

California Alpha Delta Executive Board Meeting
May 26, 2021

Opening Words:

As we know, our President Sara Cooper's overall theme for the 2020 - 2022 biennium is "California Proud." Today we gather as a State Executive Board to do the work ahead of us in serving the needs of our California sisters. We put in time to improve our working relationship. We focused on the skills we need to use in order to function as a cohesive Board. We want the best for each other and our sisterhood. We are California Proud. We are committed to communicating and interacting with each other in a thoughtful way. We want to be sensitive to each other's needs as we work together to meet the challenges ahead in the second half of our biennium. We are California Proud.

We have plenty of reasons as a Board to be California Proud. Under Sara's presidential leadership we focus on honoring and supporting all of our sisters who are on the front lines of teaching during these crazy pandemic times. Rosena, as our President-Elect, led the charge to help us find a way to do the healing work necessary to bring us back together. Karen, as our Immediate Past President, helps us to understand the AΔK rules and procedures that enable us to move forward in getting our tasks done. Mari, as our seasoned Vice President for Membership, our membership guru, works behind the scenes to keep us connected and in the know. Virginia, as our Treasurer, continues to do all of the work to keep us on financially sound footing. Grete, as our Secretary, records our minutes, asking for input from us for clarity, and sharing other communications. Susan, as our Historian and Sgt.-At-Arms, continues to gather historical records of our biennium, and keeps us informed of necessary protocols. And I, as your Chaplain, have the honor of sharing thoughts like this one with you during our state events. We have plenty of reasons to be California Proud.

Lao Tzu said, "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." We begin our executive board meeting mindful that we need to take that single step today to move forward in a way that honors our sisterhood and each other. As we tackle the tasks in front of us, we will do everything in our power to work together as a team. We will thoughtfully interact in a way that shows we value each other's perspectives. And we will demonstrate to ourselves and others that we are the AΔK leaders that all California sisters agree make them "California Proud."

Closing Words:

Oprah Winfrey said, "Turn your wounds into wisdom." We have endured a lot of wounds this year. We are now coming out of the brutal "Great Pandemic of 2020." We have survived the covid 19 lockdown of our sisterhood. We are starting to meet in person again and I am confident that this will continue. Our wounds are healing. We have also stumbled through a moment of sisterly disharmony, wounding us but not stopping us. We worked through it and are emerging on the other side of it stronger and more determined to accomplish the California Alpha Delta Kappa tasks before us. We are gathering the wisdom of our difficult journey around us as a shield. We are California Strong as well as California Proud.

Seth Berkley said, "Leadership is about vision and responsibility, not about power." Today we have used our leadership skills to work as a cohesive team. We have followed our norms and started tackling the tasks on our agenda. It is only a start because there is much to accomplish, but we have established a good feeling tone for our future board meetings. We have a lot to do but we are up to the challenge. True leaders always practice the three R's: Respect for self, Respect for others, Responsibility for all of our actions. We have used our collective wisdom today to act as true leaders. We are lucky to be a part of this group of true leaders who are determined to move our California sisterhood forward as we enter this decade of the twenties. We are leaders and sisters who are California Proud.