



**California Alpha Delta Kappa
31st State Convention
April 30th, 2016
Minutes of Convention Business Sessions
Wyndham Visalia, Visalia, California
Maple/Laurel Ballroom
Mary Ann Englehart, State President, Presiding**

First Business Session - Delegate Seating

Opening

Presiding officer, California State President Mary Ann Englehart, welcomed everyone to the 31st California Alpha Delta Kappa State Convention, and the Visalia Wyndham Hotel. She called the meeting to order at 9:03 A.M., and directed the sergeant-at-arms to close the doors.

Parade of Presidents/Roll Call

California State Sergeant-at-Arms Sara Cooper announced the councils and chapters in attendance. Each council or chapter president or designee entered the Convention, with most carrying their banners. The president of Xi, President Mary Ann's chapter, entered first, followed by the president of Gamma. These two chapters comprise the host council, Fresno/Clovis. President Mary Ann announced that 36 chapters were represented, almost three-fourths of the State's chapters.

Presentation of Colors/Pledge of Allegiance/National Anthem

President Mary Ann introduced the Reedley High School N.J.R.O.T.C., with instructor Christopher Bodine. State Sergeant-at-Arms Sara Cooper led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by singing of the National Anthem, led by Xi sisters Christel Biasell and Mary Frances Gomez. President Mary Ann thanked the color guard, instructor, Sara Cooper, and Xi sisters, Christel and Mary Frances.

Opening Thought

State Chaplain Joanne Grimm shared the Opening Thought. Joanne began by reflecting upon her responsibility as a chaplain to set the tone of a meeting. She said that a convention is different from other meetings. In analyzing the purposes of attendance at conventions, she found that the advantage of that attendance is interacting with others. Joanne asked members to think about their reasons for attending convention. She declared the tone to be "interactive friendship." She charged sisters to "take care of business, but while it's getting done, let's interact like crazy."

Presentation of Executive Board and Honored Guests

President Mary Ann introduced the 2014-2016 California State Executive Board, and stated that it had been an honor and profound pleasure to work with them, as "sisters of the heart."

Immediate Past State President	Mollie Acosta
President-Elect	Diana Galvan
Vice President for Membership	Becky Sikes
Treasurer	Karen Kirby
Recording Secretary	Lynne Keating
Corresponding Secretary	Kathleen O'Malley
Historian/Sergeant-at-Arms	Sara Cooper
Chaplain	Joanne Grimm

President Mary Ann next introduced International Representative, Southwest Region International Vice President Ann Marie Brown, from Chandler, Arizona.

President Mary Ann recognized the California Alpha Delta Kappa past state presidents in attendance, who have inspired her and given her heart.

Susan Raffo, Past State President, 2010-2012
 Rosemary Heenan, Past State President, 2008-2010
 Judy Welch, Past State President, 2006-2008
 Alice Bullard, Past State President, 1996-1998
 Susan Goto, Past State President, 1994-1996
 Past Southwest Region International Vice President, 1999-2011
 Barbara Stein, Past State President, 1966-1968
 Past Southwest Region International Vice President, 1971-1973

The state standing committee chairmen were introduced and acknowledged for their roles in carrying out the business of Alpha Delta Kappa.

Scholarship Chairman, Madeleine McCormick, Beta Xi
 Altruistic Reporting Chairmen: Wendy Hodash, Lambda, Northern and Valley Districts;
 Harriet Kelly, Gamma Nu, Marina and Southern Districts; and Mari Page,

Gamma

 Mu, who stepped in when Harriet Kelly had to leave the position
 Bylaws Chairman, Susan Raffo, Beta Rho
 Technology Chairman, Janet Armstrong, Gamma Kappa
 Altruistic Projects Chairman, Linda Barker, Gamma
 Resolutions Chairman, Michelle White, Alpha Pi
 World Understanding Chairman, Carole Taylor, Beta
 Candidate Qualification Chairman, Susan Blough, Zeta, who was unable to attend and is
 represented by Pam Burris, Gamma Nu

President Mary Ann asked sisters present who previously served as State Executive Board members, State Standing Committee chairmen, or Committee members, to stand to be recognized and thanked for giving their time and hearts to Alpha Delta Kappa. She also invited chapter presidents and council presidents to stand and be thanked for their service.

Welcome by Convention Chairman Mollie Acosta, Xi

President Mary Ann expressed her gratitude to Convention Chairman Mollie Acosta for her organizational skills and hard work, and asked sisters to welcome her to the podium.

Convention Chairman Mollie provided announcements as to “housekeeping,” including the “legally sanctioned” 90/10 raffle by Past Presidents. On behalf of Gamma and Xi chapters, Fresno/Clovis Council, she welcomed sisters with the hope that the Convention would provide opportunities for participation in business and for celebration of California sisters with heart. She introduced the convention committee chairmen for recognition.

Registration Chairman, Linda Barker, Gamma

Treasurer, Barbara Stein, Xi

Decorations Chairman, Trina Schneider, Beta Zeta - a special thanks to Trina and her committee of sisters from outside of the Valley District

Music Chairman, Christel Biasell, Xi

She also thanked Leanne Miura for assisting with registration. She asked sisters to refer to the program for names of chapters and sisters of the Valley District and beyond who gave time and talents to enhance the Convention experience.

