

Presidents' Page

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Newsletter for Chapter Presidents



Greetings Chapter Presidents,

Congratulations on making it to the halfway mark of your biennium! As you begin making plans for the second year of your leadership term, consider these helpful tips:

- Meet with officers and chairs to plan chapter programs and activities for the coming year.
- Consider saving your files digitally so that you can easily pass the necessary information on to your successor and avoid boxes and boxes of paper for her to sift through.
- Learn when the teachers in your district area will be “moving in” at their school. Organize members to help them unload and unpack their supplies.
- Think about bringing breakfast or lunch for one of the days of inservice at your local school. Of course, check with the principal first to make sure another group isn't already bringing one that day.
- Use the [Membership Recruitment Plan](#) (found online under [Tools>Chapter Tools](#)). Plan ahead so that prospects are approved by the chapter in time for orientation.
- Send your members a survey regarding meeting time/day preference, program interests, meeting theme interests, etc.
- Open your planning meeting to all members. This can build member ownership and open ideas for other activities.
- Encourage members to bring their devices to the first meeting after the summer break. Have everyone log in to their [MyDKG](#) account to verify/update their information to include mailing addresses and email addresses. Remember without an email address, members cannot log in to the website or the app and miss out on valuable information that is shared online and through newsletters.
- Develop and nurture your replacement. Remember that our Founders charged us not only to BE leaders but to BUILD leaders. Use this time to let them shadow you, learn from you, ask questions, assist you, and be a facilitator from time to time. This will make her transition much more seamless.
- Contact your new State Organization president. She has recently returned from the international conference training and is ready to roll! Give her your support and let her know how she can assist you. Provide her with a list of your chapter meeting dates and times and invite her to come to one of your chapter meetings to share what she learned at the conferences.
- Make sure you have submitted your information to HQ at mem@dkg.org on [Form 110](#). This will ensure that the correct people have the credentials they need to view [Chapter Connect](#).

We hope that these ideas will be helpful to start your new school year. Just as classroom teachers begin to prepare for the classroom startup excitement, we should also be excited to prepare for the startup of chapter meetings. Know that we support you and are here for you. You can reach us by phone, email, or chat.

Here's to a great start of the second half of your biennium!

Society Headquarters Staff

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD IN PHILADELPHIA!

Make plans to attend the 2020 International Convention in Philadelphia, PA. The conference will be held July 7-11, 2020, at The Philadelphia Marriott Downtown. The hotel block will be available for reservations after January 2020. This convention will consider proposals for amendments to the *Constitution* and *ISR*. Proposals are due to the Constitution Committee by October 1, 2019. [Submit a proposal](#), attend, and vote at the convention to make your voice heard. Should you desire assistance in writing a proposal, please contact any member of the [Constitution Committee](#).

Total Membership as of July 31

64,767

Go Ahead tours: register today!



Things to remember:

August

- ♦ August 15: Submission period for Fine Arts Gallery begins

September

- ♦ September 1: Second reminder email sent to members with unpaid dues
- ♦ September 1: Applications for DKGEF Cornet Individual Awards for Professional Development due
- ♦ September 1: Submission of Annual Report of State Org. Treasurer ([Form 16](#))
- ♦ September 15: Submission period for Fine Arts Gallery ends
- ♦ September 15: International Speakers Fund Speaker application due
- ♦ September 15: Nomination Recommendations for International Elected Positions due
- ♦ September 27: Registration for GoAhead trip to NYC after 2020 convention in Philadelphia
- ♦ September 30: All dues and order forms must be received at HQ. Unpaid members will be dropped after this date.

- * Check the Chapter Check-Up 2019 as found in the [Chapter Strengthening](#) area under Tools

President to President

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

During each of the five 2019 International Conferences held throughout the Society this summer, attendees shared their opinions and comments via the International President's Survey. The five survey items covered a range of topics of interest to members leading up to next summer's convention in Philadelphia, as well as other future international events. To include the voice of members unable to attend a conference this summer, the survey will be made available on the [Homepage](#) of the DKG website through September 30. Urge members to take advantage of this opportunity to take this survey and to share their views with Society leaders. The Administrative Board will note data collected from all survey responses when it addresses issues during its meeting in November. Initial survey information gathered from conference attendees appears on the supplemental page.

