

MINUTES OF 2025 BETA PROVINCE CONVENTION
DELTA THETA TAU SORORITY, INC.

The 2025 Beta Province Convention of Delta Theta Tau Sorority, Inc. convened at 9:00 a.m. November 1, 2025, at the Lions Civic Center, Portland, Indiana.

The Province Chairman, Jami Platt, called the meeting to order and introduced National President, Kris Trapp, Tau, Valparaiso, IN. Kris addressed the delegation.

The Chair introduced the 2025 Convention Chairmen, Julie Swoveland, Zeta Chi, Dunkirk, IN and Sue Ann McLaughlin, Zeta Alpha, Redkey, IN. They welcomed the delegation.

The Chair opened the business meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and Delta Prayer.

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

Initiation Ceremony was conducted by Kris Trapp, National President, and Junior Cruea, National Vice-President, with one new member initiated. Initiated was Hannah James, Xi, Portland, IN.

The Chair thanked the Initiation team and welcomed the newest member to Delta Theta Tau.

Junior Cruea, National Vice-President, conducted the Memorial Service for the following deceased Delta Sisters.

Beverly Everhart	Active	Alpha Delta	Huntington, IN	1/8/2025
Susan Smith	MAL	Alpha Delta	Huntington, IN	5/19/2025
June Niccum	MAL	Beta Upsilon-Gamma	Columbia City, IN	6/9/2024
Connie Rohrbach	MAL	Beta Upsilon-Gamma	Columbia City, IN	8/12/2025
Gloria Smith	MAL	Beta Upsilon-Gamma	Columbia City, IN	9/4/2025
Bette Grube	MAL	Beta Upsilon-Gamma	Columbia City, IN	9/8/2025
Arlene Darnstaedt	MAL	Delta Chi	Monticello, IN	1/14/2025
Norma Tomlin	MAL	Delta Chi	Monticello, IN	4/4/2025
Mary Mynhier	MAL	Eta Zeta	LaGrange, IN	12/9/2024
Linda Sikorski	Active	Kappa Rho	New Carlisle, IN	12/1/2024
Delores Woycik	MAL	Tau-Beta	Valparaiso, IN	7/13/2024
Sharon Dobis	MAL	Tau-Gamma	Valparaiso, IN	2/5/2025

The Chair thanked Junior for conducting the Memorial Ceremony.

The Convention Secretary, Jean Whitenack, read the Object of the Province.

The Chair welcomed the assembly.

The Chair introduced the Beta Assigned Officers, Secretary of the Board of Trustees, Dana Anderson and National Secretary Debi Hamblet.

The Convention Secretary called roll. All chapters answered present.

There were 27 voting members present, fourteen (14) chapters and twelve (12) Past Province Chairmen, and the current Province Chairman. The Chair declared a quorum established.

The Chair welcomed all those attending their first Beta Province Convention, including our newly-initiated member.

The Minutes of the 2024 Beta Province Convention were approved by the Assigned Officer. There being no request, the minutes were not read.

There being no objection, the order of business may be changed if deemed advisable.

The Chair introduced all National Officers, National Committee members and Chairman of National Committees present at this convention:

Kris Trapp, National President
Junior Cruca, National Vice-President
Dana Anderson, Secretary, Board of Trustees
Paula Neidlinger, National Treasurer
Debi Hamblet, National Secretary
Sharon Miller, Secretary of Philanthropy
Beth Wallis, Executive Secretary
Debbie Funk, XI, Portland, IN, Historian (PNP, Beta Convention Coordinator)
Terry Reister, PNP, National Legislative Committee, National Ritual
Committee, 2026 National Convention Coordinator
Julie Swoveland, PNP, PPC, National Philanthropy Committee.

The Chair introduced the Past National Presidents, Past National Officers, and Past Province Chairmen of Beta Province in attendance:

Virginia Benefiel, PNP
Rise Buzzard, PNP, PPC, Delta Home
Bonnie DeMeyer, PNP, PPC
Carolyn Scruggs, PPC
Jean Whitenack, PPC
Linda Lowe, PPC
Marcie Schlosser, PPC
Kay Webb, PPC
Laura Gullett, PNP, Delta Home Directorate, Alpha Province
Sue Comer, PNP, Alpha Province.

Those serving the convention were:

Convention Secretary: Jean Whitenack, Beta Zeta, Warsaw, IN
Sergeant-At-Arms: Christy Curts, Zeta Chi, Dunkirk, IN
Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms: Pam Robbins, Zeta Chi, Dunkirk, IN
Page: Marty Macy: Theta Kappa, South Whitley, IN
Tellers: Ann Barone, Tau, Valparaiso, IN and Jane Douglas, Tau, Valparaiso, IN.

Province Standing Rules Committee:

Rise Buzzard (chair), Alpha Delta, Huntington, IN
Sarah Smith, Alpha Delta, Huntington, IN
Yvette Downey, Zeta Zeta, Plymouth, IN.