Greetings from Wyndham Hotel

Madeline Schultz, Social Events Manager at Wyndham Visalia, thanked California Alpha Delta Kappa for choosing the Wyndham, pledged that the staff would be available to help with needs, and expressed hope for a great convention. Mary Ann thanked the hotel for being wonderful to work with. She also thanked Catering Sales Executive Erin van den Broecke for her efforts.

Greetings from International Representative Ann Marie Brown, International Vice President, Southwest Region **See Appendix**

President Mary Ann shared background, achievements, and interests of International Vice President Ann Marie Brown, who then expressed greetings from International Alpha Delta Kappa. She reminded members of the International theme, “Inspire, Embrace, Achieve.” She congratulated President Mary Ann and her leadership team. She introduced sisters who are serving at the International level: International Resolutions Committee member Susan Raffo, International Innovations Grant Committee Chairman Mollie Acosta and her committee members Mary Ann Englehart, Lynne Keating and Virginia Riding. She also thanked Susan Raffo and Mollie Acosta for service at regional level.

She invited members to attend Northwest/Southwest Regional Conference August 1-3, 2016, in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and International Convention in New Orleans, July 12-15, 2017. She thanked California sisters for greetings and hospitality, and closed by inviting sisters to introduce themselves to her, and to share ideas.

President Mary Ann thanked Ann Marie for her gifts to the State Executive Board.

Introductions and Honors

Vice President for Membership Becky Sikes and Xi sisters were introduced by President Mary Ann to come forward to recognize Golden, Sapphire, and Silver Sisters. Xi sisters presented those honored with glittering heart necklaces on purple ribbon.

Golden Sisters:

Marilyn Cain, Beta Eta
Barbara Stein, Xi

Shirley Kunze, Beta Theta

Sapphire Sisters:

Evelyn Armstrong, Beta Iota
Barbara Horn, Beta Kappa
Shirley Perkins, Beta Xi
Diana Galvan, Beta Eta

Susan Goto, Beta Eta
Marjo Johanson, Gamma Lambda
Judy Welch, Gamma Tau
Barbara Murray, Alpha Iota

Silver Sisters:

Barbara Ackelberry, Gamma Mu
Lynne Keating, Gamma Eta
Trina Schneider, Beta Zeta
Nancy Winn, Beta Theta
Deidre Dahlberg, Beta Eta

Winnie Coleman, Alpha Omicron
Madeleine McCormick, Beta Xi
LaVerne Stroetker, Alpha Nu
Mollie Acosta, Xi
Karen Evans, Lambda

Sandi Roullier, Beta Eta, was added from the floor as a Silver Sister. President Mary Ann thanked the Golden, Sapphire and Silver Sisters for attending. She then asked first-time attendees to stand, and announced that eighteen were present. Leanne Miura and Gamma sisters presented them with tokens to commemorate their presence. Mary Ann asked sisters to welcome and thank the first-timers who would be wearing purple bows.

The Noel Leonard Grant for first-time attendees at State Convention was explained by President Mary Ann. Councils receive one \$100 grant for every four chapters in the council. Mary Ann announced recipients and asked them to come forward to receive their checks from State Treasurer Karen Kirby.

Karen Di Julio, Peralta Council (grant was declined)
Anne Hertwig, Fresno/Clovis Council
Chris Johnson, Channel Islands Council
Anita Brown, Peninsula South Bay Council
Agnese Olivero, Delta Council (was not present)
Danielle Camou, Golden Gate Council

President Mary Ann directed guests to leave, as it was time to begin Convention business.

Introduction of Convention Parliamentarian Dollie McPartlin, Nevada Past State President

President Mary Ann thanked Convention Parliamentarian Dollie McPartlin for joining California sisters once again, and for bringing her expertise to Convention.

Registration and Credentials Report (moved to this point in Program, at direction of Convention Parliamentarian)

Convention Registration Chairman Linda Barker presented the first Registration and Credentials Report.

Chapter Delegates (one for every ten active members)	44
State Executive Board members	9
Past State Presidents	6
Chairmen of a State Standing Committee	6
Chairmen of the State Convention	5
President (or designee) of a Chapter Presidents' Council	5
Sustaining Members (one for every ten registered and attending)	0

Total Delegates: 75 Registered and Attending

MOTION: “On behalf of the Credentials Committee, I move that the roll of delegates from the credentials committee be the official roll of the Convention.” There were no questions, and **the motion passed**. President Mary Ann declared the delegates seated.

Adoption of Rules of Convention

See Appendix

Convention Chairman Mollie explained that since the Rules of Convention were included in the registration packet, she would not read them aloud. She called attention to the process for making and speaking to motions, printed on the reverse side of the Rules of Convention.

MOTION: “On behalf of the Rules Committee, I move the adoption of the Rules of Convention for the 2016 California Alpha Delta Kappa State Convention.” There were no questions, **the motion passed**, and the Rules of Convention were adopted.

Acceptance of Convention Program

See Appendix

Convention Chairman Mollie explained that Madeline Schultz spoke for the Wyndham instead of Erin Van den Broecke as printed, as Erin was unable to attend. She then stated several items that were moved to different places in the program order.

