

**Delta Omega National Council
Draft Minutes
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Keith Zullig (National)
Michael Thompson (National)
Joel Lee (National)
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(National)
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Leah Alexander (Beta Psi)
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Kappa)
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Elizabeth Claydon (Gamma Mu)
Marchelle Dunston (Alpha Mu)
Carlyn Ellison (Beta Upsilon)
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Sandra Garcia (Delta Pi)
Darin Garrett (Alpha Tau)
Wendy Genovez (Kappa)
Julia Goar (Epsilon Beta)
Muriel Harris (Alpha Mu)
Cynthia Harris (Alpha Mu)
Ghinwa Hayek
(Gamma Delta)
Angela Hobson (Gamma Sigma)
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Upsilon)

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Zeta)
Bethany Lanese (Epsilon
Gamma)
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Penny Liberatos (Delta Alpha)
Rachel Mahas (Epsilon Kappa)
Michael McLeod (Epsilon Kappa)
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Iris Meltzer (Alpha Chi)
Arthur Mora (Alpha Sigma)
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Cara Pennel (Delta Nu)
Veronica Richards (Beta Upsilon)
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Leslie Stainaker (Delta Nu)
Kendall Thiede (Lambda)
Bertram Thomas (Beta Chi)
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Omicron)
Meghana Vijaysimha (Omega)
Donna Williams (Alpha Phi)
Christina Wong (Alpha)

Keith Zullig welcomed the council members to the meeting at 1 PM and asked for approval of the agenda.

Allison provided an update on the number of chapters and members as of September 30. So far, there had been 1,325 inductions. There were currently 127 chapter and 26,929 members.

She shared that the national office had created a way for individual members to purchase stole and pins directly from the national office and reminded the chapters to purchase them at a lower rate through the chapter admin portal. The next enhancement under development was to allow inductees to pay their own induction dues via credit card.

She also asked for feedback about whether the chapters would want the national office to send induction certificates directly to their inductees and ask for volunteers to help the national office to sort through options. She shared that a new FAQ page for chapters had been added to the chapter portal and a link to the publically available chapter resources page would be added to the portal as well.

She reviewed responses received to date for the chapter survey and encouraged any chapters which had not responded to complete the survey soon. One notable point was that one third of responding chapters had their own bylaws. She then reminded the chapters that the GPA requirement had been eliminated. Chapters could set their own criteria in making decisions about which students to induct.

1 Each chapter may induct no more than twenty percent (20%) of eligible graduate candidates and 10% of eligible undergraduate candidates in a given calendar year. The selection committee will give particular attention to academic excellence and shall take into consideration commitment to the public health profession.

2 In order to be eligible for regular membership in the Society, a student shall:

a) intend, so far as can be ascertained, to follow a career in public health AND

b) have completed one full year of academic courses or be in the last grading period leading to a masters or doctoral degree in public health offered by a CEPH-accredited school or program of public health;

OR

c) be enrolled in the last year of a CEPH-accredited baccalaureate degree program

Cindy Prins reviewed the FY21 actual activity, noting that revenue was slightly higher than budgeted. Revenue was 10% over budget and expenses were 20% under budget, netting a surplus for the year.

She then reviewed the FY 22 proposed budget, which predicted slightly more inductions than in the past year. Due to the virtual nature of the annual meeting, Delta Omega had

not budgeted for reception expenses related to the annual meeting. The budget also included more staff time to build out a system for individual invoicing and work on initiatives related to the strategic plan. Overall, the budget projected a small surplus for the year. The members of the council attending the meeting voted to approve the budget as presented.

Joel Lee thanked the national officers for their service – in particular, Michael Thompson who had completed his first term. Because no other nominees had been submitted for the at-large position, he was running unopposed for a second term. The council members voted to approve his second term.

Joel asked the council members for their interest in Delta Omega having its own oath that chapters could use during induction ceremonies. He also asked chapters whether the national office should create a script for the induction process. The chapters expressed interest in the idea via poll and Joel said the national office would work on the idea.

Alberto Caban-Martinez reviewed the results of an environmental scan conducted over the summer which asked stakeholders (chapters and Delta Omega members) for their thoughts about the value of Delta Omega and initiatives to strengthen the society over the next 100 years. The chapter representatives then joined breakouts to share ideas.

After the breakouts, Cindy Prins introduced the winners of the chapter of the year award, Gamma Mu and Omega. Chapter representatives joined rounds of presentations to hear from these chapters as well as last year's winner, Gamma Delta.

Cindy announced that the University of Maryland School of Public Health had received the Innovative Curricula – runner-up award for the curricula “Making a Difference: Applying Community Health” and the University at Illinois Chicago School of Public Health had won the award for “Jeni Hebert-Beirne, PhD, MPH and Dolores Castañeda, MPH, University of Illinois Chicago, School of Public Health “CHSC 594: Community-Based Participatory Research and Community Organizing”

She then announced the national honorary member was Bryan Stevenson, the founder and Executive Director of the Equal Justice Initiative, a human rights organization in Montgomery, Alabama

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.