

REPORT OF THE STATE SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRMAN 2014-2016

Madam President, California State Executive Board and Alpha Delta Kappa Sisters,

It was an honor to serve as the State Scholarship Chairman during this biennium. I want to thank my committee Marilyn DelGiudice, Marcie Fernandes, Judi Nowlin and Anne Yeghoian for serving on the State Scholarship Committee.

During this biennium, eight AΔK Mini District Scholarships were awarded.
2014-2015: The Scholarship Chairman received six applications.

Carolsue Acres, Beta Eta, Northern District

Carolsue's project is to support the "Greenhills Reads" at the Greenhills Elementary School in Green Bay, by providing a book for each student to take home to read.

Nancy Winn, Beta Theta, Marina District

Nancy plans to use the funds for the Sci Trek Program for various elementary schools in Santa Barbara County.

Linda Futterer, Gamma Eta, Southern District

Linda plans to use the funds to purchase Chrome Books in order to implement applications in teacher development of the Core Curriculum. She also plans to attend the Ed Tech California Desert Summit.

Barbara Cerri, Beta and Maureen Boland, Gamma Beta, Northern District

Plan to use the funds to build dressing rooms for Operation School Bell Assistance League of San Mateo County.

The Scholarship Chairman did not receive an application from Valley District. The award went to the next applicant. There was a tie, so the award was determined by the initiation date.

2015-2016 The Scholarship Chairman received four applications. The committee members did review each applicant using the rubric. All four applicants were awarded the Mini District Scholarship grant.

Pam Apolinar, Gamma Tau, Marina District

Pam is going to purchase "Historical Documentaries with three ring binders and pocket dividers for La Vista High School, Fullerton, California.

Monda Forrestal, Beta Omicron, Marina District

Monda will purchase twin texts (paired texts) for her first grade guided reading program.

Debbie Waltzer, Iota, Southern District

Debbie will be using the funds to create integrated art lessons for her second class at West Randall Elementary School. The State Scholarship Chairman did not receive an application from Valley District.

Eleanor Bendell State Scholarship Award –

The State Scholarship Chairman received two applications. The Scholarship Committee used the rubric provided by State Executive Board to evaluate the two applications. The winner of the Eleanor Bendell State Scholarship Award has been determined. The winner will be announced at the 2016 State Convention in Visalia. A letter was sent to the two applicants thanking them for applying and informed them that the winner will be announced at the 2016 State Convention. They were also encouraged to attend the State Convention.

Recommendations-

Concerns were brought about from the Scholarship Committee, concerning the Eleanor Bendell State Scholarship Award.

Is the goal of the award to provide curriculum for students or to provide support for sisters who seek monetary scholarship assistance as they continue in graduate studies?

Does the chapter president send in her letter of recommendation directly to the State Scholarship Chairman or is it included in the applicant's packet?

There were additional questions regarding the current rubric and directions. The question was about using one rubric to evaluate both types of applicants. As Scholarship Chairman, my opinion regarding the rubric needs to contain equal aspects for each type of applicant or should we have two separate rubrics? Should we include the rubric in the application packet?

My recommendation to the State Executive Board is to set up a committee to review these questions and concerns regarding the Eleanor Bendell State Scholarship Award.

Respectfully Submitted,

Madeleine McCormick, Beta Xi
California State Scholarship Chairman 2014-2016

REPORT OF CALIFORNIA CHAPTER ALTRUISTIC REPORTS CHAIRMEN
2014-2016

Madame President, Members of the California State Executive Board, and Alpha Delta Kappa Sisters. Thank you for giving Mari Page, Harriet Kelly and me, Wendy Hodash, the opportunity to serve as Altruistic Chairmen for California.

During the 2014-2016 biennium the state of California had a total of 52-53 chapters with a total of 48-51 reporting. Within these chapters there was a total of 1,129 members.