Province Philanthropy Committee:

Carolyn Scruggs (chair), Zeta Chi, Dunkirk, IN
Kandi Antrim, Theta Nu, Albany, IN
Marcia Randolph, Beta Zeta, Warsaw, IN.

The Chair thanked those serving this Convention.

The Convention Secretary read communications from:

Evonne Albert, Chairman, Board of Trustees
Kathy Haralson, 3rd Member, Board of Trustees
Diane Redlarczyk, Alpha Rho
Doris Sanders, Editor of GRIT.

Dana Anderson, Assigned Officer, reviewed the contents of the Convention folder.

Rise Buzzard, Chairman of the Standing Rules Committee, read the Convention Rules.

1. Credential Badges shall be worn at all convention meetings.
2. All voting members of the Convention shall be in or near their seats at least five (5) minutes before each meeting.
3. The Sergeant-At-Arms will be instructed not to admit during Roll Call and during Sorority Ceremonies.
4. 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. Workshops are considered a meeting of the Province Convention.
5. The Province Chairman may change the order of business when deemed necessary.
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7. A delegate addressing the Chair, shall stand after being recognized, give her name, chapter name and city.
8. Main motions shall be written, signed by the maker of the motion and given to the Convention Secretary for the minutes.
9. 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 the convention.
10. 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.
11. When 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.

12. A delegate who finds it necessary to leave a business meeting must leave her credentials badge with the Sergeant-At-Arms. When the member returns to the meeting, the Sergeant-At-Arms will return her credentials badge.
13. Pages shall pass all notes and messages during the meeting.
14. Business or business casual attire is acceptable apparel for the convention meetings; this is defined as business dress, skirt, slacks or capris (this does not include jeans, shorts or t-shirts).
15. If a non-delegate wishes to speak, she asks permission of the Chair, and if the assembly does not object, she may speak.
16. So that all may enjoy the convention, all attendees are requested to refrain from side conversations during the business meeting.
17. During all business meetings and workshops all electronic devices and cellular phones will be turned off or placed on a silent/vibrate mode and should be put away. Limit use to breaks or outside the business room.
18. Members of the convention shall refrain from texting or playing games during the business meeting. Use is allowed during breaks only.

The Convention Rules were adopted as read.

The Financial Report of Beta Province was presented as a draft by the Province Chairman. A final report will be reviewed and accepted by the Beta Province Assigned Officers and sent out with the minutes to all chapters and voting members of the Province.

Kris Trapp, National President, presented the DEG presentation. She announced that Kendra Olson will serve as interim DEG at this time. There is still a need for someone to fill the Beta PEG vacancy.

Dana presented awards to chapters with the three highest percentages in increase of membership:

- 3rd place - Theta Kappa, South Whitley, IN 14.2%
- 2nd place – Eta Zeta, LaGrange, IN 16.7%
- 1st place – Tau, Valparaiso, IN 21.2%.

Rise Buzzard, Delta Home Directorate member, gave the yearly report of the Directorate.

Julie Swoveland, National Philanthropy Committee, gave the report of the National Philanthropy Committee.

Rise Buzzard, Chairman Beta Province Standing Rules Committee, reported that no changes were submitted for the Standing Rules in the required 60-day timeframe.

Terry Riester, 2026 National Convention Coordinator, presented plans for “Red, White, and Blue with a dab of Green” to be held July 8-12, 2026 at the Marriott Newport News City Center in Newport News, VA. Terry said there will be a salute to our military Delta sisters and a hands-on philanthropic project by making patriotic key ring decoration.

Carolyn Scruggs, Chairman of Province Philanthropy Committee, reported two projects were proposed for consideration for this year's philanthropic project. Secret Families Christmas Charity of Jay County was presented by Xi Chapter, Portland, IN and Hilltop Neighborhood House was presented by Tau Chapter, Valparaiso, IN.

There being no further business for the morning session, the meeting recessed until 1:30 p.m.

The Chair called the workshop to order at 1:30 p.m. and asked the Teller to check the delegate section and give the result to the Convention Secretary. It was reported that all fourteen (14) delegates were present.

The workshops were presented by the National Officers attending this meeting. There were informative presentations on Form 4 (Individual Membership Record), Form 6 (Chapter's Financial Treasurer Report), Form 7 (Remittance Advice) and Form 8 (Change in Membership Status).

Following the workshop, the Chair called the afternoon business meeting to order. The Teller reported that all delegates and voting members were present. A quorum was present.

The Chair presented the two proposed philanthropic projects to be voted on. Barb Cherep, Tau Chapter, Valparaiso, IN made a motion that the philanthropy funds be split between the two projects as a third option. Sheri Fell, Delta Chi, Monticello, IN seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Result of the vote for Philanthropy Project was two (2) votes for Secret Families Christmas Charity of Jay County; four (4) votes for Hilltop Neighborhood House ; twenty-one (21) votes for 50/50 split. Each project will receive \$720.00.