- Introduction of Parliamentarian Dollie McPartlin was moved to follow Introductions and Honors.
- The Credentials Report was moved to follow Introduction of Parliamentarian.
- Following the speaker for “The Longest Day,” Strategic Conversation Conducted by Ann Marie Brown was inserted.

A name correction for Entertainment was stated, to change “Board” to “Ford,” however a sister explained that “Board” is correct. Kathleen O’Malley was substituted for Barbara Murray for providing the Excellence in Education report, since Barbara was ill and unable to attend. Kim Gerould was listed twice as a speaker, but will speak only before lunch.

MOTION: “On behalf of the Convention Committee, I move the adoption of the Convention Program as corrected.” There were no questions, and **the motion passed.** The 2016 Convention Program was adopted as corrected.

President Mary Ann declared the 31st California Alpha Delta State Convention officially in session.

President Mary Ann called a stretch break for three minutes, while the sound system was fixed. After the break, Mary Ann announced a Noel Leonard grant recipient, whose name had been missed, Connie Baker from Sierra Council. She was presented with a check. Vivian Hillig-Hawley was also recognized as a Silver Sister.

2014 Convention Minutes Approval Committee Report

President Mary Ann announced that the 2014 California State Convention Minutes were read and approved by committee. The committee members who will read and approve the minutes for the 31st California State Convention will be Susan Raffo, Beta Rho; Carol Valcarcel, Gamma Nu; and Anne Hertwig, Xi. She explained that the official minutes of this Convention will be published by the first district conference of the new biennium. They will be posted on the website, and printed copies will be sent to those who requested them on their registration forms.

Correspondence

State Corresponding Secretary Kathleen O’Malley was recognized for stepping into her position after Kerry Hackman needed to resign due to a new job. Correspondence was shared.

- A thank-you note for gift of funds from “Teachers Helping Teachers” was received from Valley Fire victims, the Bertram family, of Cobb, California.
- Barbara Stanfield, Chairman, International Executive Board, sent congratulations to President Mary Ann and the sisters of California who provided leadership during the biennium. She also sent best wishes to Diana Galvan and the new team who will lead California during 2016-2018.
- Ruth Ann Griggs, International President, 2015-2017 Alpha Delta Kappa, sent a letter of greeting to Mary Ann and California Alpha Delta Kappa sisters, wishing success at Convention. She also thanked Mollie Acosta and her team for leadership, as well as thanking those who will lead California during 2016-2018

Treasurer’s Report: Presentation of the 2014-2016 Budget and proposed 2016-2018 Budget See Appendices

President Mary Ann explained that State Treasurer Karen Kirby would present the Treasurer’s Report and the Proposed 2016-2018 California State Budget, and that copies were posted online, and included in the registration packets, along with Budget Descriptions.

State Treasurer Karen invited chapter treasurers to stand, and thanked them for having all C-1 reports and e-postcards turned in. She introduced members of the Budget Committee: Pam Mallory, Beta Pi, Northern District; Hilary White, Gamma Tau, Marina District; Karen Evans, Lambda, Valley District; and Ann Rendon, Iota, Southern District.

Treasurer Karen presented her report, with account balances as of April 28, 2016.

Bank Accounts

Wells Fargo Bank	WF Checking	\$ 22,868.80
	WF Reserve	45,986.94
	<u>WF Scholarship</u>	<u>16,394.56</u>
	Total Bank Accounts	\$ 85,250.30

Investment Accounts

AΔK Foundation	<u>Noel Leonard AΔK Foundation</u>	\$ 43,024.62
	Total Investment Accounts	\$ 43,024.62

OVERALL TOTAL \$ 128,274.92

Treasurer Karen pointed out that in the current budget, dues received totaled less than budgeted, due to fewer dues-paying members. Karen also mentioned that Noel Leonard funds will be available for use by councils to send a leader to the Northwest/Southwest Regional Conference.

MOTION: “As Chairman of the Budget Committee, I move the adoption of the 2016-2018 California State Budget.” President Mary Ann asked if there were any questions. There were none, and **the motion passed** unanimously. President Mary Ann declared the 2016-2018 California State Budget adopted.

President Mary Ann thanked Karen and her committee.

Bylaws

See Appendix

President Mary Ann invited Bylaws Chairman Susan Raffo, Beta Rho, to come to the podium. Susan Raffo thanked all chapters for stepping up to submit their bylaws, and reported that 100% of chapters submitted bylaws and were certified. She referred sisters to information about the history of bylaws since 2013 International Convention. She stated that amendments to International bylaws had been received via email and were included in the registration packets.

“Delegates to previous California state conventions voted on amendments that align California State Bylaws with International Alpha Delta Kappa Bylaws. Those amendments to our state bylaws are necessary to maintain alignment with the International Bylaws and to meet IRS requirements for non-profit status.

“In preparation for the 2016 California State Convention, all California chapters received notification of amendments to the International Bylaws approved at the 2015 International Convention. The International Bylaws document was approved as the governance document for the state of California and individual chapters.