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EXPLORE THE BENEFITS OF DKG

Do your chapter members know about the benefits that DKG membership offers? Plan time at each meeting when members can learn about the benefits and resources available to them. Browse the [DKG NEWS](#) together to discover where they can find valuable information. Remember that it is available now in the flipbook format, so you can easily read it on your computer or device. Explore the Society website and view not only sources for critical deadlines and links, such as those to conference registrations and state organization websites, but also links to member benefits such as discounts for insurance, opportunities to apply for scholarships or grants, or even opportunities to apply to be an international speaker.

TREASURERS' TIDBITS

Treasurers have been busy sending in dues using the new online dues portal. Please thank your treasurer if she has completed the dues process for your chapter.

Please share the following information with your treasurers:

- ♦ Deceased members (possibly deceased for many years) may be showing up in the portal as dropped members. This was caused by a coding error at HQ. We have since updated our coding system so that deceased members have their own category. Please ask your treasurer to forward any names of deceased members that she notices on the portal to HQ. We will correct it to properly reflect that they are deceased.
- ♦ Some treasurers have experienced issues locating members who wish to reinstate. Please remind your treasurer to enter the first and last name only in the search area. If they do not find a result, encourage them to contact HQ and we can do a more exhaustive search BEFORE they add the reinstated member again. Otherwise this creates a duplicate account.
- ♦ Should your treasurer experience a slow processing time while entering the information into the dues portal, please remind her to be patient and not to hit the submit button more than once. This creates a duplicate billing order and while completely fixable by HQ staff, it can become confusing as your treasurer prepares to write checks for the orders.
- ♦ Dropped members with the last names of A-V are not appearing in the dues portal. Your treasurer will not be able to find them with the search because of this. The developers are aware of this issue and are taking steps to correct it, but all treasurers should know that only dropped members with last names of W-Z are appearing in the portal and the search results. Please have your treasurer contact HQ to assist with the search.
- ♦ All dues must be processed at HQ by September 30. Any members unpaid on October 1 will be automatically dropped.
- ♦ Treasurers can contact HQ via chat, email at mem@dkg.org, or phone.

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2019 International President's Survey

Question 1: What time of year is optimal for you to attend an international event (such as a conference or convention)?



Ranking of responses - Arts & Humanities invalidated

Question 2: What length of time would you prefer for an international event (such as a conference or convention)?

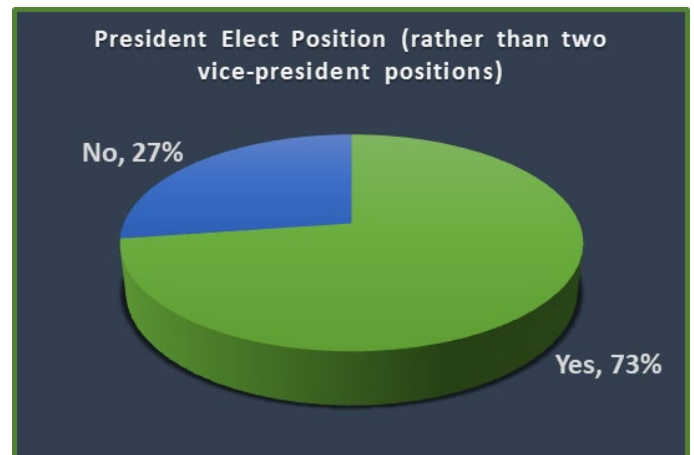


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Question 3: Are you in favor of a name change for the Society?



Question 4: Would you support an international president-elect position with one vice president versus the two (first and second) vice president positions we currently have?



A full summary of the International President's Survey results from 2019 International Conferences will be published at a later date in the DKG NEWS and on the DKG Website. If you missed the opportunity to complete the survey at the conferences, please visit www.dkg.org to complete the survey before September 30.