



MU STATE MUSE

MU STATE NEWSLETTER



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2019-2020

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Kappas Standing Strong



Kappas across the United States are enduring the COVID-19 pandemic along with the rest of the world. Our lives are very different under shelter-in-place orders, 2020 school year cancellations, many lost jobs, and, sadly, many people who have contracted the virus. However, our spirit and determination to care for our families, neighbors, and students cause us to serve in ways we never expected. Many Kappas are seeking out and using technology in creative ways: posting lectures and coursework online; tutoring via email and video; and having staff meetings using group meeting apps. Other Kappas such as Glenda Boler (Tau) are helping to make sure students have needed meals while schools are closed. Still others are making calls, sending cards, emails, etc. to neighbors and friends to make sure they have necessities as well as someone to talk to during lonely times. Mu State Kappas are looking for a brighter tomorrow while doing what they can each day. God bless you,

and I can't wait to see you again soon. —Andrea



Glenda Boler of the Tau chapter (third from right) with other volunteers at the Bogue Chitto cafeteria.

****Mu State 2020 Convention in Brookhaven has been cancelled.****

****KKI National Convention 2020 in Memphis has also been cancelled.****

Plans are being made to hold the Fall Workshop at Lake Tiak O'Khata on Aug 21-22

Please read the entire newsletter for more information and voting instructions

Spring Executive Committee meeting



Back row: Valeria Weatherly, Jerri Jackson, Bonnie Dalton, Gale Taylor, Tommye Walker, Diann Carter, and Jan Eastman. **Front row:** Mitzy Johnson Mills, Andrea Barrett, Imogene Hardon, and Olivia Sansing. Not pictured: Cathy Higgins

Spring Executive Committee meeting was held at Harvey's on February 8, 2020. The nominating committee (Jerri Jackson, Chair; Olivia Sansing, and Gale Taylor) presented a slate of new officers for Mu State: President– Andrea Barrett (Gamma), President Elect– Marcy McMillan Bryant (Iota), 1st Vice President– Monica Nunn (Beta), 2nd Vice President– Katherine Bumgarner (Rho), Secretary– Beth Byrd (Gamma), Treasurer– Jan Eastman (Sigma).

After discussion of the rotation of the Mu State convention between regions of the state, it was decided to keep the rotation schedule as listed in the Mu State Standing Rules, pg 7. **The 2021 Mu State convention will be hosted by the Beta chapter of Columbus.**

After the Executive Committee meeting in February, the COVID-19 pandemic began to affect public gatherings, and most chapters had to cancel their meetings. Subsequently, the Mu State Convention in Brookhaven had to be cancelled, and later, the KKI National Convention in Memphis was also cancelled.

The cancellation of the Mu State convention has caused the Executive Committee to make decisions about how the state will vote on officers and changes to the By-Laws, as well as when to have the Special Projects fundraiser and the Silent Auction. The decision was made for all Mu State members to have the choice to vote by mail or electronically on the above mentioned items. Pages 3, 4, and 5 in this newsletter are devoted to voting. Plans are being made to hold the Fall Workshop at Lake Tiak O'Khata in Louisville, MS, on August 21-22. At that time, any necessary pandemic precautions will be taken. The 2019-2020 Special Projects drawing for the "Tupper's Mama," the large rabbit sculpture from internationally recognized McCarty Pottery of Merigold, MS, will be held at Fall Workshop. The silent auction for items donated by each chapter will also be held at Fall Workshop.

Kappa Kappa Iota

National Executive Committee 2019-2020

- **President:**
Chris Hockert
(Tennessee)
- **President-Elect:**
Brenda Morrison
(North Carolina)
- **First Vice President:**
Kay Palush
(California)
- **Second Vice President:**
Phyllis Thomas
(Louisiana)
- **Recording Secretary:**
Kathy Smith
(Alabama)
- **Immediate Past President:**
Jennifer Otradovec
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Website

Nationalkappakappaiota.org

National Theme:

Twist and Shout for Kappa



MU STATE VOTING FORM

***The following changes to the Mu State By-laws were brought up and approved at Fall Workshop, published to the membership in the January edition of the Mu State Muse, and now members must vote to adopt. Please mark a box for each item.*

Article V- FISCAL YEAR, FEES, AND DUES

Section 1- Fiscal Year

Add to existing verbiage:

Before any disbursement from the Mu State business activities checking account of monies over \$1000, with the exception of payment of dues to the National office, the signature of both the Mu State Treasurer and a Mu State member in good standing shall be required. The Mu State Executive Committee shall appoint the aforementioned Mu State member in good standing.

Before making disbursements for non-budgeted items, the Mu State Treasurer will obtain both written and verbal authorization.

