

Delta Theta Omega Chapter
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated
69th Boule Part II and 2021 Leadership Seminar Report
New Orleans, LA (Via Chicago, IL)
Delegate Report
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July 12-16, 2021

2021 Leadership Seminar

Monday, July 12, 2021

The 2021 Leadership Seminar and 69th Boule Part II started off with greeting from the Supreme Basileus-
Soror Glenda Glover

3:30 P.M. – Leadership Seminar Workshop- Session I

“Virtual Burnout – Do Not Throw the Towel In: Managing My Job and Family”

Presenter: Soror Shelby Boagni, Far Western Regional Director

Discussed how to balance the virtual work and personal environment and strategies and techniques on how to survive doing these changing times.

Tuesday, July 13, 2021: Workshops

10:30 A.M: “Alpha Kappa Alpha Sanction Guidelines – Undergraduate”

Presenters: Members of the Sanction Task Force Committee, Soror Joy Dailey, International Regional Director and Soror Shelby Boagni, Far Western Regional Director

Discussed the sanctions that can be imposed on members of the chapter and sanctions against the chapter. It gives chapters the guidelines to impose sanctions against individual members.

2:00 P.M.: “Developing Teams In A Virtual Environment”

Discussed tips and strategies for developing virtual teams by using a 3step process: Results, Process and Relationships.

8:00 P.M. South Eastern Region Boule Gathering - “Let The Good Times Roll” – Pink and Pearls

We rolled from a Pink Hurricane Mixology Class, to a Jambalaya Cooking Class and ended the evening with a concert and DJ. An awesome virtual evening.

Wednesday, July 14, 2021

- 10:00 am – The Boule was called to order by the Supreme Basileus Glenda Glover with a beautiful meditation by Soror Patricia Russell-McCloud, who reminded us “don’t compromise to be recognized”.
- Regional Greetings from all ten of the Regional Directors followed by the Virtual Boule Choir singing the Sorority Hymn.

Greeting from the four Former Supreme Basileus:

- Soror Mattelia B. Grays, 18th Supreme Basileus
- Soror Norma Solomon White, 25th Supreme Basileus

- Soror Carolyn House Steward, 28th Supreme Basileus
- Soror Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson, 29th Supreme Basileus
- Greetings from the 69th Boule-Part II Chairman Soror Sheryl Rodriguez and her Co-Chairs followed by the Response from 696h Boule-Part I Chairman Soror Terri Dean.
- The Charter was presented by Soror Cynthia Howell, Executive Director followed by the Registration Report, Delegate Strength by Regions and Total Delegate Strength.

There was a total of 28,909 sorors registered
South Eastern had 3,288 registrants

Total Delegate Strength was:

Entitled Delegates	5,435
Certified Delegates	4,968

South Eastern

Entitled	631
Certified	556

- Rules Committee Report was presented by Sorors Bonnie W. Murdah and Martha Perine Beard. The rules were adopted following the reading (3,728 -Yes and 5 – No).
- Presentation of the Agenda by Madame Supreme was adopted

The following Sorors were appointed and ratified by the Delegates:

Resolutions - Soror Valarie A. Hill
Rules - Soror Bonnie W. Murdah and Soror Martha P. Beard
Tellers - Soror Arlene Leland
Time and Place – Soror Tiffany Moore Russell

The Boule was in recess until the 2:00 Plenary Session.

Plenary Session II

- Plenary II opening with singing by sorors from different regions within the Sorority.
- The meeting was called to order by the First Supreme Anti-Basileus Soror Danette Anthony Reed
- Meditation presented by Soror Mia Wright – “Peace and Praise”
- Introduction of the Supreme Basileus was presented by Soror Jasmyne E. McCoy, Second Supreme Anti-Basileus
- Supreme Basileus Report – The State of the Sorority – Madame Supreme Glenda Glover. She reminded us that “The Sun Shall Rise”
 - Highlights of the Presentation:
 - COVID - We needed to remain cautious, we had over 1,070 sorors to test positive and 47 death that were reported.
 - Programs – All Targets are on track

- Connection Committee – Accolades was given to the Committee for the “Get Out The Vote Campaign”
- Membership – The Sorority has 1,030 chapters and 103,000 active members as of June 30, 2021. There has been over 13,500 sorors reactivated.
- Finance – The Sorority is sound with over \$70 million in assets, \$45 million in AKA assets, \$24 million in EAF and \$1 million in the Housing Foundation.
- The Twenty Pearls Documentary generated over \$300,000 in sales from Xfinity.

