

# Presidents' Page

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## Greetings Chapter Presidents,

As the winter snow slowly begins to melt in some parts of the world while spring showers start and wildflowers begin to bloom in others, we are reminded that summer is almost here.

Take time to remind members to register for one or more international conferences. Visit [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) to find more information about each international conference. The themes and locations are:

- Arts & Humanities (Asheville, North Carolina)
- Leadership (Des Moines, Iowa)
- Technology (Costa Mesa, California)
- Professional Research (Reykjavik, Iceland)
- Global Awareness (Mashantucket, Connecticut)

Remember that the price for registration increases about a month before each conference, so encourage members to register early to get the best deal! (See specific deadlines under "Dates to Remember.")

The new dues portal will be live and ready for production on April 1. Treasurers may begin to enter dues for the 2019-2020 year as of that date. Anyone who was dropped for non-payment of dues for 2018-2019 will pay the full dues amount for 2019-2020 and should be considered and processed as a reinstated member. Any treasurer having difficulties is encouraged to review the step-by-step PPT that is in her [Chapter Connect](#) and should she continue to experience challenges, she should chat or call one of the membership specialists at HQ. The paperwork that will need to be sent to HQ in addition to the check and dues order form are the [Form 6](#) and [Form 18A](#). Continue to send these to HQ for processing. You will no longer need to send in the New Member Form (Form 81) or the Reinstated Member Form (Form 83). If you have a new treasurer, please let HQ know as soon as possible so that we can assign the proper credentials to her.

You may have noticed the new requirements for the login to the DKG website. Encourage your members to create a unique password to use to enter the DKG website for the security and confidentiality of their account information. Many are still using the default password which makes it very easy for a member who has transposed a digit in their member ID to get into the wrong account where they can easily view personal information. **Passwords must now include 7 characters – including at least one letter and one number.**

Let us know if we can assist you in any way and remember we are only a phone call, email, or chat away.

*Society Headquarters Staff*

## CHAT UPDATE



We are online  
[Click here to chat now](#)

We have had over 2,200 chats since September! This is a great way to communicate with our staff and get immediate answers to your

questions or get your account unlocked and your password reset. Remember the chat is answered during weekday business hours (7:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. CDT). Any chats received outside of these hours will be answered on the next business day. It is very helpful if you know your 6 digit member ID to include it with the chat message so that we can identify your account quickly. Thanks for using DKG chat and know that we appreciate you as a member!

## MEMBERSHIP MOMENT

Remember to recruit your potential collegiate members. Consider speaking to the colleges in your area about the possibility of promoting DKG to those education majors in their 3rd and final years. This is the perfect time to explain the benefits of DKG to these students! Emphasize to them that the cost of membership in our organization is 1/10 of that of other teacher/education organizations and the wonderful networking possibilities.

## NEW STORE MAILING PROCESS

The DKG Store has made a change in the mailing process. All orders will now have a 10 business day processing period to get orders pulled and prepared for shipping. To expedite an order, we will still offer priority shipping with the applicable fee.

Please remember this new change as your chapter has order needs.

Remember to send all correspondence to our physical address of 416 W. 12th Street, Austin, Texas 78701. **We no longer have the PO Box address.**

Please do not send any correspondence there.

## Dates to remember:

### April

- ◆ **April 5:** CTAUN Conference, New York, NY. Register at [www.ctaun.org](http://www.ctaun.org)

### May

- ◆ **May 1:** DKG Educational Foundation Cornetet Professional Development Application Due ([www.dkgef.org](http://www.dkgef.org))
- ◆ **May 1:** International Speakers Fund applications due
- ◆ **May 15:** *Bulletin: Journal Submissions* due ([www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)) > **Apply/Submit**
- ◆ **May 31:** Registration price increases for Arts & Humanities conference

### June

- ◆ **June 13:** Registration price increases for Leadership conference
- ◆ **June 18:** Registration price increases for Technology conference

### July

- ◆ **July 1:** Registration price increases for Global Awareness conference

## President to President

by Cathy P. Daugherty, RP, international president 2018-2020

Sharing information is a primary function of chapter presidents, but it can be an overwhelming task to sift through what is available and most pertinent to share with members. This issue's P2P column focuses on a 2019 conference opportunity by which both actively employed members and retirees working to maintain an up-to-date teaching certificate can benefit: the earning of professional development hours. Many school systems accept contact hours for recertification. Since 2008 the opportunity to earn professional development hours has been offered to DKG members attending conferences and conventions. Dr. Beverly Helms spearheaded the initial effort and continues as the administrator of the process sponsored by PAEC.Org – Electronic Professional Development Center in Florida.

Earning 30 professional development hours is easy: 1) sign up and pay a \$50 fee as part of the conference/convention registration form; 2) attend the required sessions at the DKG event; 3) complete the online follow-up exercise by the posted deadline. Dr. Helms helps registrants access the online ePDC site where she posts the questions to answer following the event. Members fulfilling the requirements receive a certificate of completion.

Through this opportunity DKG provides a means for members to earn professional development hours and adds value to DKG membership. To date approximately 1300 members have taken advantage of this opportunity. Some, such as myself, have taken advantage of it multiple times. Personally, this membership benefit allowed me to have “my cake and eat it, too,” so to speak. What better way to get the most out of an international event than to attend, to take advantage of hearing great speakers, AND to receive professional development hours toward certificate renewal. This is pertinent information your chapter members will love to hear and act upon. Share it!

## Cornetet Awards Help Educators Participate in Professional Development

Do you have chapter members who need financial assistance to participate in professional development opportunities not offered by DKG? They might be interested in applying for a Lucile Cornetet Individual Award for Professional Development! The Award is granted to educators to participate in professional seminars, workshops, lecture series, national board certification (initial certification only), on-line courses, and other non-degree programs. For more details and to apply, visit [www.dkgef.org](http://www.dkgef.org) and click on the “Apply” tab. Deadline: May 1.

## What forms do we send to International with this new dues process in place?

### CONTINUE TO SEND

Form 18-A  
*Report of Members Dropped*

Form 6  
*Report of the Death of a Member*

Form 110  
*Chapter Officers Report Form*

Form 87  
*Change of Treasurer Form*

### NO LONGER SEND

Form 81  
*New Member Form*

Form 83  
*Reinstated Member Form*

Initiate/Inductee Cards (green, yellow, or blue)

Remember the recent convention action that requires state organizations to replace Greek names with geographic locations. For example, Beta State is now Alabama State Organization. Be sure to include your geographical location on all documents and correspondence, and to update your website to reflect this change as well.

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