“As stipulated in the International Bylaws, the delegates to the state convention will acknowledge the receipt of the amendments approved at the 2015 International Convention by approving the alignment of the California State Bylaws to be in compliance with the language of

the International Bylaws and with the current Bylaws of the Alpha Delta Kappa Sorority, Incorporated.”

MOTION: “Therefore, as Chairman of the Bylaws Committee, I move that the California State Bylaws shall be aligned with the International Bylaws as amended at the 2015 International Convention, including the incorporation of editorial changes suggested by the International Bylaws Committee.” President Mary Ann restated the motion, and explained that a simple majority was needed for passage. She called for the vote, and **the motion passed**.

Chairman Susan explained that she will align the state bylaws at the close of convention, They will then be posted on the state website, and in Fall 2016, the state bylaws chairman will contact chapters about aligning their bylaws in preparation for re-certification for 2016-2018. She thanked chapter bylaws chairmen and all of the chapters for re-certifying their documents, and added a recommendation that all certification letters be in digital format the next biennium.

President Mary Ann thanked Susan for her hard work, and for clarifying the process.

Resolutions

See Appendices

President Mary Ann welcomed Resolutions Chairman Michelle White, Alpha Pi, to the podium. Chairman Michelle explained the resolutions.

“There have been two resolutions submitted to the Resolutions Committee. The two resolutions will be presented and voted on separately. The California State Executive Board submitted the first one in November of 2015. A copy of this resolution was included in the registration packet and was sent to all chapters. Please take it out for reference. The resolution reads as follows:” (See Appendix for full text.)

“Resolved, That the California Executive Board amend its Policies and Procedures to allow California chapters to conduct sales of items at District Conferences, with proceeds dedicated to designated altruistic projects and/or scholarship funds.”

President Mary Ann stated, “Adoption of this resolution would charge the State Executive Board to review and take appropriate action to implement the resolution adopted today.” She then asked for discussion or amendments to the resolution.

- Carolyn Rising, Alpha Nu, Peralta Council, spoke in favor of the resolution. She stated her chapter’s belief in their altruistic projects, \$1500 per year scholarship, recognition of exceptional teachers, and donations to disaster victims. She explained that chapter card sales have raised \$2,195 for George Mark House. She stated that the chapter would appreciate opportunities for sales.
- Mari Page, Gamma Mu, asked a question about how a decision would be made as to which chapters would be allowed to sell. President Mary Ann explained that if the resolution passed, the Executive Board would set up procedures.

- Susan Raffo, Beta Rho, clarified that passing of the resolution does not change the bylaws, that the Executive Board would take action to review the bylaws and potentially set up procedures for implementation.
- President Mary Ann checked with the parliamentarian to see if it was appropriate to give some background. Parliamentarian Dollie McPartlin replied that a brief explanation was allowed. President Mary Ann explained that currently chapter sales are not allowed at district conferences, that the Board considered input from chapters that requested to sell, and then put forth the resolution, in order to get approval or denial from members.
- Linda Barker, Gamma, spoke to clarify that the resolution referred to district conferences only, and not state conventions.
- Karen Evans, Lambda, asked whether sales had ever been allowed at district conferences. The reply was “No,” because usually there was a council project for altruism or to defray expenses, and chapter sales might impact fundraising for the other purposes.
- Janet Armstrong, Gamma Kappa, asked a question about when the sales might take place, before or during the conference. President Mary Ann explained that the board would examine factors and set guidelines if the resolution passed.
- Sara Cooper, Beta Iota, stated that space and cost of tables would possibly need to be examined, and at state conventions if all chapters wanted to sell, there would be a need for 53 tables.

Discussion and questions ended, and President Mary Ann stated, “The question is to accept the Resolution presented by the State Executive Board. A majority vote is required.” She called for members to stand to vote. **The motion passed**, with three delegates opposing.

Chairman Michelle White introduced the second resolution, which was also submitted by the California Alpha Delta Kappa State Board. (See Appendix for full text.)

“Resolved, That the California Executive Board explore establishing a permanent fund to support teachers who have suffered losses through natural disasters to be funded by volunteer contributions of California Alpha Delta Kappa.” She then explained that the last sentence was left off the copy that was mailed, “Monies from this fund would be given directly to those who experienced loss.”

- Lora Ginsberg, Alpha Psi, spoke in support of the resolution. She mentioned the funds that teachers expend to provide classroom environments, and the loss that happens when a classroom is destroyed. She stated that helping to alleviate pain, suffering and loss is what sisters do. She also pledged to donate to such a fund in honor of Mayme Chinn and Dorothy Vaio, and encouraged a “Yes” vote.
- Kathleen O’Malley, Gamma Eta, asked a question regarding substitution of the word “educators” for “teachers,” which had earlier been done. President Mary Ann clarified that the word “teachers” should be changed to “educators” throughout the resolution.
- President Mary Ann stated that the wording of the last sentence was included to ensure that funds would go directly to the teacher, not the district.

