

# MU STATE MUSE

## MU STATE NEWSLETTER

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#### Mu State Executive Committee 2020-2021

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## Fall in Love with Kappa



The first virtual/online meeting of the Mu State Executive Committee and Board of Directors was held on Saturday, August 22, 2020. The meeting was well attended and much planning was done. From the meeting's minutes as submitted by Beth Byrd, Recording Secretary, the following occurred:

The Mu State Executive Committee Officers Installation was conducted by Dr. Mitzy Johnson-Mills. Mitzy used a rainbow theme as a symbol of new beginnings which aligned with our state president's theme of "Kappas Create a Brighter Tomorrow." Officers were installed as follows:

- **President:** Andrea Barrett (Gamma)
- **President Elect:** Marcy McMillen-Bryant (Iota)
- **1st Vice President:** Monica Nunn (Beta)
- **2nd Vice President:** Katherine Bumgarner (Rho)
- **Secretary:** Beth Byrd (Gamma)
- **Treasurer:** Jan Eastman (member at large)
- **Parliamentarian:** Mitzy Johnson-Mills (Beta)
- **Immediate past president:** Joyce Graddy (Alpha Delta)



Beth Byrd, Recording Secretary, read the minutes. Jan Eastman gave the treasurer's report and distributed copies of financial records via email.

Andrea Barrett, president, presented the names of chapters and local chapters presidents. Two chapters (Upsilon and Sigma) dissolved due to not maintaining required number of members. The remaining members from these chapters will be "members at large."

*[As a result of voting through the last Mu State Muse newsletter, **Bylaw changes passed:** Article V-Fiscal Year, Fees Dues, Section 1 ; Article X-Committees-Section 2 and Section 4. **Standing Rules changes passed:** Reports to Committee Chairs due April 1 ; Imogene Hardon Campus Kappa scholarship: applicant must be Campus Kappa member for one year.]*

**The Bylaws Committee Report** was given by Mitzy Johnson-Mills. She indicated that bylaws changes will be updated on the website. A PDF file of changes will be emailed to the state president for disbursement to local chapter presidents.

**The Budget/Finance Committee Report** was given by Monica Nunn. She indicated that Mu State has had a reduction in expenses due to COVID. Monica made a motion to accept the 2020-21 budget as presented. Mitzy Johnson-Mills seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**The History Committee Report** was given by Katherine Bumgarner. She needs history sent in from local chapter for the Legends of the Violet, which is updated every 10 years. She also needs each chapter to submit two 12 x 12 scrapbook pages (1 for each year) for the state president's scrapbook.

**The Membership Report** was given by Monica Nunn. She indicated that Mu State has 114 members for 2020-21 with 19 not paid. She encouraged Chapter Presidents to reach out to the 19 who have not paid. For 2019-20, Mu State had 125 members. She offered the following challenges to local chapters:

- Have a social media presence—a page that is public and highlights efforts, members, etc.
- Have 3 members from each chapter do a short video clip (10 to 15 seconds clip) and send to Monica via email at monicalnunn@gmail.com by **Friday, October 9th, 2020**. Monica is creating a Mu State Recruitment Video to be placed on the Mu State website and chapters' social media sites. The short clip shares "Why you are member or the reason(s) that you joined Kappa Kappa Iota?"
- Share updated Mu State brochure with local educators
- Have at least 1 guest at each chapter meeting
- Reach out to the members-at-large and invite them to join chapter meetings virtually



**The Scholarship Committee Report** was given by Bonnie Dalton. She reminded that the state deadline for scholarship applications is April 1. The national deadline is June 1.

**The Philanthropic Report** was shared by Andrea Barrett, and this year's focus continues to be on Brain Health.

**Empathy** concerns were discussed. As noted by treasurer, Jan Eastman, with this year's budget, the line item, Treasurer's Expense, will not be used. A motion was made by Mitzy Johnson-Mills to donate that line item of \$80 to a scholarship fund set up with Northeast Mississippi Community College in memory of Jeffrey Powell. Jeffrey was instrumental in getting our Mu State web page designed and functioning. The motion was seconded by Tommye Walker. The motion carried.

President Andrea Barrett **thanked Imogene Hardon for her help with the Mu State Roster**. The Roster and the Chapter Presidents' Handbook have both been emailed, and print copies of both will soon be mailed to chapter presidents. Roster copies will be distributed by chapter presidents to members who would like to have one. Chapter presidents and president-elects have attended virtual meetings conducted by the State President. Chapter treasurers have also met virtually with the State Treasurer.

