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NC DKG
President
Beth Winstead
2021-2023

Consent Agenda Sent to All Members

Something new will happen at this convention- amendments for the standing rules and bylaws will be sent as a consent agenda to all members using the email address on file with International. This allows all members, not just the ones at convention, to have a vote in the governing documents of NC DKG. Please take the time to read through these and make sure you understand those changes; if you have questions, email and ask them. If you are concerned about something and wish to have more of an explanation, then ask to have that proposal pulled out to be clarified at convention. Items on the consent agenda go straight to the membership at the Second General Meeting on Saturday morning. Start thinking about volunteering to be on a state committee next year. The president of the 2023-2025 biennium will have an interest form on the website in May. Take another step in your DKG journey and serve on a state committee.

President Beth



Dr. Debbie LeBlanc
2022-2024
International President

Creating Connections the
Old-Fashioned Way: One
Call at a Time

Lately, I have found incredible satisfaction in a simple, somewhat old-fashioned practice: a telephone conversation. I often need to speak to women in our organization and, rather than send an email or text, I am committing myself to pick up the phone and call. Most often the response on the other end is one of surprise that someone in my position, so busy with so many different things, would have time to talk with her. But I do. In these conversations, I hear stories of celebrations, chapter and state organization projects, meeting programs, and, of course, personal life updates from members. These conversations include moments of laughter, words of passion, and notes of concern, but I always try to end with mutual support and kindness.

These phone calls reveal so much more than a text or email. My favorite way to end the phone call is to say "yes" to attending a chapter or state organization meeting (usually by Zoom). I am also learning to focus completely on this conversation, to lean into those few moments without distracting myself by multitasking. To be honest, that is a new learning curve for me. Your state organization conventions this spring will provide similar opportunities. Per request from many state organizations, a Society Representative will attend these conventions. She will meet all of you and learn about all the different things happening around your state organization. She will also host a relevant workshop and a presentation featuring a roundtable discussion, bringing with her an Administrative Board message to get you up to date with international information. She is ready to learn more about the needs of your members and do her best to discuss your ideas and/or concerns over the course of the weekend. Don't be too shy to speak with her! She is there to assist in any way she can to help make your convention informative, inspiring, and relevant to your members.

Luckily, it seems we are finally getting to a better place where in-person meetings are once again possible. This summer there will be three magnificent conferences in three very different cities: Detroit and Phoenix in the United States and Tampere in Finland. They will all be unique thanks to the locations, workshop presentations, exciting preconference events, and keynote speakers. Attending any individual conference will provide a great opportunity to visit an incredible city and fully immerse yourself in the experience. The gatherings will also provide an opportunity to network with women from all parts of the world and learn about local customs and traditions as well as educational practices. The conferences provide the perfect chance to celebrate our diverse organization. You can find information for each conference in this newsletter and on the dk.org website.



Town Hall Meeting

ALL MEMBERS WELCOME TO ATTEND
Member feedback is essential

Moving DKG forward requires informed and strategic decision making, so member feedback and input is essential. Please join us for a series of Town Hall meetings. Our first conversations will focus on future conferences and conventions.

Please Join Us:

(All times below are in Central Time)

Wednesday, April 26 at 5 PM

Join the Call

Thursday, April 27 at 10:30 AM

Join the Call

Wednesday, May 3 at 12:30 PM

Saturday, May 20 at 10:30 AM

(with the administrative board)



State News



NC DKG *Convention*

REGISTRATION AND HOTEL

Registrations for the 2023 NC DKG Convention are coming in, and plans are being finalized for the Greenville event to be held April 28-30.

Early registration closed on April 9. The fee increased by \$10 after that date, and meal tickets and materials are not guaranteed.

Hotel registration is available through the Greenville, NC Holiday Inn website but is easiest made with a phone call to the hotel at 252-355-8300 during normal business hours.

Mention the code DKG for the group rate.

*Linking the Past, Present and Future...
Key Women Educators Moving Forward*



April 28-30, 2023





State and Chapter News



One Member, One Vote Inauguration to Happen at Convention on Amendment Proposals

Every NC DKG member will have the opportunity to vote on the changes to the NC DKG Bylaws and Standing Rules, following the One Member, One Vote process as part of the state convention to be held April 28-30 in Greenville. The proposals will be sent to each member who has a valid email address on file with International six weeks prior to the convention by NC DKG Executive Secretary Elizabeth Miers. Members will have until March 31 to request proposals be pulled for discussion or amendment at the convention. Requests need to be in writing (electronically) to the Rules Committee. The other proposals will be presented to everyone for vote as a consent agenda, meaning those proposals will be voted on as a whole and not on each individual proposal. The Rules Committee will create a ballot, again sent to everyone by Elizabeth, which will be voted on electronically by April 21. The vote will be ratified at convention. Because the amendments are being presented as a consent agenda, they will not be presented to the Administrative or Executive boards. Any amendments pulled from the consent agenda will be discussed during the Second General Meeting, which will start at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday. Voting will then take place after the discussion on those proposals.