- Rosemary Heenan, Alpha Pi, spoke in favor of the resolution, sharing how fire, flood and the San Bernardino shootings had impacted her area, and how much it meant to know that people cared.
- Andrea Street, Gamma Zeta, asked for clarification as to who would administer the fund. President Mary Ann indicated that the State Board would set up guidelines and process, with direction from membership.
- Kim Gerould, Beta Eta, asked if setting up such a fund would limit how the funds were used. President Mary Ann indicated that this would be addressed by the State Board.
- Lynne Keating, Gamma Eta, stated that since there may be some instances of crisis that are not natural disaster, we might want to broaden the scope of the fund. President Mary Ann asked if Lynne was suggesting an amendment, and Lynne said, “Yes.”

President Mary Ann read the amended resolution, “That the California Executive Board explore establishing a permanent fund to support educators who have suffered losses through natural disasters or crisis, to be funded by volunteer contributions of California Alpha Delta Kappa sisters.” She asked for a second to the amendment. Mari Page, Gamma Mu, seconded. President Mary Ann asked for discussion. There was no discussion, and President Mary Ann instructed members to vote on the amendment only. **The amendment passed.**

President Mary Ann asked delegates to vote on the motion to approve the resolution as amended. **The motion passed**, with three delegates opposed, and was adopted as amended.

June Carroll, Alpha Nu, asked a question regarding timeline for implementation, and President Mary Ann replied that the State Executive Board meets four times per year.

Nominations for State Altruistic Project for 2016-2018

See Appendix

State Altruistic Project Chairman Linda Barker, Gamma, recognized members of her committee: Kim Gerould, Beta Eta, Northern District; Maureen Chase, Xi, Valley District; Carol Valcarcel, Gamma Nu, Marina District; and Gretchen Nakanishi, Psi, Southern District

Chairman Linda expressed that it was an honor to have a role in nominating worthy projects for consideration. She explained that since the list of nominees was sent in the pre-convention packet to chapters and councils, that she would not read the full descriptions. The projects nominated were: “Break the Barriers - Secret Pocket Scholarship Fund,” “Nothing but Nets,” and “KidSingers.” Linda said that concerns had been expressed, which would be discussed post-convention. She thanked the chapters that nominated projects.

President Mary Ann thanked Linda and her committee, and reminded delegates that the projects would be on the ballot.

Presentation of Candidates for State Executive Board

See Appendix

Pam Burris, Gamma Nu, for Susan Blough, Zeta, chairman of the Candidate Qualification Committee, thanked members of the committee: Sara Armstrong, Alpha Alpha, Northern District; Kathy Layman, Chi, Valley District; and Pam Horton, Gamma Eta, Southern District.

Pam Burris stated that the slate of candidates was sent to chapters and councils, posted on the website, and included in the registration packets. She introduced the candidates.

Karen Kirby, Gamma Mu, President-Elect
Sara Cooper, Beta Iota, Vice President for Membership
Lynne Keating, Gamma Eta, Recording Secretary
Joanne Grimm, Alpha Alpha, Corresponding Secretary
Kathleen O'Malley, Gamma Eta, Chaplain

Nominations from the Floor

See Appendix

President Mary Ann asked Pam Burris if there were any nominations from the floor. Pam stated that the nominations committee reviewed applications from two candidates and found them to be qualified. They were included on the poster displayed in the foyer. President Mary Ann asked sisters who would nominate the candidates to step to the microphone. The nominations were:

For Treasurer, Marlene Cordova, Phi, nominated by Susan Raffo, Beta Rho, Past State President

For Historian/Sergeant-at-Arms, Mary Krause, Beta Tau, nominated by Connie Adams, Beta Tau president

President Mary Ann stated, "Hearing no other nominations, the Chair declares there is no further intent to nominate and nominations are closed. Chairman Pam will now make the formal presentation of candidates for state office. As your name is read, each candidate for office, please step forward." Pam Burris read the names. President Mary Ann thanked her for stepping in for Susan, and said that explanation of the balloting process would follow Announcements.

Video of ITE Student, Eli Ugarte, from Chile

President Mary Ann invited Joanne Grimm, Alpha Alpha, one of the sponsors of California's ITE student, to tell sisters about Eli Ugarte. Joanne explained that Sara Armstrong from her chapter is the primary sponsor for Eli. Joanne shared stories and information about Eli, about Eli's self-sufficiency, her teaching career in Chile, her visits from her family, her interest in university life at Berkeley, including sports, and what a pleasure it is to host her. Joanne shared a video that featured Eli speaking about her university project and research into the relationship between children's success in school and parental involvement. Eli also spoke about social/emotional learning interventions, program implementation stress, and student resiliency. Eli will complete some fieldwork in Chile, and hopes to return to Chile, where she feels her work is much needed. Joanne shared Eli's thanks for support, and explained that Eli did not attend, because as a Fulbright scholar she is spending a weekend in Washington, D.C.

Speaker: Kim Gerould, Beta Eta, CA Excellence in Education Recipient

Susan Goto, Beta Eta, Past State President and Past International Vice President for the Southwest Region, introduced Kim Gerould. She shared Kim's background, educational and career history and her current assignment, as an elementary teacher, who developed and implemented a K-2 multiage program at Green Hills. She is the California recipient of the Excellence in Education 2014 award.