Yea, Verily

Nay, Verily

Article X- COMMITTEES

Section 2- Standing Committees

The new Communications Committee would be added to Section 2 and would read:

The following shall be standing committees:

**Business, Bylaws, Campus Kappa, Communications, Empathy, History,
Membership, Memorial, Music, Philanthropic, Professional Development,
Scholarship, and Special Projects**

Section 4- Duties

Duties will be listed for the Communications Committee as follows:

D. Communications

- 1. Provide a stronger visible presence of Mu State Kappa throughout the state of Mississippi and beyond through social media tools such as Mu State Website (www.mskappa.org), listserve, Facebook, etc. for Mu State meeting and/or events.**
- 2. Request that official information for a statewide Communications/Public Relations calendar be sent by State President and local chapter Presidents to the Chair of the Communications Committee no later than July 31st for the upcoming year. The Chair of Communications Committee will coordinate the overall calendar of events with the other members of the Communications Committee with final approval by the State President.**

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3. Receive any official correspondence by the State President to post on the designated social media tools as applicable. It is the responsibility of each state committee chair to correspond to its committee members as well as local chapter Presidents to its local chapter members. However, the Communications/Public Relations committee welcomes the opportunity to work with state chairs and local chapter Presidents to identify opportunities for media exposure.

4. Ensure that statewide activities, service projects, programs, and accomplishments attract positive Media attention and are placed in a timely manner on the social media tools.

If approved, the Duties originally listed from D. Empathy through L. Special Projects within Section 4 of Article X – Committees of the Mu State Bylaws will be changed to **D. Communications** and **E. Empathy through J. Special Projects**.

Yea, Verily

Nay, Verily



Election of new officers

On February 8, the Mu State Nominating Committee presented the following slate of 2020—2021 Mu State Officers to the Executive Committee: Please vote for each officer.

President: Andrea Barrett (Gamma)

Yea, Verily Nay, Verily

President Elect: Marcy McMillan-Bryant (Iota)

Yea, Verily Nay, Verily

First Vice President: Monica Nunn (Beta)

Yea, Verily Nay, Verily

Second Vice President: Katherine Bumgarner (Rho)

Yea, Verily Nay, Verily

Recording Secretary: Beth Byrd (Gamma)

Yea, Verily Nay, Verily

Treasurer: Jan Eastman (Sigma)

Yea, Verily Nay, Verily



Election of 2020—2021 Mu State Nominating Committee

1) _____ 2) _____

3) _____

The following Mu State members have submitted their names for consideration as members of the nominating committee: Katie Draper—Chair (Eta), Patsy Johnson (Gamma), and Rita Long (Alpha Beta). Please write in these or the names of any current Mu State member in good standing for whom you want to vote.



Election of National Nominating Committee Delegates

The following members are eligible for election as a National Nominating Committee delegate. Please write in your choice for delegate and alternate.

Patti Davis (Upsilon), Mitzy Johnson Mills (Beta), Karen Lott (Gamma), Katie Draper (Eta), Tommye Walker (Alpha Delta), Joyce Graddy (Alpha Delta), Kathy Shappley (Alpha Delta), Jerrie Jackson (Iota)

Delegate: _____

Alternate: _____



Local Chapter Delegates

Remember that each chapter should send in a **National Convention Delegate report** which lists who your chapter delegates are for national level voting. These delegates will represent you at national elections. Normally, these are eligible chapter members who are physically travelling to national convention. However, this year, the National Executive Committee is working out how to vote remotely, and **since physical travel won't be involved, each chapter should take advantage of the opportunity to have itself represented on the national level.** The National Convention Delegate form is found on page 26 of the Chapter President's Book and on the KKI website (nationalkappakappaiota.org) under the "Forms" tab. The deadline is June 1st to send the form in via email or regular mail to the National Headquarters.

The following are examples of eligible chapter delegates:

- National Standing Committee Chair (if in this chapter)
- State President or *Alternate (if in this chapter) *Alternate must be an elected state officer
- Immediate Past State President (if in this chapter)
- A chapter can have two (2) additional delegates from the State's Executive Committee as listed in the current National Roster (if in this chapter)
- Chapter President or Elected Alternate
- Two (2) Delegates as a Chartered Local Chapter
- One (1) additional Delegate as a Chartered Chapter with 20 or more members

KAPPAS CREATE A



BRIGHTER TOMORROW

Please **mail or email** the completed voting form by **Monday, May 11**, to

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Local Chapter Presidents:

Please remember that your yearly empathy, membership, and professional development reports are needed **now** by committee chairs. ****This year, please send philanthropic report directly to**

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Please send reports of deceased members to:

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