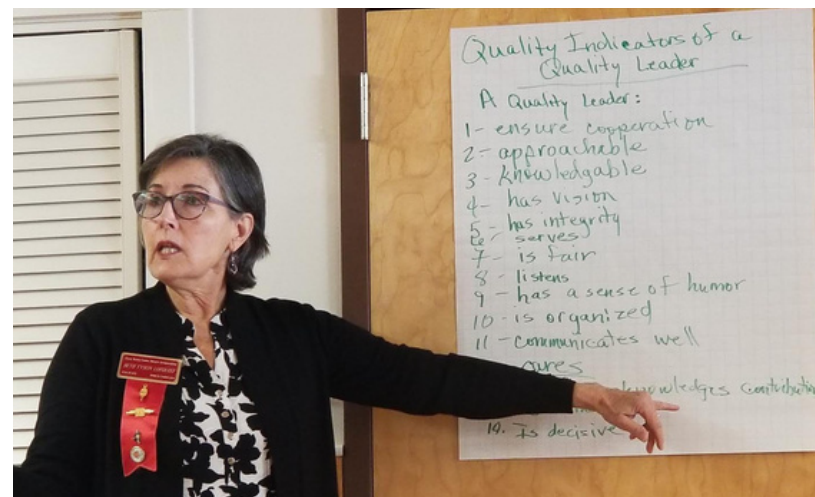
What to Expect Related to Proposed Amendments at Convention

The Rules Committee, chaired by Diane Pina, has studied and organized the proposed amendments submitted to them and will share those with all members six weeks before the first day of the convention. Two Standing Rules (SR) proposals come from the Finance Committee and relate to reducing and simplifying convention finances. The fiscal impact statement says, "Based on the 2022 convention, overall reimbursements totaled over \$11,000. The proposed change is to reduce reimbursement by paying travel at \$0.25 rather than \$0.32, covering only two convention program-based meals, and not reimbursing the registration fee." The SR allow reimbursements for state officers, regional directors, parliamentarian, state committee chairs, convention chair, registration chair, executive secretary, state treasurer, editor, and webmaster. All of the other proposals come from the Communications and Marketing Committee or the Personnel Committee, and most relate to making NC Data editor a related personnel position. That rationale states, "The Personnel Committee has proposed that the NC Data editor be included in the Related Personnel category. If this proposal passes, the NC Data editor would be included in all Bylaw items that include other related personnel. The work and scope of NC Data has grown over the last 12 years and the editor's position should be recognized as a related personnel in keeping with that work and scope. Publishing a quality monthly bulletin requires time and a deep knowledge of DKG and NC DKG. Making it a related personnel position would allow the Personnel Committee to create a job description to ensure skills, knowledge, and expectations are outlined and to select a qualified candidate for a set term. The editor of NC Data provides unique, valuable contributions to NC DKG on the same scope and scale as NC DKG News editor and webmaster and should be valued at that same level." One other proposal requests the addition of NC DKG News before the word editor to clarify the position being referenced.

Alpha Iota Meetings are Awesome! And so are our hostesses!



March Meeting



Alpha Iota News

IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR MAY 20 MEETING**Location Change: Truett Memorial Baptist Church**

Address is: 193 Church Street; Hayesville, NC 28904

Not able to attend the meeting?**Please RSVP with your regrets by 5/10/23**to Reba Beck at sambeck2@frontier.com

phone: 828 361-5782

Please remember that each member is responsible to let the lead hostess know if you will not be attending a scheduled meeting.

Otherwise your attendance is expected.

This is extra especially important when our meal is catered.

You will be responsible for the cost if you do not send regrets.

We are excited to share that the May Meal will be catered from the fabulous Epic Catering Company of Hayesville.

The meal will be \$ 20.00 and Includes:

- Epic Greek Salad-(Romaine Lettuces with Mild Feta, Sweet Onions, Quick Pickled Peppers, Cucumbers, Olives and Roasted Sweet Onion Dressing)
- Beef Lasagna
- Eggplant Parmesan
- Italian Breadsticks
- Fresh Fruit Cocktail
- EPIC Cookies,(Pecans, Chocolate and Cranberries)
- Double Chocolate Brownie Platter

***Please remember to wear your new chapter shirt to the May 20 meeting to make a group photo & to celebrate Founder's Day and welcome our new inductee! ***

Reba Beck, our lead hostess,

is the contact for the

Clay County Historical and Arts Museum.

She has made arrangements to open the building for a tour after our meeting for all those interested. It is just 2 minutes away-right on the way back through the lovely little town of Hayesville.

Please join in if you can!



**Clay County Historical & Arts Museum.
21 Davis Loop in the old jail.**

Alpha Iota News

ALPHA IOTA MINI-GRANTS TO MEMBERS



Pictured: Taste test table.

April Tallant received a \$75 mini-grant to provide a program for WCU faculty, staff and students called, "Intuitive Eating for Well-being." Tallant, a registered dietitian, presented the ten principles of intuitive eating and provided a taste-test including various cheeses, gluten free crackers, sweet rolls, blueberry lavender fruit spread, apple pie fruit spread, grapes, and three types of local honey.