Kim Gerould explained the format of her multiage classroom, the benefits, environment, and learning. She spoke of the natural mentorships that develop, and shared service projects that promote caring in students. She reminded sisters, "Children don't care how much you know, until they know how much you care," emphasizing the importance of building connections and relationships. She suggested that sisters create a wordweb of three words that represent the heart of what they do and why, and to keep the web close, and add to it. She also showed a PowerPoint of her multiage classroom.

President Mary Ann thanked Kim and said it was an honor to have her as a sister.

Directions for Voting

Monica Meade, Zeta, Balloting Committee chairman, was introduced, and thanked the balloting committee: Mary Ellen Chaboya, Northern District; Joanne Koch, Valley District, Katherine Davidson, Marina District, and Eloise Johnson and Andrea Street, Southern District. She then excused the committee to set up the balloting area, and explained the balloting procedure.

Announcements

Convention Chairman Mollie reminded delegates to vote, and explained that lunch would be a buffet in the Oak Room. Archives will remain on display, and California shirts will be on sale, as well as raffle tickets from past state presidents and other items.

Recess/Balloting/Luncheon

President Mary Ann declared the first business session of the 31st California Alpha Delta Kappa State Convention adjourned for lunch at 11:53 A.M. She asked members to return at 1:00 P.M.

Second Business Session - Open Seating

Call to Order

President Mary Ann Englehart called the second business session of the 31st California State Convention to order at 1:07 P.M.

Entertainment

Instrumental and vocal entertainment was presented by the Redwood High School Chamber Singers of Visalia, with the accompaniment of Choir Director Assistant Hannah Board. Several musical numbers were presented for the enjoyment of the attendees.

Speakers: A Thank You to St. Jude

Catherine and Audra Koelewyn spoke of their experiences with St. Jude since Audra's diagnosis of a brain tumor thirteen years earlier at age three. Mrs. Koelewyn shared the journey from diagnosis to local treatments, to St. Jude, and the comprehensive treatment and care that followed. She spoke of the treatment of the whole child and support for families, shared that Audra's tumor is shrinking, and thanked Alpha Delta Kappa members for supporting St. Jude.

Speaker: “The Longest Day”

Rachel Doherty, Alzheimer’s Association, provided information about “The Longest Day” awareness and fundraising project, with the goal of having teams compete for sixteen hours on the summer solstice sunrise to sunset, the “longest day” of the year, or on another day. Support and ideas may be found on the organization website, and a flier was provided in packets.

Strategic Conversation

International Vice President Ann Marie Brown led a strategic conversation activity related to membership. Discussion was completed in small groups, and responses were collected to be compiled, and then shared at regional conferences.

Balloting Results

Balloting Chairman Monica Meade gave the balloting report.

Historian/Sergeant-at-Arms	Mary Krause	71 votes
Chaplain	Kathleen O’Malley	71 votes
Corresponding Secretary	Joanne Grim	71 votes
Recording Secretary	Lynne Keating	71 votes
Treasurer	Marlene Cordova	71 votes
Vice President, Membership	Sara Cooper	71 votes
President-Elect	Karen Kirby	71 votes

President Mary Ann declared an election of the 2016-2018 State Executive Board.

Historian/Sergeant-at-Arms	Mary Krause
Chaplain	Kathleen O’Malley
Corresponding Secretary	Joanne Grim
Recording Secretary	Lynne Keating
Treasurer	Marlene Cordova
Vice President, Membership	Sara Cooper
President-Elect	Karen Kirby

President Mary Ann congratulated the newly elected officers, and announced that Diana Galvan would assume the position of California State President, with the installation of the new State Executive Board to take place at the evening’s banquet.

Monica Meade reported the results of balloting for the 2016-2018 State Altruistic Project

Nothing But Nets	2 votes
KidSingers	29 votes
Break the Barriers	40 votes

President Mary Ann declared an election, with Break the Barriers as the State Altruistic Project for the next biennium. She asked the nominating chapter, Gamma, to stand for recognition.

Standing Committee Reports

President Mary Ann explained that state convention is a time for reporting some committee activities to membership, with full report by state board members and committee chairmen published in the Minutes of Convention, and available on the state website.

Membership

Vice President for Membership Becky Sikes first presented the membership report.

Number of Newly Initiated Members	97
Number of Newly Reinstated Members	8
Number of New Omega Members	28
Number of New Chapters	0
Number of Disbanded Chapters	2
Number of Chapters	51
Total Number of AΔK Members in California	1,227
Total Membership of AΔK Sisters Internationally	31,796

Becky presented the California Membership Award to the chapter with the highest positive net growth, Delta. Accepting on their behalf was Mari Page, president of Orange Coast Council.

Becky recognized all chapters with positive growth. She presented Gold Awards to those chapters with five or more new members: Alpha, Beta Rho, Beta Iota, Beta Omicron, Gamma Zeta, Alpha Delta, and Beta Eta. Silver Awards for three to four new members were given to: Beta Tau, Alpha Lambda, and Beta Pi. She announced chapters with one to two new members: Tau, Beta Alpha, Beta Kappa, Alpha Delta, Alpha Phi, Iota, Zeta, Theta, Beta Upsilon, Alpha Iota, Alpha Alpha, and Gamma Nu.

