

92nd Epsilon Province Convention
November 1-3, 2019
Creve Coeur, MO.

WELCOME

Melanie Spangler, Epsilon Province Chairman, welcomed Delta sisters to the 92nd Epsilon Province Convention on Saturday, November 1, 2019 at 9:00 am. The convention was held at the Drury Inn and Suites, Creve Coeur, Missouri. It was hosted by Theta Delta, Sparta, IL and Omicron Psi, Red Bud, IL. The theme was “Walking in a Winter Deltaland”. The chair introduced the Convention Coordinators, Johanna Huggins, Omicron Psi, and Julia Hayes Theta Delta. Julia welcomed everyone and provided highlights of the activities for the day. The Province Chairman then led the delegation with the Delta opening ceremony and Delta Prayer.

Initiation Ceremony

Epsilon Province Expansion and Growth (PEG), Evonne Albert, Xi Phi, Marrison, IL, led the initiation ceremony. The initiation team was as follows:

- Pontifex Prima: Julia Hayes, Theta Delta, Sparta, IL
- Sargent at Arms: Donna Cathcart, Xi Phi, Marissa, IL
- Initiates:
 - Melissa Hart, Xi Phi, Marissa, IL
 - Marilyn Calvert, Xi Phi, Marissa, IL

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Julie Callis, Secretary, Board of Trustees, conducted the Memorial Service. The following sisters were remembered:

1	Bonnie Hasler	1/27/2019	MAL	Eta Sigma	Bridgeport, IN
2	Paula Myers	5/22/2019	Active	Kappa Omicron	Wood River, IL
3	Vickie Harvey	9/9/2019	Active	Omicron Alpha	Woodlawn, IL

OPENING

Province Chairman, Melanie Spangler, declared the meeting open in due form and ready to proceed with the regular order of business. Convention Secretary, Stacey Crutcher, read the Object of the Province.

ROLL CALL

The Convention Secretary called roll with twelve chapter delegates and seven other voting members present. The chair declared a quorum. One chapter, Epsilon Lambda of Pinckneyville, IL was absent. There were five new delegates and seven returning members. There were four first-time non-delegates in attendance.

CHANGING THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

There was no objection to changing the order of business.

INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair introduced the following National Officers in attendance”

Julie Callis, Lambda Theta, Martinsville, IN	Assigned Officer and National Secretary, Board of Trustees
Cathy Stanford, Omicron Alpha, Woodlawn, IL	Past National President, Convention Coordinator 2022

Past National Presidents and Past Province Chairmen in attendance:

Linda Dressen, Zeta Theta, Pana, IL	Past National President, Past Province Chairman
Christine Miller, Delta Rho, Mt. Vernon, IL	Past National President, Past Province Chairman
Arline Snow, Zeta Theta, Pana, IL	Past Province Chairman
Debbie Coonrod Vannoy, Omicron Pi, Bethel, MO.	Past Province Chairman, PN Office Grit
Evonne Albert, Xi Phi, Marissa, IL	PEG, Past Province Chairman

Deltas serving at this convention:

Assigned Officer	Julie Callis, National Secretary Board of Trustees Lambda Theta, Martinsville, IN
Parliamentarian	Cathy Stanford, Omicron Alpha, Woodlawn, IL
Epsilon Province Secretary	Stacey Crutcher, Omicron Alpha, Woodlawn IL

Sergeant-at-Arms:	Julia Hayes, Omicron Pi, Bethel, MO
Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms:	Brandy Steely, Theta Delta, Sparta, IL
Pages	Julie Trout Gayle Lawrence
Teller:	Dana Flynn Barbara Knapp
Standing Rules Committee	Debra Barrick, Chairman, Omicron Pi, Bethel, MO
Philanthropy Committee	Christine Miller, Delta Rho, Mt Vernon IL Debbie Coonrod Vannoy, Omicron PI, Bethel Mo. Linda Dressen, Zeta Theta, Pana, IL
P.E.G (Province Expansion and Growth)	Evonne Albert, Xi Phi, Marissa, IL.

COMMUNICATIONS

Secretary Stacey Crutcher read letters of regret for being unable to attend from the following:

Terry Riestler	Chairman, Board of Trustees
Bonnie Wells	National President
Kendra Olson	Director of Expansion and Growth
Kathy Haralson	Delegate, Zeta Upsilon, Seneca, IL
Mary Beth Godsey	National Secretary of Philanthropy
Julie Swoveland	National Vice President

MINUTES

The minutes from the last Epsilon Province Convention were previously approved by the Assigned Officer and there was no request to read the minutes.