The Report was well received with a standing ovation and the highest commendations.

- Report of the International Program Committee presented by Soror Ora B. Douglas- All Program Target are on track, and she thanked chapters for their hard work. The report was accepted.
- Undergraduate Activities Committee Updates presented by Soror Jasmyne E. McCoy, Second Supreme Anti-Basileus, Soror Alysse Gurrier and Soror Jasmine Williams Undergraduate Members-At-Large
The Undergraduate Activities Committee has been hard at work to ensure that undergraduate chapters are implementing the Program Targets for this Administration. They gave an excellent report and ensured us that our undergraduate chapters are working hard. The report was accepted.
- International Connection Committee Report presented by Soror Roslyn Brock; The Report touched on the Get Out to Vote efforts, the election of Vice President, Soror Kamala Harris, Voting Rights issues and that all chapters should continue with the campaign regarding the voting issues. The report was accepted.
- Capitol Hill Liaison Report presented by Soror Amirah Salaam gave an overview of the activities that she is involved in and the reports that are shared with the Supreme Basileus and others so that the Sorority is informed of issues when they arise on Capitol Hill. The report was accepted.

6:30-9:00 P.M. Public Meeting

- The Public Meeting consisted of acknowledgements from the HBCU Recipient’s words of gratitude for the Endowment funds received.

Thursday, July 15, 2021

Plenary Session III

- Musical Prelude from chapters though out the Sorority
- Meditation given by Pamela Bates Porch, International Chaplain and Chair of the Spiritual Oversight Committee
- Honorary Members and Awards Recognitions by Soror Staci R. Collins-Jackson, Chairman
Soror Ursula M. Burns-1st Black woman to be a CEO of a Fortune 500 Company. She is a Board Director of Exxon Mobil and Uber. Senior Advisor of Teneo Ltd.
Soror Ruth E. Carter-1st Black person to win the Academy award for Best Costume Design. She is also the first Black costume designer with a Star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.
Soror Debra Martin Chase -1st Black female producer to have an overall deal at any major Hollywood studio. 1st Black woman to produce a film that grossed over \$100 million. Her company is Martin Chase Productions.
Soror Cynthia Erivo is an Emmy and Tony Award-winning actress, a Grammy Award winning singer.
Soror Lisa Leslie is the 1st Woman’s National basketball association player to win Most Valuable Plyer for the regular season, the All-Star game and the finals all in the same season.
Soror Robin Roberts was the 1st Black anchorwoman on ESPN. Co-Anchor of ABC’s Good Morning America.
Soror Tracee Ellis Ross is the 1st Black woman to win the Golden Globe Award for Best Actress in a TV Comedy or Musical in over 30 years.

Soror Alice Walker is a Pulitzer Prize winner, National Book award winner and New York Times Best-selling author for her novel “The Color Purple”.

- Rededication – Prayer was brought by Chelle Luper Wilson, Supreme Grammateus
- Ivy Beyond the Wall Recognition was led by Soror Nadine C. Bonds-Ritual Chairman-with participation from the Regional Directors. Tribute to Soror Faye Beverly Bryant, Soror Eva L. Evans, Soror Ester Martin Rigsby and Soror Nancy Gardner Sewell. All Ivy Beyond the Wall Sorors were listed by Region and Chapter.
- There was a recognition to all Heritage Club Members and a Tribute to First Responders
- The report of the Executive Director was given by Soror Cynthia D. Howell. She informed us there are 36 staff members employed by the Sorority and currently, we have 344 licensed vendors.