Altruistic Reporting

Wendy Hodash, Lambda, Northern and Valley Districts and Harriet Kelly, Gamma Nu and Mari Page, Gamma Mu, Marina and Southern Districts served as altruistic reporting chairmen. They thanked all for their generous gifts of time, money and goods.

Wendy reported that 1129 members in 48-49 chapters reported. Hours of service totaled 100,408. Monetary and nonmonetary gifts totaled \$632,933.

State Altruistic Project

State Altruistic Project Chairman Linda Barker presented a \$4,000.00 check to School on Wheels representative Natasha Bayus, Team Leader, Volunteer Engagement, bringing the total donation for the biennium to \$5,000.00. Linda reported that this donation was financed by dues and contributions. Natasha Bayus thanked California Alpha Delta Kappa for dedication to education. She explained the beginnings of School on Wheels, to its status today with a staff of 30 who train and oversee volunteers who have worked with more than 3,500 homeless students in Southern California. President Mary Ann asked members of Gamma Nu to stand for recognition as nominees of the project.

Scholarship

Scholarship Chairman Madeleine McCormick, Beta Xi, introduced the scholarship committee: Anne Yeghoian, Beta Upsilon, Northern District; Marcie Fernandez, Beta Delta, Valley District; Marilyn DelGiudice, Gamma Tau Marina District; and Judi Nowlin, Tau, Southern District. She explained that eight district mini-scholarships were awarded during the biennium to: Carolsue Acres, Beta Eta; Nancy Winn, Beta Theta; Linda Futterer, Gamma Eta; Pam Apolinar, Gamma Tau; Monda Forrestal, Beta Omicron, Debbie Waltzer, Iota; Carol Taylor, Beta; and a shared grant to Barbara Cerri, Beta and Maureen Boland, Gamma Beta.

Chairman Madeleine announced that the Eleanor Bendell State Scholarship for \$2500 had two applicants. She announced the winner, Ruth Quesada, Alpha Nu, who then received her check. Ruth will use the funds for leveled books for reading intervention.

Excellence in Education

Kathleen O'Malley, Gamma Eta, presented the report in the absence of Past State President Barbara Murray. She explained the purposes of the Excellence in Education award, and encouraged chapters to nominate a member. She announced there would be no recipient as there were no candidates this biennium.

Presentation of the 2016 Betty Rosenberg Golden Chapter Award

State President Mary Ann shared her experience of meeting and knowing Betty Rosenberg, and history of the award, which is given to a chapter that exemplifies dedication to ideals of California Alpha Delta Kappa. She presented the award to Beta Eta, and shared some of their accomplishments: initiation of six new members; on-time paperwork; attendance at meetings, conferences and conventions; contributions to altruism; fraternal education at meetings; plus more members at this convention than any other chapter.

Invitation to 2016 Northwest/Southwest Regional Conference

International Vice President Ann Marie Brown and State President-Elect Diana Galvan invited members to attend the upcoming NW/SW Regional Conference. Members joined in to sing about the event, to the tune of "Take Me Out to the Ball Game." The conference will be held August 1-3 at the Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort and Spa in Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico.

Final Registration Report

Registration Chairman Linda Barker presented the final registration report.

Chapter Delegates	44
Chapter Alternates	5
Chapter Members	15
State Executive Board Members	9
Past State Presidents	6
Chairmen of a State Standing Committee	6
Chairmen of the State Convention	5

President (or designee) of a Chapter Presidents' Council	5
Sustaining Members	0
International Representative	1
Parliamentarian	1
Guests	<u>16</u>
GRAND TOTAL	113

Announcements

Convention Chairman Mollie Acosta made announcements regarding: evaluation forms, Omega service, recycling name tag holders, pick up of banners and archives, past presidents' raffle, reception, banquet, and post-convention board meeting.

Closing Thought

State Chaplain Joanne Grimm shared some of the special days and celebrations of the month of May, including May as the month when teachers may begin their countdown to the last day of school. She reminded all of a day that might be overlooked, National Teacher's Day on the first Tuesday each May, sponsored by the N.E.A. and the P.T.A., with the theme this year of "Teachers Are the Real Superheroes." She reminded sisters of traditional superheroes and their powers, and illustrated how teachers outshine them. "Think of the teacher who influenced you. Look up. It's a bird, it's a plane, it's a teacher, it's you."

State executive board members joined together to perform "Together, Wherever We Go."

Closing Resolution

Resolutions Chairman Michelle White read the Final Resolution.

Whereas, the 31st California State Convention of Alpha Delta Kappa assembled in Visalia, April 29th, 30th and May 1st, is drawing to a close, and

Whereas, the membership, attendees and guests wish to thank the chapters of the Valley District for so graciously hosting this Convention, and

Whereas, we have celebrated how California Sisters with Heart promote fraternal education and excellence in education, contribute countless volunteer hours and make generous monetary donations, and work to increase world understanding in our communities and state to make the world a better place, and

Whereas, the attendees at the Convention accomplished the ongoing business of the state for the 2014-2016 biennium; established a strong foundation for the 2016-2018 biennium; and inspired and embraced our shining sisterhood in achieving the goals of Alpha Delta Kappa; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that we express our gratitude to the 31st California state convention chairman and her hardworking committee, our appreciation to the California state standing committee chairmen and their committee members who tirelessly served the sisters of the state throughout the biennium and this convention; our thanks to our International

Representative Ann Marie Brown; for her graciousness, inspiration and sincerity; and especially, to the California state executive board who have served their sisters in Alpha Delta Kappa during this biennium with wisdom, energy, strength and with so much heart, and

Be It Resolved, that this 31st California Alpha Delta Kappa State Convention be adjourned.