The following items were also discussed:

- Organizing members-at-large into a virtual chapter
- Include Campus Kappas in online platform
- **National President Brenda Morrison scheduled to visit Mu State in 2021 for a prospective/new member event. It was discussed that the event could take place the Friday night (April 23rd) of the Mu State Convention 2021.**

**A motion was made** by Jan Eastman to send the gift (salad set) to now Past National President, Chris Hockert, in light of the fact that 2020 National Convention was canceled. The motion was seconded by Mitzy Johnson-Mills. The motion carried.

**National Convention 2021** will be hosted by Alpha State (Oklahoma). It will be held at the Hard Rock Casino & Resort at Catoosa, OK (eastern edge of Tulsa) June 28-July 1, 2021.

**Mu State 2021 State Convention** will be hosted by Beta. It will be held April 23-24, 2021, in Columbus, MS. Detailed plans will be communicated in February.

**Saturday, February 6, 2021, will be the date for the Spring Executive Committee Meeting.** Location for the meeting will be announced soon.

***\*\*Special thanks to Jan Eastman for hosting Fall Workshop meeting on GoToMeeting.***



**McCarty Pottery's "Tupper's Mama"-Mu State Special Project (2019-2020)**

***Drawing to occur December 8th, 2020!***

***(Great gift for Christmas and tickets still available for sale)***

From Mississippi clay... the hands of the artists have wrought...this original ceramic creation...to enhance the beauty of your home. The glaze on this large piece is the McCartney Pottery signature nutmeg brown. Tupper's Mama is 10" to the tip of her erect ears and 12" to her cottontail. McCartney pottery can be identified by the "river," a small black wavy line representing the Mississippi River on most functional pieces, and by the trademarked McCartney's signature which is hand signed on the bottom or back of each piece.

This piece of McCartney pottery is the Mu State Special Project item for this past year, 2019-2020, and the drawing was to be held last April in Brookhaven, MS, at our 2019-2020 State Convention. However, due to COVID pandemic restrictions, our state convention was cancelled. As a result, the Special Projects drawing will be held on **December 8th** by Kathy Green, last year's Special Projects Chair. Previously purchased tickets will be included in the drawing, and more tickets are included in this newsletter for your convenience. ***The deadline to enter is December 1, 2020.***

**Please mail your entry tickets along with check made to KKI Mu State to Kathy Green, 21 CR 7030, Booneville, MS 38839.** The winner will receive a call on December 8 after the drawing. Kick off the Christmas season and be the lucky winner of this beautiful art pottery: McCartney's "Tupper's Mama."



**Mu State Special Project 2020-2021**

**2 Candlesticks | 2 Candles | Lantern | Small Potted Plant**

Value \$140

Your name goes into the "drawing bowl" **once** for each **\$1.00 donation** OR **7 times** for each **\$5.00 donation**. This year's goal is for each member to get at least \$30 worth of donations. The winner's name will be drawn at the Mu State Convention in April. Please mail entry tickets along with a check made to KKI Mu State to **Karen Lott**, Special Projects Chair 2020-2021, to this address: **PO Box 382, Booneville, MS 38829.**



Questions? Contact Karen Lott  
at (662) 720-2291 or  
kklott@gmail.com.

Thank you for supporting Kappa  
Kappa Iota! Good Luck!

(Tickets for this beautiful set  
are included in this newsletter.)

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**Kappa Kappa Iota National Convention 2021**  
**Centennial Celebration**  
**Hosted by Alpha State/ Oklahoma**



*A look back:*

*Twist and Shout for Kappa*

National President 2019-2020 Chris Hockert (Psi State, TN) was set to preside over the June 2020 National Convention slated to be held in Memphis, TN. She worked and planned tirelessly, and the Memphis convention would have been a great success.

Mu State is sending a gift to Chris to show our appreciation for her leadership through the difficulties of the flooding of National Headquarters in Tulsa and the guiding of Kappa through the uncertainty of the pandemic. Chris showed grace and strength throughout a difficult year.

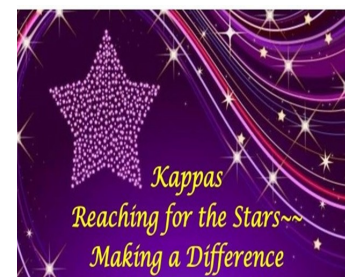


**MEMPHIS**

**National Executive Committee  
2020-2021**

- **President:**  
Brenda Morrison  
(North Carolina)
- **President-Elect:**  
Kay Palush  
(California)
- **First Vice President:**  
Phyllis Thomas  
(Louisiana)
- **Second Vice President:**  
Kathy Smith  
(Alabama)
- **Recording Secretary:**  
Carolyn Garretson  
(New Mexico)
- **Immediate Past President:**  
Chris Hockert  
(Tennessee)
- **Parliamentarian:**  
Melinda Sams (Georgia)

**National Theme:**



**Mu State Theme:**



*Kappas Create a Brighter Tomorrow*