16
Theta Lambda, Roachdale, IN	151.00
Lambda, Union City, IN	144.15
Eta Lambda, Noblesville, IN	123.96

Nominations were opened for the 2025 Alpha Province Chairman. Cindy Crowder, Alpha Omega, Brazil, IN was nominated. There were no additional nominations from the floor.

With no other nominations, the Convention Secretary, Terry Riester, cast the elective ballot. Cindy Crowder, Alpha Omega, Brazil, IN was elected the 2025 Alpha Province Chairman.

Nominations were opened for the 2026 Alpha Province Convention Hostess. Members of Beta Sigma, Clinton, IN volunteered to host the 2026 Alpha Province Convention. There being no other bids, Terry Riester, Convention Secretary, cast the elective ballot for Beta Sigma, Clinton, IN to host the 2026 Alpha Province Convention.

The Chair declared a recess to prepare for the Installation of the 2025 Alpha Province Chairman.

Karen Mace, National President, presided over the Province Chairman Installation Service.

2025 Alpha Province Chairman, Cindy Crowder, provided her contact information.

Cindy Crowder
1198 W Park Avenue
Brazil, IN 47834
(812) 240-8123
cindy.crowder@indstate.edu
(that this email would soon be updated with an address specific for her DTT duties)

2025 Alpha Province Convention Co-Host Chapters, Lambda Nu, Mooresville, IN and Lambda Epsilon, Plainfield, IN provided an entertaining skit and handed out smore kits to invite all to "Come Glamping" at the Crowne Plaza, Indianapolis Airport, October 17-19, 2025.

The Chair, presented Traveling Award to the chapter with the most members by percentage present at the meeting. Lambda Epsilon, Plainfield, IN received the award with 70% 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 Jan Marsh and Karen Allen, Convention co-Chairman, for final announcements.

There being no further business, the Alpha Province Convention was adjourned at 3:58 p.m.
The meeting was closed with the Delta Closing Ceremony.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L. Riester

Terry L. Riester, PNP
Convention Secretary

Approved

Deborah K. Hamblet

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Alpha Province Chairman 2024

Dated: 12/02/2024

Karen A. Mace

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National President, Alpha Assigned Officer

Dated: 12/02/2024