During the 2014-2016 biennium the Alpha Delta Kappa sisters of California were extremely generous and gave many hours of service, and many monetary and non-monetary gifts. Our contributions were as follows:

CONTRIBUTION	2014-2015	2015-2016
Hours of altruistic service	54,095 hours	46,313
Monetary gifts	\$121,146	\$155,522
Non-monetary gifts	\$89,833.33	\$148,057
Scholarship	\$56,088	\$62,286
TOTAL	\$267,068	\$365,865

We would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Using the Presidents' Council Directory and/or the California Alpha Delta Kappa website to obtain the name and contact information for each chapter's Altruistic Chairperson or person in charge of completing the report.
2. Send an e-mail to each chapter president reminding them of the altruistic report deadline and attach the altruistic report for their convenience.
3. Develop a chapter altruistic logging form for members to use to keep track of hours volunteering in the name of Alpha Delta Kappa.
4. Use an excel spreadsheet to compile the altruistic data.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Hodash-Lambda Chapter
Northern and Valley State Altruistic Chairperson

Harriet Kelly-Gamma Nu
Marina and Southern State Altruistic Chairperson

Mari Page-Gamma Nu
Marina and Southern State Altruistic Chairperson

Report of Technology Chairman 2014-2016

Madame President, Members of the California State Executive Board, and Alpha Delta Kappa Sisters,

For the 2014-16 biennium, the California Alpha Delta Kappa website continued to be hosted by iPage. State President, MaryAnn Englehart and other officers updated the website as needed. As Technology Chairman, I was consulted when MaryAnn had issues she could not resolve.

Web hosting and domain name renewal are ongoing costs of maintaining the website. As a hedge against rising costs, in January 2016, the domain name and domain name privacy were renewed for five years and will expire on 1/30/ 2021. In addition, service with iPage was renewed for an additional 3-year period and will expire 1/30/2019. These renewals were processed by iPage. Since my name is identified with the Alpha Delta Kappa account, fees were charged to my credit card and reimbursed by our state treasurer.

The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) requires that domain information be verified each year. This was completed in a timely manner during the biennium.

Going forward I would recommend that the integrity of the web page templates be upheld to maintain a professional appearance. I am happy to provide training to new officers who may be assisting with the website.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Armstrong, Gamma Kappa
Technology Chairman

Report of Bylaws Chairman 2014-2016

Madame President, Member of the California State Executive Board, and Alpha Delta Kappa Sisters. I was honored to serve as the state Bylaws Chairman for this past biennium.

Delegates at the 2014 California State Convention approved Article XVII, Section 1 of the International Bylaws; California retained their state bylaws and maintained their Policies and Procedures Manual. My first task was to align the state bylaws with the Bylaws of Alpha Delta Kappa, Incorporated, Amended 2013. The aligned document was submitted to the International Bylaws Committee for certification, meeting the October 15, 2014, deadline. Notification that the California State Bylaws were certified was received in August 2015. Suggestions from the Committee mainly involved editorial changes that will be addressed after this state convention in preparation for submitting aligned state bylaws by October 15, 2016.

Article XVII, Section 2, stipulates that if chapters vote to retain their bylaws, a copy must be submitted to the State Bylaws Chairman for certification at the beginning of each biennium in order to maintain their IRS "non-profit" status. I am pleased to report that all chapters in California have voted to retain their bylaws and have a "Letter of Certification" on file for the 2014-2016 biennium: Northern District – 5 councils, 24 chapters; Southern District – 2 councils, 12 chapters; Marina District – 2 councils, 9 chapters; and the Valley District – 3 councils, 6 chapters. We have 100% bylaws certification. Our Fidelis Chapters are exempt from having bylaws.

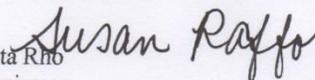
Starting in September 2014, I prepared and sent a letter via email to chapter presidents explaining Article XVII, Section 2, along with the Executive Board's recommendation that all chapters retain their bylaws. Also included in the email was the "Letter of Certification" for chapters to register their vote; this letter was to be signed and returned by December 1, 2014. Since December 2014, I continued to follow-up with chapters hoping to get 100% certification by the end of the biennium. Chapter presidents received an email notification as their "Letter of Certification" was received and placed on file. Chapters with no bylaws, or chapters that did not respond to the initial email, were sent a hard copy packet containing all documents, including in some cases a template for creating chapter bylaws.

I presented a bylaws workshop at the Northern District Conference on retention, bylaws alignment, and certification. In January 2015, I submitted a written report to the Executive Board, giving an update on chapter re-certification for the 2014-2016 biennium. An article was submitted for the President's Newsletter reminding chapters about recertification. I emailed recertification updates to the State President periodically throughout the biennium.

