

# KENTUCKY STATE ORGANIZATION



# NEWS

## *International Guest*



**Lace Marie Brogden**, PhD, international first vice-president, is a member of Regina Chapter in Saskatchewan. Professionally, she is a full professor and Dean of the Faculty of Education at Laurentian University in Sudbury, Ontario, Canada. Her research interests include language teacher education, negotiating subjectivities, social justice in education, and autoethnography as method.

A member of DKG for 26 years, she has served in a variety of Society leadership roles, including as Chair of the International Scholarship and International Speakers Fund Committee. She is currently serving her fourth term on the administrative board, having served previously in the role of Area Representative - Canada (2010-2012), Northwest Regional Director (2012-2014), and international second vice-president (2018-2020).

Mother of two young adults, she loves spending time with her family and in the garden.

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# Updates from Beth, Bonnia, and Lucy

## Beth's Blog

Beginning another newsletter with an update on a virtual Zoom convention/conference is becoming a habit -- albeit a bad habit. I sincerely hope that this habit will be short lived from this point forward. Although the reason for this habit is outside our control, there have been a number of positive outcomes. For instance, we have done our part to keep our members safe which also helps to keep their family and friends safe – of this we can be proud.

A second positive is that many of us have become more technologically knowledgeable; speaking for myself, I have become more comfortable with hosting and participating in Zoom meetings. Switching hosts for screen sharing is my new skill.

We are all aware that Zoom meetings are not perfect and that we greatly miss the comradery of face-to-face meetings; however, Zoom meetings allow all members to participate because it lets members attend without the difficulties of time and/or travel restraints. Indeed, this was also the case during the 2020 DKG International Convention held virtually.

I feel that this biennium (2019-2021) is a “lost biennium.” We lost the in person opportunity to recognize our award recipients, to honor those in the remembrance service, and to raise money to use for our causes at the state level and the international level. During this virtual KSO convention we will recognize award recipients and we will have a memorial service; we will even have the installation of 2021-2023 state officers. The one aspect of our past conventions that I haven't figured out how to do virtually is our basket silent auction; maybe we can have a smaller version of this state tradition at the fall conference!?

I am looking forward to our KSO Virtual Convention on March 19 & 20 (the same dates as originally scheduled over a year ago) and I am looking forward to seeing you at one of more of the individual zoom sessions during the convention.

The tentative schedule of our upcoming KSO convention follows in a separate article.

## Bonnia Writes:

### **Educational Excellence News**

Thank you to those chapters who sent submissions for the KSO State Educator Awards and for the Annie Project Awards. No submissions were received for the Annie Program Awards, but we were not completely surprised. We realize how challenging it has been to hold meetings via Zoom. To add a vir-

tual program can seem difficult but it can be done. Please contact me if you need ideas for programs while we are limited due to Covid-19 restrictions. I will be glad to assist you.

While checking on several chapters, I learned that some of you have not had a meeting since last January or February. While we continue to make history, please keep thinking of ways to stay in touch with your members. You can assign members to pods, or use your phone tree, or email members. You can mail notes to those who do not have access to email. This seems like quite a lot, but it is not up to one member to do all this. We knew that no one in our chapter had the time to keep up with every member so we tried something new. We hold C3 Chats!

Alpha has had three business meetings via Zoom, and we have called a special meeting to work on the revision of our bylaws. Additionally, we assigned groups of members to caring groups or pods. Each pod or group has between five and eight members and that group is to check on one another as much as possible. We have also held C3 Chats via Zoom. What is a C3 Chat? The three Cs stand for Casual Covid-19 Check-in and we simply chat and find out what each of us has been doing or we share our challenges. It is a social meeting. Our C3 Chats are optional, and we have chats on different days and times. We have had several chats and intend to have a few more before we can meet in-person again. Our lowest C3 Chat attendance included five members and once we had sixteen members chatting. It has been a great way for us to stay in contact. I would be pleased to help your chapter get something like this started if you need support.

So, as I get this ready to go to press, your committee members are preparing to help with the judging of the award submissions. Thanks again to all who sent submissions and to all who are helping your EEC committee with the judging.

