

Theta State Officers Meeting
Saturday, Aug. 25, 2018
Pat Graff's Home, ABQ, NM

President Ella Kelly called the meeting to order at 12:50 p.m. after officers enjoyed lunch. The following officers attended: President, Ella Kelly, Second Vice-President Pat Graff, Recording Secretary Joe Clarkson via Skype, Corresponding Secretary Ina Jean Barnes, Treasurer Yvette Moore, Parliamentarian Carmen Pennington, Newsletter Editor Susie Swope, and Webmaster Terri Garvey via cell phone.

Ella thanked all the officers for making the commitment to meet today. She thanked Pat for the lunch and the meeting space.

Pat showed everyone the embroidered table runner she has completed for a raffle to be held by Non-Dues Revenue. The plan is to start the raffle at Fall Meeting and encourage local chapters to sell as many tickets as they can at \$1 each. The local chapter which sells the MOST raffle tickets will receive a different table runner, which Pat is now embroidering, for use as the winning chapter decides. Dianna Valdez will make this an official motion at the Fall Meeting but wanted the officers' agreement today. She will handle the creation of the tickets. The drawing will take place at the State Convention in Hobbs next April.

A brief report on International was given among those who attended. Ina Jean provided the following brief summary:

- * the name change was defeated
- * new members will now be inducted, not initiated
- * International committees will still require a representative from each of the five regions
- * Golden Gift will continue as a committee
- * dues are being aligned to a new fiscal year which will start July 1. This will be phased in quickly
- * International officer elections will stay the same
- * the Constitution can be amended every two year

Other comments about International included that voting by buttons went well. 96 amendments were adopted, and 18 were defeated. Another change is that individual chapter treasurers will handle all the dues and paperwork on the computer, NOT the state treasurer. Chapters will need a tech-savvy treasurer or a tech person who can help this individual.

College students (women) enrolled in education programs will now be eligible for associate membership, paying \$20 in International dues. Ella will try to find out more about this when she travels to the International Membership Committee meeting in November. NOTE: Because of this new committee appointment, Ella will miss Theta State's fall meeting this year. Shawna Denney, First Vice-President, will cover for her.

There was much discussion about the concerns of Theta State members about various parts of the recent convention. Carmen was worried about some of the actions of the parliamentarian and some procedures. Ina Jean said she wondered if the International Administrative Council's

endorsement of amendments possibly swayed votes unfairly. Yvette was concerned about the elimination of trainings at International for newsletter editors and treasurers.

Ina Jean suggested that some workshop time at the fall meeting be provided for those interested in formalizing some of these concerns and sending a letter to the International Administrative Council. She pointed out that most of these issues were tied to financial issues and thought it would be appropriate for us to express our concern about member services being cut. (More on this below)

Ella asked for help in filling out the International Speaker request form for the Theta State convention, scheduled for April 26-27-28 2019, in Hobbs, NM. We are allowed to request three possible individuals. It was decided to request, in this order, the following speakers:

- * Cathy Daugherty, International President
- * Marilyn Gregory, Southwest Regional Rep
- * Lace Brogden, International Second Vice-President

Ella will complete the form and mail it.

Ella handed out the list of Theta State chapter presidents. She also provided copies of a chapter self-assessment form that she had wanted chapters to fill out. Response was sparse, so it was decided to gather the information in a different way in the next few months:

* Yvette will look at records to answer the questions about dues, chapter growth, and punctual reports.

* Ella will check with the state convention organizers from Las Cruces (18), ABQ (17), and Grants/Gallup (16) and ABQ for fall meeting to check numbers of local chapter members attending these state events.

* Pat will rewrite and develop interview questions that each state officer will use in a personal interview with each chapter president. Pat will develop these questions and send them to the officers for changes by Sept. 1, then she will finalize the questions and send them out to the officers by Sept. 8.

* Each officer agreed to interview 1-2 local chapter presidents using these questions and send their responses to Ella by Oct. 20. Ella will then share these at the Fall meeting, either through Shawna or Pat. These interviews are to be framed as supportive and friendly to help establish more personal connections between chapter leaders and state officers.

Here is the assigned list:

Officer	Chapter	Town	President
Ella	Upsilon	Gallup	Sharon Palacios
Ella & Ina Jean	Alpha Lambda	Hobbs	Lissa Crombie
Shawna	Alpha Theta	Roswell	Mignon Simitz
Pat	Alpha Epsilon	Farmington	Melody Bassett
Pat	Alpha Iota	ABQ	Barbara Shirrod
Joe	Kappa	Alamogordo	Diana Hamilton
Joe	Alpha Delta	ABQ	Amanda Matray
Ina Jean	Lambda	Hobbs	Maribel Martinez
Yvette	Psi	Grants	Brooke Ratliff
Carmen	Beta	Santa Fe	Linda Stephens

Carmen	Gamma	ABQ	Pat Graff
Susie	Epsilon	Silver City	Barb McKee
Terri	Omega	Las Cruces	Bertha Cantu

Yvette reported that the annual internal financial review is not yet completed, due to difficulty in pulling together the committee. It is scheduled for Sept. 15.

Ina Jean talked about the issue of officer and committee chair semi-annual reports not being turned in on time. The deadline is Oct. 1 for Fall Meeting and April 1 for the State Convention. She stated that numerous reports are filed within 24 hours of the event, making it very difficult for Terri and Amanda Matray to get everything up on the website and projected in a timely manner. Ina Jean sends reminders, but still some come in late. Susie requested that the link to the form be in EACH reminder email so that it is easier to do the form right away. One suggestion was for Ina Jean to add a date stamp to each report signifying when it was received. She also immediately acknowledges receipt of each report when it arrives in her email. It was agreed that it is the president's job to contact folks who haven't turned in reports. A quick review of the Constitution, Standing Rules, and By-Laws regarding these reports clarified that they can be "published" electronically. The system of projecting these items during the meetings and making the link available to all in attendance will be discussed with the appropriate individuals.

Susie said the deadline for the next newsletter is Saturday, Sept. 1. She's going to publish then with whatever articles she receives. There are still some issues with some individuals not receiving the newsletter, so she will work with this. It was also requested that the issue be turned into a PDF with a relatively small file (15 MB or less) so that it can be emailed to members.

The Fall Meeting will be Nov. 3 in ABQ at the Marriott at I-40 and Louisiana NE. Pat asked for the officers' agreement to continue to pursue the addition of a writers' workshop, to be held in partnership with English Expo immediately after the luncheon at the fall meeting. Theta State members could attend the workshop as part of their Fall Meeting registration, and other educators would be invited to attend the luncheon and workshop for a fee that covers costs. Carmen said the event would have to end by 3:30 p.m. The officers agreed we should try to do this if it is feasible and authorized the Central Coordinating Council to continue their work on this.

The following workshops were suggested for the Fall Meeting:

- * Treasurer's Workshop- Yvette Moore
- * Membership Initiative Follow-Up Training- Pat Graff
- * Teacher As Author- Amy Reece (Gamma member who writes young adults novels)
- * Leadership Seminar Follow-Up- Kay Hannum
- * Girl Scout Patch Initiative Program- Jeannette Vigil
- * Follow-Up Roundtable and Action on DKG International Issue- TBD (Ina Jean?)

Carmen)

These ideas are being forwarded to Shawna Denney who will work with the CCC Program Committee to finalize these as soon as possible.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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