

**Name:** Kelly Mayne  
**Pledge Class:** Fall 1996  
**Officer Position:** Legacy Rep  
**Decade:** 1990's

**As a prospective officer & leader of the ODPAA, what do you consider your greatest strengths? Weaknesses?**

My strength is that I am a team player, and I am loyal. I try to find the good in people, and I am always willing to put aside my ego to work with others. My weakness is that I can become passionate about things, and I do my best to remind myself to learn all the information before forming an opinion.

**If elected or re-elected to the position you seek, what is your commitment to serving out the full term?**

I am committed to the full term.

**Please describe accomplishments in your career and personal life that would benefit the ODPAA.**

My career has been more varied than I ever imagined. I have had to learn to be flexible, and teachable for new roles I never imagined I would fill. My degree is in Interdisciplinary Engineering & Management, but I have done business management consulting, teaching (middle school math & science, elementary French, and even Technology), as well as bookkeeping & office management. I have also built a successful direct sales business with Lemongrass Spa where I am blessed to lead and teach others to be successful.

**What is your vision for the future of the ODPAA? What changes would you advocate and why?**

I would like to see the Constitution finally revamped into a functional document that serves our needs more effectively. I would also like to see some of the Officer positions reworked to make more sense for how they should operate organizationally.

**If elected or re-elected, please describe what you seek to accomplish:**

Continue to communicate with my decade to keep them informed of ODPAA updates and activities.

**What does Omega Delta Phi mean to you? Please describe your experience as both an active member and an alumni.**

I treasure the memories of my time at Omega while in school. The friendships I made then have lasted and are still cherished today. I am so fortunate to have also become close friends with alumni who were not in school the same time as I was. I love returning to Potsdam and sharing stories, as well as interacting via FB. My life is enriched daily by Omega and our alumni.

**How would your sisters describe you?**

I think they would describe me as friendly, honest, reliable, reasonable, and humble. I love being a part of something bigger than myself.

**Please describe your approach to communicating and working with the ODPAA membership.**

I could perhaps do a better job of reaching out personally, but I do my best to keep my decade informed via our FB group as necessary.

**How do you deal with difficult people & situations? Please describe a situation in which you took a position that upset someone else, and explain how you handled it.**

I tend to be a peace-maker. That does not mean that I follow along blindly to please others, instead I try to understand all sides of a situation and work with people to find an agreeable solution. In difficult situations, I try to remove myself emotionally, determine what is the right thing to do, and stick with that. I do apologize to people if they are hurt or offended, but I don't change my stance based on someone's opinion of me.

**How do you motivate others?**

I love to motivate people through encouragement. Sincerely kind words are powerful. People love to feel appreciated and important.

**How do you handle criticism?**

I look for any seed of helpful suggestion, even if it is dealt in a negative manner. If I disagree with something someone has said to or about me, I try to understand their position for having said that, and then discuss it with them.

**What top 3 qualities do you think a leader should have?**

Humility, ability to accept criticism & grow from it, and a servant attitude.

**Would you rather be liked or respected? Why?**

I would rather be respected. I always try to act with integrity, even if someone may not like me because of it.

**How do you spend your free time?**

I love to crochet, but I rarely find time these days.

**For Fun: What's your 'superpower' or 'spirit animal' and why?**

Pretty sure my superpower is sarcasm...

**Is there anything else that we haven't already covered/asked that you would you like to share with your sisters?**

I love being part of our sisterhood!!