Your EEC Team, Chair, Bonnia Cook Fouts (Alpha), Donna Forsythe (Delta), Ruth Jarrell (Sigma), Bridget Murphy (Epsilon), Judy Reeves (Alpha Beta), and Pam Thomas (Upsilon)

## **Lucy Writes:**

### MEMBERSHIP

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! The weekend of March 19-21 we will be holding our annual Kentucky State Organization spring convention. Yes, virtually!!! I do miss all of you, I miss hugs, I miss your laughter and I even miss crazy Cheryl Slater's antics!! But, at least we will be able to see all the smiling faces that the ladies of DKG in Kentucky can provide.

During our convention we will hold our annual memorial service. This is the time where we remember those we've lost this past year. I promise that even virtually this will be a very meaningful time.

We will also be honoring sisters who have been members for 40, 50 and 60 years!! Can you be there to show the love that these ladies deserve?

And of course, we will be holding our initiation for new officers for the upcoming biennium.

With this convention being virtual, there is no cost for registration, no cost for hotel rooms and no time needed for travel. It is a perfect time for us all to connect. Encourage your chapter members who are not able to come to conventions to log in and participate. The more the merrier!!

I'm eagerly waiting to see all of your beautiful faces!!

Lucy Riffle

2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Membership Chair

#### Nomination Committee Report 2021

The nomination committee welcomed a new member, Loretta Bednar. The committee members began the year by corresponding with one another to try to select members from nominations received to serve as officers for the years 2021-2023. Members worked diligently to select a group of ladies willing to serve the state organization with a joyful heart. After many emails and phone calls, a slate of officers was established to present at the state meeting in March 2021.

President – Bonnia Fouts (Alpha)

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Lucy Riffle (Zeta)

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Cherie Mingus (Mu)

Recording Secretary – Patricia Hackworth (Tau)

Corresponding Secretary – Diane Woods (Alpha Alpha)

Members of the nomination committee are:

Loretta Bednar Judy Lester Pam Manker Tina Shawler Jonna Smith

**The DKG KY State Organization Finance Committee met via Zoom on Feb. 3, 2021.**

**After reviewing and discussing the finances for the 2019-2020 fiscal year, the committee developed a proposed budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.**

**Please preview the document as it will be presented for approval at the virtual DKG KY State Organization Convention.**

**Kentucky Alpha Gamma State  
Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
Proposed Budget FY 2021-2022**

<b>Income</b>		
	Dues and Fees	7,575
	Non Dues Revenue	4,135
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>11,710</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
	<i>Program Expenses</i>	
	Miscellaneous	200
	<b>Total Program Expenses</b>	<b>200</b>
	<i>Volunteer Expense</i>	
	State President Expenses	2,000
	Executive Secretary Expenses	250
	Treasurer Expenses	200
	Committee Expenses	300
	Immediate Past President	400
	Tulip Poplar Ambassadors	200
	Fall Workshop	750
	International Convention Austin, TX	
	Southeast Regional Conference	3,500
	State Convention	1,800
	<b>Total Volunteer Expense</b>	<b>9,400</b>
	<i>General and Administrative</i>	
	Postage	100
	Printing/Supplies	700
	Insurance - Travel/Liability	600
	Treasurer's Bond	360
	CPA/Auditing Fees	350
	<b>Total General and Administrative Expense</b>	<b>2,110</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>11,710</b>
<b>Net Budget</b>	<b>Income less Expenses</b>	<b>0</b>

# Convention Schedule

Central Time	Session	Eastern Time	
6:00 - 7:00 PM	Social Hour Open House	7:00 – 8:00 PM	<u>Friday, March 19, 2021</u>
8:30 – 10:30 AM	Business Meeting	9:30 – 11:30 AM	<u>Saturday, March 20, 2021</u> All Reports Budget Slate of Officers International Report
10:45 – 11:15 AM	Treasurers	11:45 AM – 12:15 PM	<u>Saturday, March 20, 2021</u> Shelia Wilkinson
11:45 AM – 1:15 PM	Awards	12:45 PM – 2:15 PM	<u>Saturday, March 20, 2021</u> Annie Awards Women of Vision Membership Milestone “Rosebuds” ? KSO Leader Award ?
1:45 PM – 3:30 PM	Memorial Service	2:45 PM – 4:30 PM	<u>Saturday, March 20, 2021</u>
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Installation	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	<u>Saturday, March 20, 2021</u> Guest Speaker KSO Hall of Fame Star of the SE Mentor Roses (outgoing officers) Installation of 2021-2023 State Officers