State President Mary Ann Englehart stated, “The question before us is to adopt the Closing Resolution of the 31st California State Convention.” There was no discussion, and **the motion passed.**

President Mary Ann declared, “The ayes have it, the Closing Resolution is adopted. The 31st California Alpha Delta Kappa State Convention is adjourned.” The afternoon business session was adjourned at 3:12. P.M. with singing of “The Lamp of Alpha Delta Kappa.”



**California Alpha Delta Kappa
31st State Convention
April 29th - May 1st, 2016**

Saturday, April 30th, 2016

Presidents' Reception

5:30 - 6:30 P.M.

Mary Ann Englehart, President, and Diana Galvan, President-Elect, greeted sisters and guests in the Oak Room.

Convention Banquet

See Appendices

6:30 - 9:30 P.M.

“Sisters with Heart: Celebrating the Heart of California Alpha Delta Kappa” was the theme for the 31st State Convention Banquet, held in the Oak/Maple Room. President-Elect Diana Galvan welcomed sisters and guests. Chaplain Joanne Grimm provided the opening thought, a blessing, and thanks for the food and the friendship between those present,

Attendees enjoyed entertainment during dinner that was provided by Steve Baldwin, Mary Ann Englehart’s brother, and two of his friends, who are musicians, singers and songwriters. Christel Biasell, Xi, also was part of the musical performance.

President-Elect Diana Galvan introduced honored guests International Vice President Ann Marie Brown, Southwest Region, and Dollie McPartlin, Parliamentarian, Past State President of Nevada. Diana Galvan introduced her husband, Jesus “Jess” Galvan and thanked him for his support.

Mary Ann Englehart shared farewell remarks, introducing and thanking her family first. She expressed her appreciation and love for her Xi sisters, her “sister of the heart” Mollie Acosta, and the sisters of California Alpha Delta Kappa.

Gifts were presented by Diana to outgoing executive board member Becky Sikes, and to Immediate Past State President Mollie Acosta, with expressions of gratitude for their service to California Alpha Delta Kappa. On behalf of the state executive board, a gift was also presented to outgoing State President Mary Ann, to thank her for her leadership for the biennium. Karen Kirby, State Treasurer, presented Mollie Acosta with a Life Membership to California Alpha Delta Kappa. Monica Meade, 2012-2014 State Historian, presented Mollie with the book archiving her biennium as California State President.

International Vice President Ann Marie Brown, Southwest Region, conducted the installation of the 2016-2018 state officers. She presented each officer with a pin with the logo of International President Ruth Ann Griggs, "Inspire, Embrace, Achieve Through Excellence."

Immediate Past President Mary Ann Englehart presented Diana with the gavel and the state president's guard for her badge. Diana then presented Mary Ann with the past state president's guard for her badge.

Newly installed California State President Diana Galvan announced the names of the new state standing committee chairmen, and presented her acceptance speech, which focused on her theme for the 2016-2018 biennium, "Reflect the Vision." She displayed her banner with the new logo, which was designed by the Galvans' son.

The winner of the 90/10 past state presidents' drawing was announced by Past State President Mollie Acosta.

Joanne Grimm presented the closing thought. She spoke of the tradition for state presidents to select a theme as focus for a new biennium. She stated that Diana's theme incorporates two powerful words, and Joanne charged sisters to "let your actions, your plans for your own chapter, 'Reflect the Vision.'"

All in attendance joined in the singing of "The Lamp of Alpha Delta Kappa."

Sunday, May 1st, 2016

Omega Service

See Appendix

9:00 - 10:00 A.M.

"Sisters Remembered" was the theme for the Omega Service and "Celebration of Remembrance." The program began with harpist Christel Biasell playing "Searching for Lambs" and "Greensleeves" as preludes. Mary Ann Englehart welcomed sisters to the service. Mary Ann lit a remembrance candle and Diana Galvan told of the symbolism of the candle, after which Joanne Grimm shared opening thoughts for the morning's service.

Christel Biasell sang "Goin' Home" by Antonin Dvorak and Williams Arms Fisher. Mollie Acosta provided a reading of "A Garden of Sisters."

Sisters who have joined the Omega chapter were announced by their chapter sisters or state board members, who selected a flower from a varietal bouquet. As flowers were selected, carnations were then placed into the vase as symbols of remembrance.

Karen Kirby read from "Our Town" by Thornton Wilder. Sisters and guests joined in singing "Ode to Joy." Joanne Grimm provided closing thoughts of remembrance. Those attending recessed while the postludes "The Grenadier and the Lady" and "Southwinds" were played by harpist Christel Biasell.

Mary Ann Englehart
California Alpha Delta Kappa State President 2012-2014

Lynne Keating
California Alpha Delta Kappa State Recording Secretary 2012-2014