"I would like to thank Alpha Iota for the mini-grant funding. The program would not have been possible without the funding. I learned a lot from the book purchased that helped me to prepare for the program. Participants expressed gratitude for the program, the delicious food, and asked for similar programs to be offered in the future."

\$ Important Info from Treasurer Julie \$

Meals: our chapter must guarantee a certain number of people for catered meals.

If you do not send regrets and do not attend, then the cost of your meal comes out of our operating fund.

Julie then sends out notices asking for reimbursement to the chapter.

So, please, let the lead hostess know if you are unable to attend asap!

Treasurer Julie wanted to announce that she will begin accepting annual dues payments at the May 20th meeting.

Dues for active member are \$79
Reserve member dues are \$43.



Alpha Iota News

SPECIAL PROJECT UPDATE!

Amy Hobbs received this update from Travis Sawyer of Graham County about Mara Academy in Kenya.

"It has been an extremely busy week with the medical group here but they are amazing and have helped so many people. Also, in the past couple weeks we have started phase 2 of the high school. It is amazing to look back over the past year and see what God has done through His people in giving and praying for this project. Phase 2 is not quite as big as phase 1 was, but still a big project. It will be 6 more classrooms, a home science room or a massive kitchen, a sewing room with about 20 sewing machines, a music room, a boys boarding that will sleep 108 boys and a girls boarding that will sleep about 96 girls. It is such a beautiful school and we currently have about 130 students.

We will for sure need to have at least 2 classrooms and the boys boarding done by January for the 2 new classes we will be receiving- and that's another 80 students. To build phase 2, which means to finish the high school and 2 dorms with current prices is right at \$92,000! We are stepping out and have started some of it with what little we have. Please pray with us and share and give if you can. 100% of what you give goes to what you designate it for. We are so thankful for all of you who give to these ministries and projects."

(If you wish to make individual donations in addition to our chapter support of the school) you can do so through the following link:

<https://straightupmissions.com/donate/>



Book Exchange - Mara Academy

Our approach helps local communities and rural Maasai schools identify the most talented and vulnerable children and offer a development plan for them at MaraGirls. <https://mglschool.com/>

President's Message



Spring is here and our mountain communities are even more exquisite as new foliage radiates over our natural environment. In the same way, seasons shine in each of us. For some, we are entering new seasons of life, such as becoming grandparents or empty-nesters. For some, we are right in the middle of a season and need a fresh reminder that where we are and what we do is important.

During our May meeting, we will celebrate our organization's history, purpose, and our mission forward. I encourage each of us to lean into our calling with the bounce of springtime and the confidence of our purpose!

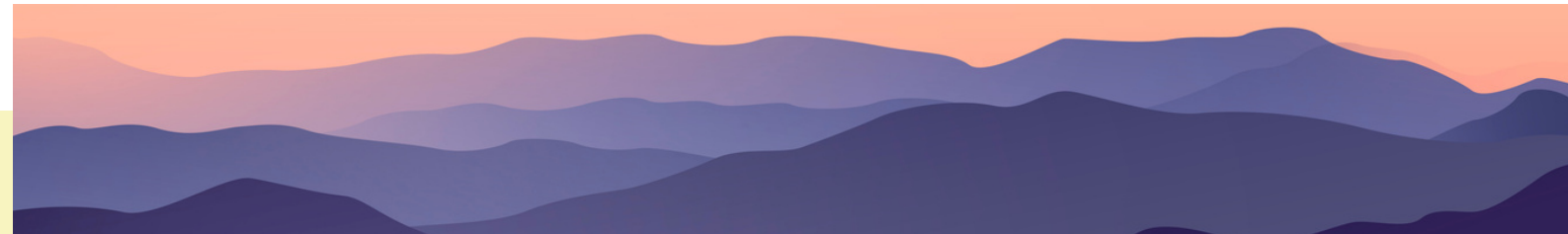
Isaiah 43:19: See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

Thank you for ALL that you do!
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Celebrations and Concerns

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- Please remember Jenna West and her family as her mother Dianne passed away on Holy Thursday.
- Please also continue to remember our members (many who are on Reserve membership) who can no longer attend meetings regularly. We are so happy to see them when they can attend!
- Please wish President Tracie and myself safe travels and good luck as we travel to Greenville at the end of the month to make presentations at the NC DKG 2023 Convention.
- Make sure to check out Lisa Bloom's recent podcast discussion about creativity and reaching our gifted and talented students. <https://podcasts.apple.com/.../theyll-be.../id1659962088...>
- Let us wish April Tallant safe travels good luck as she presents with colleagues at the University of North Carolina Learning & Technology Symposium April 13-14 in Charlotte, NC.

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Alpha Iota Chapter Meetings

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Upcoming DKG Events

April 28-30, 2023	NC DKG State Convention Greenville, NC
July 11-16, 2023	DKG International Conference, Detroit, Michigan
July 18-22, 2023	DKG International Conference, Phoenix, Arizona
July 26-29, 2023	DKG International Conference, Tampere, Finland
2024	DKG International Convention National Harbor, Maryland (Gaylord National, D.C. Area)

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