In preparation for voting by delegates to the State Convention in May 2016, I prepared the Proposed Bylaws Amendment information to be sent via email to the membership. This information references the amendments approved at the 2015 International Convention in Salt Lake City.

Thank you for this opportunity to continue to serve my California sisters in Alpha Delta Kappa.

Submitted by:
Susan Raffo, Beta Rho
State Bylaws Chairman



Report of Excellence in Education 2014-2016

Madame President, Members of the California State Executive Board, and Alpha Delta Kappa Sisters:

The Excellence In Education award recognizes members of Alpha Delta Kappa for their outstanding contributions to education. It is based on professional dedication, knowledge, skills, professional achievement and success, school/community collaboration, contributions to the educational process and active involvement in Alpha Delta Kappa. There are many, many California Alpha Delta Kappa members who would be good candidates for this award. Unfortunately, none of them were nominated. With no nominees, there will be no California candidate this biennium.

In the future, when announcing this award at District conferences, state newsletters, and chapters the chairman should also explain that the winner will represent California at the Regional Conference, and could become the winner there, and go onto to compete at the International level.

I would like to thank my committee members, Barbara Horn of Beta Kappa, and Noreen Mirau of Beta Zeta for volunteering to help. I sincerely hope that in the next biennium, someone will nominate a sister from their chapter to receive this prestigious award.

Barbara Murray, Alpha Iota
Chairman of Excellence in Education

REPORT OF CALIFORNIA STATE ALTRUISTIC PROJECT CHAIRMAN 2016

The California State Altruistic Project Chairman is responsible for making sure that all chapters in the state have the opportunity to nominate their favorite project as a possible state project. At our 2016 convention we will be voting on the top three nominees. These were chosen from four projects sent in by our state chapters.

During the 2014-2016 year, I encouraged all chapters to think about ideas for altruistic projects and consider nominating them in the fall of 2015. Our state webmaster sent out letters to all chapters inviting them to participate. Information was located on our state web site, and sent out in our state newsletters. By Nov. 1, I had received four nominations for four projects. I contacted the chapter who nominated School on Wheels and asked if they wanted the project to be put on the ballot for the 2016 convention. After asking and not getting a response I was told not to put School on Wheels back on the ballot.

I sent my four committee members a large packet with a summary of each possible project along with a scoring rubric. I asked them to return their final scores to me by Dec. 1st.

Our finalists for 2016-2018 are as follows:

Break the Barriers, which is a Valley based non-profit organization that works with special needs children and adults in numerous programs including Veterans and was nominated by Gamma, Virginia Riding contact.

Nothing But Nets, which provides life-saving malaria nets for families in Sub-Saharan Africa nominated by CA Alpha, Allison Hall contact.

Kid Singers, is an inner city after school chorus program in Orange County serving at risk youth in grades 3-12 nominated by Gamma Mu, Mari Page contact.

Mind Institute of U.C. Davis was nominated by Beta, but not in the final three decisions.

After final results were tabulated I sent a letter to Mollie Acosta and it was then sent to all chapter presidents as well as posted on our state website.

I appreciate all the work of my four committee members: Gretchen Nakanishi - Psi, Carol Valcarcel - Gamma Nu, Maureen Chase - Xi, and Kim Gerould - Beta Eta, did to come up with three projects to be voted on by our convention delegates.

The only thing I would have done differently is I should have sent more emails or phone calls to committee members reminding them of the deadline to return their votes. Thank you CA ADK.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Barker, Gamma
State Altruistic Projects Chairman

Report of the World Understanding Chairman

Madam President, California State Executive Board and sisters of Alpha Delta Kappa, I was an honor to serve as World Understanding Chairman for the second half of the biennium taking over the chairmanship from Kathleen O'Malley. I checked out the International website and sent relevant information to CA President, Mary Ann Engelhart, to publish on the website and put in the CA newsletter. I also wrote a letter for Fidelis Iota, Beta Iota and Alpha Delta to support their proposal for the International World Understanding Project.