## Slate of Officers for 2021-2023

### President –Bonnia Cook Fouts

I was delighted to accept the nomination for KSO President, and in my excitement, I immediately emailed my sisters in Alpha, and thanked them for their confidence in me as it was they who recommended me for a position as a state officer a few years ago. I felt that same excitement when I received my invitation from Alpha to join DKG in 2005. I had attended the 2005 state convention as a guest, and after attending the business meeting, luncheon, and president's banquet, I knew that I wanted to be a part of the camaraderie. I was an educator being called to genuine spiritual fellowship with an opportunity to promote education globally and to help further advancements in education.

Since the day of my induction into DKG, I have participated in nearly every state, regional, and international convention. Within Alpha, I have served as chapter president, 2<sup>nd</sup> vice-president, co-treasurer, and chair of several committees. At the state level, I served on the scholarship, non-dues revenue, and educational excellence committees. I also chaired the social media committee before starting up the ladder to become your president. From 2014-2016, I had the awesome opportunity to serve on the International Educational Excellence Committee. Working with the international officers at our national headquarters in Austin, Texas was simply surreal.

My involvement in other organizations has been greatly reduced so that I can give each of you the attention you deserve. Though retired, I may continue to substitute teach as needed, but my primary work shall be for KSO. Furthermore, I am supported by my husband, Bob; my mom who is now 91; and the families of our two adult children that include five wonderful grands who call me Nana.

Yes, I am disappointed that our upcoming installation of officers must be virtual; however, our health and safety come first. I look forward to serving KSO by stepping up to be your president. I want to support and guide you if needed and together we will continue as the vibrant educational organization we have always been. Where else can we find nearly a thousand sisters in most every avenue of education for professional networking and socialization? It will be fantabulous when we can once again gather in-person for our state and chapter activities. Until that day arrives, I thank God every day for the ability to Zoom together. And I hope to see you soon via Zoom!



## Slate of Officers for 2021-2023

### First Vice President-Lucy Riffle

Lucy R. Riffle has been a member of Delta Kappa Gamma since 1993. Since her initiation she has been First Vice-President and President (twice) of her chapter, Zeta. During her time as President she became involved in Kentucky Alpha Gamma State organization. She served as chairperson for the History Committee for two bienniums, KSO's representative to the US Forum and recording secretary. This past biennium Lucy served KSO as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Membership chair. Lucy has attended both International conventions and SER conferences in a variety of locations.

Lucy is married and has one step-son, Joshua. She also has two beautiful granddaughters. Lucy started her teaching career in 1977 as a primary teacher. She then moved into administration. Lucy retired as Principal of Tichenor Middle School in 2004 and currently works as a consultant for the Kentucky Center for School Safety, and The Kentucky School Board's Association. Lucy also serves on the Alumni Board for Eastern Kentucky University.





## Slate of Officers for 2021-2023

### Second Vice President—Cherie Mingus

Cherie Mingus, a member of Mu Chapter since 2007, is currently serving her third term as President. Since joining Delta Kappa Gamma, Cherie has been active on both the local and state levels. In 2017, she served as the KSO Convention Chairperson held in Elizabethtown. In 2018, she co-chaired as the Non-Dues Revenue Chairperson with Judy Payne. Since 2019, Cherie has served as a KSO Membership Committee member.

Cherie Mingus is a retired Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher having taught for 32 ½ years. During her teaching career she has held several offices in various organizations. Cherie has been the National Association Teachers of Family and Consumer Sciences (NATFACS) President, the Kentucky Association Teachers of Family and Consumer Sciences (KATFACS) President, the Kentucky Association of Career and Technical Education (KACTE) President, and the Kentucky Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (KAFCS). In 2017, Cherie was inducted into the University of Kentucky School of Human Environmental Sciences Hall of Fame. Cherie serves as the Nominating Chairperson for the Kentucky State Family and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA).

Cherie Mingus is also active in her community. She currently volunteers for the Hosparus Thrift Shoppe, serves on the Youth Theatre of Hardin County as the Secretary, serves as Vice President for the Hardin County Homemakers as well as the Secretary for the Cecilia Homemakers. Cherie is married to Gordon Mitchell Mingus and they have two adult children – Michael Mingus and Cherise Mingus. Michael is married to Lindsey Oakes and they have one daughter, Eilee Jean.