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

\$ 50.00	Kris Trapp, National President, in honor of Past National Presidents
\$ 50.00	Tau Chapter, Valparaiso, IN
\$ 25.00	Paula Neidlinger, National Treasurer
\$ 25.00	Doris Sanders, Editor of GRIT
\$ 27.79	Debi Hamblet, National Secretary
\$150.00	Xi Chapter, Portland, IN
\$ 20.00	Debbie Funk, Portland, IN
\$ 50.00	Donna Thompson, Delta Chi, Monticello, IN

Donated from the floor:	\$ 307.79
Donated from Philanthropy Fund:	<u>\$1,042.21</u>
Total:	<u>\$1,440.00</u>

The Chair read the Summary of Chapter Philanthropy. The top five chapters of the four categories of philanthropy awards were read by the Province Chairman and Kris Trapp, National President presented the awards. The full Philanthropy Report Summary for 2024-2025 is attached to these minutes.

BETA PROVINCE PHILANTHROPY SUMMARY

June 1, 2024 - May 31, 2025

Number of Chapters in Province.	14
Number of Chapters in Province Reporting.	14
Number of Chapters in Province Not Reporting	0
Number of Active Members in Province (report period) .	217

TOTAL PHILANTHROPY FUND

1. Tau, Valparaiso	\$55,692.48
2. Xi, Portland	\$32,231.25
3. Alpha Rho, Chesterton	\$15,400.69
4. Zeta Zeta, Plymouth	\$15,346.62
5. Kappa Rho, New Carlisle	\$14,039.58

PHILANTHROPY FUND PER CAPITA

1. Xi, Portland	\$1,895.96
2. Tau, Valparaiso	\$1,687.65
3. Kappa Rho, New Carlisle	\$ 935.97
4. Zeta Zeta, Plymouth	\$ 852.59
5. Delta Chi, Monticello	\$ 661.07

TOTAL VOLUNTEER SERVICE HOURS

1. Xi, Portland	2,393.50
2. Tau, Valparaiso	2,340
3. Zeta Zeta, Plymouth	1,726.75
4. Alpha Rho, Chesterton	1,447.50
5. Zeta Alpha, Redkey	1,334.15

VOLUNTEER SERVICE HOURS PER CAPITA

1. Xi, Portland	140.7941176
2. Zeta Zeta, Plymouth	95.9305556
3. Alpha Delta, Huntington	90.58769230
4. Zeta Chi, Dunkirk	83.98076923
5. Kappa Rho, New Carlisle	79.61666667

Total Philanthropy for Beta Province for 2025 was \$183,766.81 and total volunteer hours were \$1,895.96. The Chair congratulated the chapters for their hard work during the past year.

The White Bible was presented to Xi, Portland, IN for the highest per capita in philanthropy.

The Convention Secretary called the roll of the delegates to determine the number of members in attendance in each chapter. The attendance banner was awarded to Xi, Portland, IN with 78% of their members in attendance.

Nominations for the 2026 Province Chairman was the next order of business. Yvette Downey was nominated by her chapter. There being no other nominations the Convention Secretary cast the elective ballot for Yvette Downey for 2026 Beta Province Chairman.

Nominations for the 2027 Beta Province Convention site were then opened. Sigma, Marion, IN showed a possible interest but was concerned about doing it by themselves. It was mentioned that Beta Chapter, Elwood, was interested in co-hosting a combined Alpha-Beta Province convention with a Beta Province chapter. Alpha Delta, Huntington, IN offered the possibility of co-hosting. Response is due in 30 days to confer with the Elwood chapter. As of this time, no convention site was set.

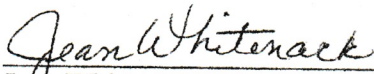
Members of Zeta Zeta, Plymouth, IN and Tau, Valparaiso, IN presented an invitation to the 2026 Province Convention "2026 Beta Girl's Weekend" to be held October 16-18, 2026 at Swan Lake Resort, 5203 Plymouth LaPorte Trail, Plymouth, IN .

National President, Kris Trapp, installed Yvette Downey as the 2025-2026 Beta Province Chairman. Yvette thanked the assembly and gave her current information as yvettedtt@gmail.com, Phone 717-468-8819.

Announcements: The banquet time was changed to 6:00 p.m. The President's t-shirts and sweatshirts were available with the proceeds going to the General Fund and Founders Fund.

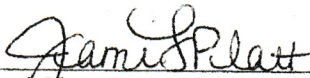
There being no further business, the Chair declared the 2025 Beta Province Convention adjourned. The meeting was closed in due form with the Delta Closing Ceremony.

Respectfully submitted,



Jean Whitenack, Convention Secretary

Date: November 19, 2025



Jami Platt, Beta Province Chairman

Date: November 19, 2025



Dana Anderson, Assigned Officer

Date: November 19, 2025



Debi Hamblet, Assigned Officer

Date: November 24, 2025