Recommendations:

- Become familiar with the World Understanding component of the Alpha Delta Kappa website.
- Read the articles on World Understanding in the *KAPPAN* and the Columns.
- Discuss with your state president the expectations for your role on the board
- Create a list of authors and their book title which have to do with World Understanding.
- Develop a list of resource persons who are knowledgeable in World Understanding. These may be future presenters on the topic.
- Work with the chapters who are interested in having a World Understanding Chairman.
- Serve as a World Understanding Resource Person for the executive board and for chapters.
- Make chapters aware of World Understanding activities, events.
- Provide items for the newsletter on World Understanding. This could include information about what chapters are involved with to promote WU, book reviews, and speakers that other chapters have used.
- Encourage sister to compose articles for the state newsletter, Columns, or *KAPPAN* regarding their world travels.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you this biennium.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Taylor, Beta

California World Understanding Chairman

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN 2014-2016

Madam President, California State Executive Board and Alpha Delta Kappa Sisters,

It was an honor to serve as the Resolutions Chairman during this biennium. I want to thank Mary Ann Englehart, Mollie Acosta, and Lynne Keating for their continual and timely communications on all matters pertaining to the Resolution Chairman.

During this biennium, the following resolution was submitted for action at the 2016 State Convention:

Resolution Submitted by California Alpha Delta Kappa State Board

Whereas, Alpha Delta Kappa is an international honorary organization of women educators dedicated to educational excellence, altruism and world understanding, and

Whereas, its purpose is to promote educational and charitable projects and activities, to sponsor scholarships, to further and maintain worthy standards in the field of education and to cooperate with worthy community programs relating to education and charities, and

Whereas, California chapters may wish to support altruism by selling items for the purpose of contributing to educational and charitable projects and activities, and/or to sponsor scholarships, therefore be it

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

Recommendations:

1. Continue to forward past Resolution Chairman reports both in hard copy and digital formats for a seamless transition between each biennium.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you this biennium.

Respectfully submitted:

Michelle Thuis White, Alpha Pi
California Resolutions Chairman 2014-2016

Report of Candidate Qualifications Committee 2014-2016

Madame President, Members of the California State Executive Board, and Alpha Delta Kappa Sisters,

It was an honor to serve as Candidate Qualifications Chairman during this biennium.

I received five candidates' applications (President-elect, Vice-President Membership, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Chaplain) by the December 1 deadline -- digitally through the google response sheet, scanned applications, or applications mailed to me. I copied the necessary information onto a qualifications table and emailed the table to the four committee members along with a copy of the position requirements. They reviewed the applications to certify that the candidates had met the eligibility requirements and emailed their approval. I then received the last two applications (Treasurer and Historian) prior to the convention. Those applications have also been reviewed and approved by the committee. These candidates will be nominated from the floor. All the candidates have been informed that they meet the requirements and if they are elected, they are expected to remain for the Post Executive Board meeting. A display board of the candidates will be made and Pam Burris, who graciously consented to be the committee's representative, will take it to the state convention and also present the candidates at the convention.

I thank committee members Sara Armstrong (Northern), Pam Burris (Marina), Kathy Layman (Valley), and Pam Horton (Southern) for the efficiency. Thanks also to Past President Mollie Acosta and President Mary Ann Englehart for their support in my learning to use a google doc and also supplying a model for the qualifications table. President-Elect Diana Galvan was very helpful by keeping me informed of the candidates and their status.

Recommendations:

1. The chairperson should be computer literate since using google docs has a bit of a learning curve. Handling the process digitally, however, was quite efficient.
2. The hard copy application and the candidate qualifications table have a place to list State and International Committees on which the candidate has been; the google doc application response sheet does not. It should be aligned with the other two documents.
3. One candidate requirement is registration and attendance at the state convention at which she is nominated. A committee member suggested that the application (both digital and hard copy) and the qualifications table should have a place to indicate the candidates' intention to attend the convention.
4. I suggest compiling a list of the locations and years of the conventions/conferences back to 2000 and supplying it to the committee chair. Candidates remember where the convention or conference was held, but often not the year. Yet the qualifications table model I was given displayed the year, not the location. It slows down the approval process and is an inefficient use of the chairman's time to track down the years of particular conventions.
5. I would also suggest a digital photo of the display board so the next biennium's qualification chairperson can assemble the board correctly and efficiently.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Blough, Zeta Chapter
Chairman of the Candidate Qualifications Committee