## Slate of Officers for 2021-2023

### Recording Secretary—Patricia Hackworth

Patricia Hackworth has been in education for twenty-four years. She worked for 12 years in Knott County as an English teacher and District Literacy Coach. She currently works at Betsy Layne High School. For ten years, she was the Senior English teacher and for the past two years, Patricia has been the Assistant Principal. Her core administrative leadership principle is to be an administrator like she needed when she was a teacher. Teachers are where the rubber meets the road, so to speak, and the job of an administrator is to help both the staff and students have success.

She is currently Vice-President of the local KEA Chapter (Floyd County Education Association) and President of Tau Chapter, KSO. Patricia is also the Grant Literacy Lead for the Striving Readers Grant and a member of the RCA (Ron Clark Academy) club.

Patricia and her husband, Keith, live in Prestonsburg, KY and share their home with one fur baby, Lady Macbeth Hackworth. She loves to read, write and wishes that she had a green thumb. Patricia appreciates the fellowship and sisterly love from her KSO sisters and is blessed to be a part of the organization.



## Slate of Officers for 2021-2023

### Corresponding Secretary—Diane Woods

#### **Educational History:**

Morehead State University, Bachelor of Science Vocational Home Economics and Masters of Arts Adult and Continuing Education  
University of Kentucky, Rank 1 Educational Administration and Supervision and Superintendent Endorsement

#### **Career Employment:**

Campbellsville Independent Schools Superintendent  
Georgetown College Clinical Observer for students in the principal and Teacher Education Program  
Kentucky Center for School Safety (KCSS), Consultant and Team Leader

#### **Leadership and Volunteer Positions:**

Alpha Alpha Chapter KSO Delta Kappa Gamma Society President  
Bluegrass Retired Teachers President  
Central Kentucky West Retired Teachers, Secretary  
Governor Andy Beshear's Transition Team 2019  
Kentucky African American Heritage Commission 2020

#### **Personal:**

Mother of 1 Son, Branden Keith Woods, currently serving at U.S. Naval Station Keflavik, Iceland. Four grandchildren: Naomi, Elijah, Malakai and Acacia

### KEY Women of Vision

We are recognizing **KEY Women of Vision** again this year at the State Convention. The Women of Vision Award is given to members, living or deceased, who have encouraged other DKG members over the years. These members have not necessarily held an office or served in a leadership role; but have been instrumental in making other members' DKG experience a glorious one because of their encouragement. Women may be nominated by any member of the Society. Chapters are encouraged to nominate members for this recognition. There is no limit on the number of people that can be nominated by an individual or a chapter.

**This year, please consider anyone who has given outstanding compassion or aid to their community or members during this dreaded pandemic that we are experiencing.**

A donation of \$5 for each nominee must accompany the nomination. Checks should be made payable to KENTUCKY STATE ORGANZIATION.

Please complete the following form and return it to:

Karen Martin  
10630 Lower River Road  
Union, KY 41091-9794

**Nominations must be received no later than March 5, 2021**

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Nominees: \_\_\_\_\_

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Kentucky State Organization Convention  
Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
March 30, 2019  
Louisville, KY  
Executive Board and General Business Session

## Call to Order

The Executive Board and General Session of the State Convention of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Kentucky State Organization was called to order on Saturday, March 30, 2019, by Kentucky State President **Kathy Zwanzig**, (XI). An Inspirational thought was given by **Mary Cat Flath**, Corresponding Secretary (Epsilon). The Welcome was given by **Tina Shawler**, KSO Convention Chair (XI). Response to the Welcome was given by **Bonnia Cook Fouts**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President (Alpha). Introductions of the Head Table were given by President **Kathy Zwanzig** (XI) and included **KSO Officers and Elaine Warwick**, International Guest.

Roll call was read by State Recording Secretary **Lucy Riffle** (Zeta)-seven state officers; five past state presidents; and seventeen chapter presidents or their representatives were present constituting a quorum.

Minutes of the 2018 Alpha Gamma State Convention were presented in the Convention Book of Reports. They will stand approved as read.

The Treasurer's Report was presented and discussed by State Treasurer, **Shelia Wilkinson** (Mu), as it appeared in the Convention Book of Reports. It will be filed for audit.

