

Presidents' Page

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Newsletter for Chapter Presidents



Greetings Chapter Presidents,

For some of you, there may be signs that the fall season is approaching. For the International Headquarters staff in Texas, summer temperatures continue in full swing. Cooler temperatures can't be far behind.

Many of you may be physically back in the classroom while others may still be virtual. You may have held your first meeting or be planning for it in the very near future. This is a time to renew friendships, build new ones, and hear about summer adventures or thoughts of summer adventures.

We hope your presidency is off to a good start and you have held your first meeting or are planning for it in the very near future. We also hope that you are excited about the 2020-2022 biennium. International President Becky Sadowski feels strongly about continuing the theme from the past two biennia - Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide - and has great visions for Delta Kappa Gamma members to put into action during the coming years. One subject close to President Sadowski is member retention. The Society can grow by attracting new members; however, we cannot forget those who have been part of the organization for years and serve as a great resource for knowledge of your chapter and state organization. Let's preserve the Society by continuing to acknowledge long-time members while at the same time preserving its future by extending invitations to new ones.

Remind your members how important it is to keep their demographic information up to date. Members can update their own information by going to their [MyDKG>My Account](#) and clicking on the pencil under the About Me tab. The chapter treasurer can also update the information in the Member Management section of the dues portal. Keeping member information current is important, not only at the international level, but at the state organization level for mailing of publications and making other contacts.

Invite all your members to view the 2020 virtual event, which is available on the DKG website under the **Events** tab. Consider watching some of these presentations as a program during a chapter meeting.

Throughout your term as chapter president, please share each issue of this newsletter with your chapter members and feel free to share your ideas with us. We look forward to working with you in support of the Society's mission and goals.

Society Headquarters Staff

New Members since July 1, 2020

1,173

Total Membership as of Oct. 1, 2020

57,883

TREASURERS' TIPS

Dues have been collected and submitted for the 2020-2021 year. Thank you all treasurers for the hard work, time, and energy you invested. As of October 1, we had 3,142 members who remained in the unbilled section of the dues portal and were unfortunately dropped. Presidents and treasurers are encouraged to reach out to these members for possible reinstatements. Any member wishing to reinstate her membership can pay her dues for 2020-2021 and her account will be updated to current status.

If you do not see that reinstated member in your unbilled section of your portal, please contact a membership specialist to recreate the billing for the reinstated member. This can be done through chat, emailing mem@dkg.org, or by calling HQ at 512-478-5748 and asking to speak to a membership specialist. We are still under COVID-19 restrictions and work on a staggered schedule in the office. If we do not answer, please leave a message and we will return it on our next scheduled work day in the office.

Please send all paperwork for chapter honorary members joining your chapter to HQ along with the \$49.50 fee. The dues system is not set up for these one-time only billings and the new member entry for chapter honorary members will be done at HQ.

Many of the forms that you will need as a treasurer can be found in your [Chapter Connect](#). This includes the following forms: 18-A-Drop Members Report, 6- Report of Death of a Member, 87- Change of Treasurer, and 15-Annual Chapter Report.

There is a new feature in the dues portal. In the member management section of the *(cont. page 2)*

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Tell us about your remarkable members or your remarkable chapter! Put them in the Member Spotlight. Nominate a member or chapter using [this Google form](#).

Things to remember:

October

- ◆ October 1: **Bulletin: Journal** submissions due
- ◆ October 15: Society Representative request (state org. presidents only)
- ◆ October 31: Website compliance due (Form 72)

November

- ◆ November 1: DKGIEF Cornetet CSPD Applications due
- ◆ November 10: SOPs to request international speaker from International Speakers Fund
- ◆ November 15: All Treasurers to file IRS 990 (US only)
- ◆ November 23-27: Headquarters closed

Robert's Rules of Order

For those of you using RONR in your state organizations, please be advised that the 12th edition is now available.



President to President

by Becky Sadowski, international president 2020-2022

Effective communication is a key factor in the involvement of members. This is especially true during the unusual and challenging times we are experiencing in our world. You, as chapter presidents, play a critical role in keeping members informed and encouraging their active participation in our organization.

With three levels of communication within the Society, YOU are the closest source of information for our members and are responsible for sharing information from the international and state levels. You are the members' lifeline!

Not everyone prefers to receive information in the same way. Use a variety of options such as newsletters, email, phone calls, and social media. At the international level we are experiencing issues with members not providing an email address for our database or not updating their contact information when changes are made. Please encourage members to make these changes by going to their profile section under MyDKG on the Society website.

Members are most likely to share their reactions to their membership experience at the chapter level. Society leaders want to hear members' needs, suggestions, and concerns. The chapter is also the place in DKG where relationship building begins. Thank you for planning meetings and events so that there are meaningful opportunities for chapter members to interact. Even in an environment that is virtual rather than face to face, try to find creative ways for members to learn more about each other. The DKG 2020 Virtual Event demonstrated members' need to feel connected!

Finally, as you consider communication within the chapter and how it might affect their level of involvement, you might consider these questions: Am I demonstrating a positive attitude? Am I conveying a sense of flexibility... being open to possibilities? Am I providing opportunities for members to learn, lead, and make a difference?

Thank you for all you do to provide a strong membership experience for your members.

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portal, you will see two boxes under the Member Details. These boxes will allow the treasurer to indicate if the member wishes to receive a copy of the *DKG NEWS* or *Collegial Exchange* by mail. Treasurers should make sure to have all addresses updated by January 1, 2021 for members to receive the next editions by mail.

- Receive DKG News by mail
- Receive DKG Collegial Exchange Magazine by mail

EMERGENCY FUND

Our thoughts and hearts are with the many members who have suffered losses from hurricanes, fires, and other natural disasters. If you know of anyone in your chapter that has suffered losses from these disasters, please remind them to complete an Emergency Fund Request.

[Emergency Fund Requests forms](#) are available on the website under Forms>General. Please remind your members that have been affected by natural disasters to submit their form for the \$500 reimbursement. If you wish to contribute to the Emergency Fund, visit www.dkg.org and click on **Donate to DKGIEF**. Choose the **Emergency Fund** on the contribution page or on Form 43.

IRS 990 DUE 11/15

Reminder: U.S. entities with bank accounts **MUST** file Form 990 each year by November 15. Entities with less than \$50,000 in cash receipts during the fiscal year of July 1 to June 30 may file Form 990N. File electronically for free through the direct IRS connection on the Society website or at www.irs.gov. Any entity that does not complete successful filing for 3 consecutive years will lose its tax-exempt status and fall from under the umbrella of DKG.

Confirmations of filing for chapters and for coordinating council accounts with separate EINs must be sent to the state organization president. All state organizations must send copies or confirmation of state filings to Peggy Jonas at peggyj@dkg.org.

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