Plenary Session IV

- Session called to order by Soror Glenda Glover, Supreme Basileus
- Meditation given by Soror Brenda Smith, Chair of the International Day of Prayer Committee
- The following Reports were given:
 - Risk Management presented by Kimberly Esmond Adams - Collaborated with all AKA Committees and trained over 20,000 Sorors
 - International Constitution Committee presented by Soror Bonnie Murdah - All amendments passed and #7 dealing with MIP sponsors and co-sponsors was withdrawn and is under review.
 - Tellers Committee Report presented by Soror Arlene Leland - The vote on the Regional Directors having a four-year term instead of a two-year term **failed**.
 - International Finance Committee presented by Gayle Miles-Scott - Audit was completed-Unmodified Clean Opinion. There are no outstanding liabilities. The budget did pass with no increases in fees.
 - International Investment committee presented by Soror Karla Hall - The Investment Portfolio is sound.
 - International Standards Committee presented by Soror Brenda Lewis -Virtual guides were presented and all Standards End of the Year Reports will be electronic

Friday, July 16, 2021

Plenary Session V

- Musical Prelude
- Plenary called to order by Soror Glenda Glover, Supreme Basileus and Soror Jasmine E. McCoy, 2nd Supreme Anti-Basileus presided over the session.
- Meditation by Soror Kendall Smith from Winston Salem University, Gamma Lambda Chapter
- Reports were presented by the following Committees:
 - Membership presented by Soror Tracey Morant Adams – She reported over 100,000, active members strong. Business Online Directory is up and running, Transfer of members is available online and mentoring guide is available. Partnered with the DPGS Committee. The Reactivation Day will be January 15, 2022 – “You in 2022”. National Founders Day is January 14-15, 2022 in Washington, DC.
 - Membership Intake Process presented by Soror Cynthia Finch – There were 8586 new members from 2020-2021. The Committee partnered with Standards and the Pandemic Task Force to ensure a safe MIP.
 - Economic Impact study presented by Soror Vreda Williams - The Economic Impact of the Sorority is excellent on all levels.

- Pandemic Task Force presented by Soror Joy Elaine Daily – The Committee has worked hard to ensure the safety of the Sorority. Guidelines were sent out consistently to inform all members. Please continue to follow the Guidelines when conducting Alpha Kappa Alpha Business.
- Disaster Relief Task Force presented by Soror Jasmine A. Moore - Gave assistance to different areas during hurricanes, tornadoes, and floods.
- Building and Properties Committee presented by Soror Patricia Magee - Gave a report and showed the properties owned by chapters. South Eastern Region has 6 Properties and Delta Theta Omega is one of them.
- Leadership Fellows Committee presented by Soror Elicia Spearman and Linda Brooks. - 47 Leadership Fellows attended the Virtual Conference. EAF fully endowed the Leadership Fellows Scholarship.
- Resolutions presented by Soror Valarie Hill - Seven resolutions were presented:
 - 1.) Police Reform
 - 2.) Racism and Violence as Public Health Crisis
 - 3.) LGBTQIA in support of the protecting their rights
 - 4.) Voter Suppression
 - 5.) Vice President Kamala D. Harris and the work she is doing.
 - 6.) Philadelphia and New Orleans as host chapters for Boule I and Boule 2/Leadership Seminar
 - 7.) Supreme Basileus Glenda Glover for her outstanding leadership
- Time and Place Committee presented by Soror Tiffany Russell -The 70th Boule will convene in Orlando, FL on July 10-15, 2022
- The Executive Director thanked the Corporate Sponsors and Platinum Sponsors as well as the staff at the Corporate Office.
- The Mississippi Health Project will be held Oct. 3-6, 2022.

The Supreme Basileus held chats with the Graduates and Undergraduates.

The Closing Gala, to be virtual was quite enjoyable and entertaining.

Sisterly,
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