Correspondence: A thank you was read from Carolyn Pittman, International President for KSO's donation to World Fellowship. A sympathy card was received from the President of Alabama State Organization for the death of Jane Thompson. A thank you was read from A Shot For Life for our donation as last year's convention.

## Committee Reports

### Society Business Committees

Communications – **Karen Martin** (Upsilon), submitted a committee report to the Convention Book of Reports.

Finance – **Karin Edgington** (Upsilon) presented the proposed budget that was printed in the Convention Book of Reports. The 2019-2020 proposed budget was approved by both the executive board and the general membership.

Leadership Development – **Priscilla Roberts** (Upsilon) submitted a committee report printed in the Convention Book of Reports.

Membership – **Bonnia Cook Fouts** (Alpha) [submitted a committee report printed in the Convention Book of Reports.](#)

Nominations – **Jonna Smith** (Delta) submitted the proposed slate of officers. They are:

Beth Pyle (Delta) – President  
Bonnie Cook Fouts (Alpha) – 1<sup>st</sup> VP  
Lucy Riffle (Zeta) – 2<sup>nd</sup> VP  
Mary Cat Flath (Epsilon) – Recording Secretary  
Cheryl Slater (Nu) – Corresponding Secretary

It was moved by Susan Cross and seconded by Charlotte Benton to vote on the slate as a whole.  
All ayes – motion carried. The slate was then voted on, all ayes, motion carried.

### Society Mission and Purpose

Educational Excellence – **Beth Pyle** (Delta) submitted committee report printed in the Convention Book of Reports.

Rules – **Judy Lester** (NU) gave a proposal for guidelines for the executive secretary. The rules committee reported that the by-laws need to be updated to correspond with the changes in the International by-laws. The recommendation for the executive secretary duties came from a committee. The executive board and membership voted to approve this recommendation.

### Other Committees

Strategic Action Plan – **Patsy Young** (Mu) submitted a committee report printed in the Convention Book of Reports.

Hall of Fame – **Melanie VanTassel** (Mu) submitted a committee report printed in the Convention Book of Reports.

Order of the Tulip Poplar – **Pascal Bailey** (Mu) submitted a committee report printed in the Convention Book of Reports.

Non-Dues Revenue – **Bridget Murphy** (Epsilon) gave an explanation of monies that will be collected from the grab bags, vendors and basket auction.

Social Media– **Lucy Riffle** (Zeta) submitted a committee report printed in the Convention Book of Reports. She advised that we are currently in need of a new webmaster.

Music –**Beth Donnelly** (Theta) and **Judy Ihrig** (Upsilon) [submitted a committee report printed in the Convention Book of Reports.](#)

### **Individual Reports**

U.S. Forum Report – **Karen Clark** (Alpha Gamma) submitted a committee report printed in the Convention Book of Reports.

State President’s Report – **Kathy Zwanzig** (Xi) submitted committee report printed in the Convention Book of Reports.

**BREAK – A Musical Interlude –Judy Ihrig** (Upsilon) lead the group in song.

**Introduction of International Guest – Beth Pyle (Delta)**

**Elaine Warwick** Southeast Regional Director from Franklin, Tennessee greeted KSO members with a presentation about DKG. She invited everyone to the international conference June 27-29 in Ashville.

**Unfinished Business**

**No unfinished business**

**VI. New Business**

**There was no new business**

**VII. Call for Invitations**

2019 International Conference wick (Southeast Regional)	June 27-29	Ashville, NC – Elaine War-
2019 Fall Leadership Workshop Roberts extended the invitation	Sept 6-7	Lexington, KY – Priscilla
2020 KSO State Convention	April 6-8	Lexington, KY
2020 International Convention	July	Philadelphia, PA
2020 Fall Leadership Workshop	September 11-12	Lexington, KY
2021 State Convention	TBA	Bowling Green, KY
2021 Fall Leadership Workshop	TBA	Lexington, KY

**VIII. Announcements**

**Tina Shawler (XI)** – gave general conference announcements.

**IX. Meeting Adjourned**

Meeting was adjourned by President **Kathy Zwanzig (XI)**.

Respectively Submitted,  
Lucy Riffle (Zeta)  
Recording Secretary (2017-2019)