Vote to excuse Epsilon Lambda of Pinckneyville, IL was postponed until the afternoon session.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Convention Rules

Debra Barrick, Omicron Pi, Bethel, MO and Standing Rules Committee Chair, came forward to read the Convention Rules. Copy of the rules were handed to the delegates. No second is required since the motion came from a committee. There was no discussion. There was a $\frac{2}{3}$ in the affirmative. Convention rules were adopted.

There were no proposals for new legislation or changes to existing legislation, and no proposals from the floor.

Break from 10:05 am – 10:20 am

P.E.G (Province Expansion and Growth)

Evonne Albert, Xi Phi, Marissa, IL, Province Expansion and Growth gave a report regarding growth in our Province Chapters. Evonne shared the definition of 20/20 vision and shared a few vision tricks to help us focus on 2020, the year of “Perfect Vision, Clear Mission”. Evonne shared Kendra Olson’s email address. Kendra has shared that there is the opportunity for two new chapters, one in Raleigh, North Carolina and one in St. Joseph, Missouri. Awards were presented to the chapters increasing their membership:

Theta Delta	Sparta, IL	11.11%
Omicron Psi	Red Bud, IL	7.69%
Epsilon Lambda	Pinckneyville, IL	6.67%
Zeta Theta	Pana, IL	5.26%
Omicron Alpha	Woodlawn, IL	4.76%
Beta Xi	Lawrenceville, IL	4.76%
Gamma Upsilon	West Frankfort, IL	3.45%
Xi Phi	Marissa, IL	3.03%

The meeting was recessed from 10:16 am - 10:26 am

Gail Heath made the announcement that any sister who wanted to attend Mass could meet in the hotel lobby at 5:30 pm.

Delta Home

Julie Callis, National Secretary Board of Trustees, Lambda Theta, Martinsville, IN gave the Delta home report on behalf of Jean Stromberski, Omicron Alpha, Woodlawn, IL. The Report is attached.

National Philanthropy Report and Alumnae Report

Shlonda Horton, Omicron Alpha, Woodlawn, IL presented the Philanthropy Report. The Philanthropic Project, chosen at the 2019 National Convention is Spike's K9 Fund; offered by the Gamma Province. Full philanthropy report is attached.

Grant Recipient

Epsilon Province did not award a grant for the 2018 year.

Financial Report

Melanie Spangler, Province Chairman reported she started the year with \$145.19. Added to the General Fund was \$250.00 for a total of \$395.19, and \$1005.00 was added to the Philanthropy Fund. An amount of \$395.19 was transferred from the General fund to the Philanthropy fund for a total of \$1400.19, after subtracting out the beginning balance of \$150 for the 2019-2020 year, a total of \$1250.19 is funds on hand.

Philanthropic Projects Committee

There were no projects submitted to the Philanthropy Committee prior to the Province Convention. Becky Lyles, Beta Xi, Lawrenceville, IL made a motion to accept nominations from the floor. Debbie Coonrod Vannoy, Omicron Pi, Bethel, MO seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous in favor. Two projects were offered from the floor. *Honor Wreaths for Veterans* presented by Cathy Stanford, Omicron Alpha, Woodlawn, IL. *Communities Taking Action – Shelby County Teen Center* presented by Debbie Barrick, Omicron Pi, Bethel Mo.

Break 11:11 am – 11:27 am

Announcements

The Chair requested that the Delegates and Voting Members complete a "Delegate Information Form". If any chapter wishes to donate to the Philanthropy Fund, they should complete the "Philanthropy Project Donation Form". Please return both forms to the Convention Secretary after the break. After our lunch break, workshops will be held. All delegates are required to attend the workshops. Workshops are provided for you to learn more about your sorority, share ideas and any concerns you might have. Non-delegates are encouraged to also attend. Any delegate not in their seats before the workshop begins will be fined \$1.00.

The meeting was recessed at 12:00 pm and reconvened at 1:30 pm.

Afternoon Session

National Philanthropy Project Update

Jodi Edgar Reinhardt with the National Foundation for Ectodermal Dysplasia (NFED) presented updates about the research for the treatment. She also presented the "Insuring Lasting Smiles Act" of October 2019. She encouraged all Delta sisters to visit the NFED website, WWW.NFED.ORG. There is a form letter to fill out and send to our legislators in support of this

act. Many Delta Sisters were able to submit this letter to their legislators from their phones before the day ended.

Workshops

Prior to the first workshop, Julie Callis, Assigned Officer, discussed the contents of the delegates' packet. Some of the contents included were the following:

- Revisions that were made to the National Bylaws in July, 2019. Julie pointed out the revisions.
- She reviewed the responsibilities of each role within the chapters from Form #61.
- Guidelines for the Teresa McAllister Outstanding Service Award and the Nomination Form
- She reviewed changes to Form #41, and provided an updated Index to Chapter Officers' Instructions.
- A review of Form #50, Application for Payment From Norma Money Benefit Fund.

Each delegate is expected to take this information back to their Chapters, and update their Chapter's binders.

First Workshop:

Presented by Julie Callis, Assigned Officer. A skit about the Norma Money Benefit Fund was read by Julie Callis and Parliamentarian and PNP Cathy Stanford. It was followed by a Question and Answer reading by Julie Callis sharing the requirements for applying for the fund. The reading explained who Norma Money was, and how and why the Norma Money Fund and the Benefit Fund combined to become the Norma Money Benefit Fund.

Second Workshop:

Michelle Greenwell, Webmaster, Omicron Pi, Bethel, MO. Michelle provided a thorough review of the Delta Theta Tau website, and instructions on how to join the private Facebook group.

Third Workshop:

Presented by Julie Callis, Assigned Officer. Everyone was handed a wooden cut out of a person. The word Anybody, Everybody, Somebody, or Nobody appeared on the wooden cut out. Julie read a story and every time your word was spoken, you were expected to raise your cut out. The story emphasized that everyone is needed when there is a job to be done.

Motion to excuse/not excuse absent Chapters

Christine Miller, Delta Rho, Mt. Vernon, IL made a motion to not excuse Epsilon Lambda of Pinckneyville, IL and to assess fines as directed in our bylaws. The motion was seconded by Linda Dressen, Zeta Theta, Pana, IL. Motion carried with a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority. Nineteen votes in the affirmative, three opposed.

Philanthropy Project Award

Stacey Inman, Xi Phi, made a motion for a third option; that the funds be split evenly between the two projects; *Honor Wreaths for Veterans and Communities Taking Action – Shelby County Teen Center*. Becky Lyles, Beta Xi, 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous in the affirmative and the motion carried. The Chair asked the Tellers to distribute the ballots to the voting members. The ballots were tallied and there was more than a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority for option three – splitting the funds evenly between the two projects.

Donations collected at Province totaled \$749.81 for a total donation of \$2000.00. Convention secretary read the donations that were collected at the convention. List is attached.

Philanthropy Report summary

Number of chapters in Province	13
Number of chapters in Province Reporting	13
Number of chapters in Province not reporting	0
Number of active members in province reporting	250
Total Philanthropy Fund	\$133,035.91
Total Volunteer Service Hours	31,475.25
Total Province Membership reporting as of 6/1/2018-5/31/2019	250

Philanthropy Awards

Melanie Spangler, Province Chairman and Cathy Stanford, Parliamentarian and PNP from Omicron Alpha, Woodlawn, IL recognized the top five chapters for their contributions to the Philanthropic Projects:

1. Xi Phi, Marissa, IL – \$28,052.47
2. Zeta Upsilon, Seneca, IL – \$25,719.24
3. Beta Xi, Lawrenceville, IN – \$18,606.24
4. Zeta Theta, Pana, IL – \$12,572.83
5. Delta Kappa, Anna, IL – \$8,758.05

Highest Philanthropy Fund	Xi Phi, Marissa, IL
Highest Philanthropy per capita	Beta Xi, Lawrenceville, IL
Highest Total Hours	Omicron Alpha – Woodlawn, IL
Highest Total Hours per Capita	Omicron Alpha – Woodlawn, IL

Attendance Banner

Secretary Stacey Crutcher called roll of the delegates to determine the numbers of members in attendance. The Attendance Banner was awarded to Zeta Theta, Pana, IL with 7 of 17 for 41% of members in attendance.

Break 2:09 pm - 2:20 pm

Province Chairman Nomination and Election

Debbie Barrick, Omicron Pi, Bethel MO. was nominated for Epsilon Province Chairman by Tina Eitel, Omicron Pi, Bethel Mo. There being no other nominations, Secretary Stacey Crutcher cast the elective ballot for Debbie Barrick as Epsilon Province Chairman for 2019-2020.

Break 3:31 pm - 3:46 pm

2021 Convention City

Evonne Albert, Xi Phi, Marissa, IL, made a bid to host Province Convention for 2021. Since there were no other bids Stacey Crutcher, Convention Secretary, cast the elective ballot to award hosting of the 2021 convention to Xi Phi, Marissa, IL.

93rd Province Convention

Joyce Morgan, Zeta Theta, Pana, IL presented information for the 2020 Province Convention. It will be held September 25 – 27, 2020 at the Thelma Keller Convention Center in Effingham, IL. Rooms are available at the Holiday Inn, Effingham, IL. Zeta Theta, Pana, IL and Kappa Omicron, Wood River, IL will be the Hosting Chapters.

Installation of 2019-2020 Province Chairman

Julie Callis, Assigned Officer, installed Debbie Barrick, Omicron Pi, Bethel, MO, as the 2019-2020 Province Chairman. Debbie thanked the assembly and gave her contact information:

Debbie Barrick
Phone: 660-676-9958
Email: DEBRAB@NSHELBY.K12.MO.US

Acknowledgements

Chairman, Melanie Spangler, thanked Julie Callis, Assigned Officer for all the help and support over this past year. Melanie also thanked her Chapter, Omicron Alpha, Woodlawn, IL. for the love and support and the beautiful bouquet of white roses. She thanked Stacey Crutcher, Omicron Alpha, Woodlawn, IL for serving as her Province Secretary. She thanked Evonne Albert, PEG, for a moving initiation ceremony and for all the alumni members who were able to attend this year.

2020 National Convention

Dana Flynn was accompanied by three other Delta Sisters. They were decked out in their Roaring 20's apparel as they presented information on the 2020 National Convention to be held July 8 – 12, 2020 in Oak Brook IL.

Announcements

Cathy Stanford, Omicron Alpha, Woodlawn, IL is the National Convention Coordinator in 2022. She has the central United States of North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas. She gave an overview of the hotels she has visited. Omicron Alpha, Woodlawn, IL will be providing the Registration. Xi Phi, Marissa, IL will be hosting the Mixer. Volunteers are needed for the Formal, Informal, and the Raffle. If anyone who would like to volunteer, contact Cathy via email CATHYSTANFORD3@GMAIL.COM.

Julie Callis, thanked Melanie for all she has done throughout the year and on a job well done as the Province Chairman. Julie presented gifts to Melanie, Stacey, Johanna, and Julia.

Chairman, Melanie Spangler, requested that all members of the Hosting Chapters rise and be acknowledged for their hard work, and thanked them for putting together a wonderful Province Convention.

Closing

At 2:56 pm, Province Chairman, Melanie Spangler, declared the meeting closed in due form until we shall meet again.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stacey Crutcher, Province Secretary
92st Epsilon Province Convention
November 2, 2019

Melanie Spangler
Epsilon Province Chairman

Stacey Crutcher
Epsilon Province Secretary

Julie Callis
Assigned Officer

Table of donations collected at 92nd Epsilon Province Convention

92nd Epsilon Province Convention Philanthropy donations			
Name	Chapter	City, State	Donation
Arline Snow	Zeta Theta	Pana, IL	\$50.00
	Zeta Theta	Pana, IL	\$50.00
	Omicron Pi	Bethel, Mo	\$50.00
Debbie Coonrod	Omicron Pi	Bethel, Mo	\$50.00
Cathy Stanford	Omicron Alpha	Woodlawn, IL	\$25.00
	Omicron Alpha	Woodlawn, IL	\$25.00
Evonne Albert	xiPhi	Marissa, IL	\$25.00
	Xi Phi	Marissa, IL	\$100.00
	Omicron Psi	Red Bud, IL	\$25.00
	Gamma Lamda	Marion, IL	\$50.00
	Beta Xi	Lawrenceville, IL	\$50.00
	Theta Delta	Sparta, IL	\$50.00
	Gamma Upsilon	West Frankfort, IL	\$50.00
	Tee Shirt Donations		\$47.00
Evonne Albert	Xi Phi	Marissa, IL	\$2.81
Julie Callis			\$100.00
	Total Donations		\$749.81