

Presidents' Page

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Newsletter for Chapter Presidents



Greetings Chapter Presidents,

We join everyone who has wished you a Happy New Year! As we begin 2021, we are reminded that a new year is nature's reset button. A fresh start, a clean slate, a new year!

While you are enjoying a reset to a new year, congratulate yourself for leading your chapter through one of the most challenging years in DKG history. Take a moment to reflect on the first six months of your biennium while enjoying the momentum of the next months ahead.

It is never too soon to begin preparing members to take the helm as the chapter's next leaders. Consider collaborative strategies when planning for chapter activities: involve all members in program planning, create a team using a leadership approach by sharing responsibilities, open executive meetings to everyone in order to gain valuable insights, and cultivate a genuine fellowship by pairing each new member with a mentor. As chapter president, you have supporters all around you - former chapter officers, state organization personnel and the members of the various international committees and boards. And, of course, you can always find help at Society Headquarters by chat, phone, or email.

Remember that as of January 1, 2021, any new member joining your chapter will pay ½ International dues. The dues portal will automatically be set up to record the ½ dues for International and the amounts for the state organization as reported to us last spring. Should you or your treasurer notice any incorrect amounts, please contact us by connecting on chat, phone, or email at mem@dkg.org. Any member who was on your roster as of July 1, 2020, but was dropped for any reason should pay the full dues amount for both International and for your state organization. If the portal does not calculate these full dues amounts, please contact us via chat or phone for immediate assistance during business hours, or by emailing your issue to mem@dkg.org.

Remember that inductions can be held at any time in person or virtually, or not at all as inductions are no longer a requirement for membership. A member becomes a member when she pays her dues.

Speaking of new members, be sure to show *Pride in the Big Picture* to all your new members and *Sustaining the Pride in the Big Picture* to all your returning members. These have been updated to show current content and can be found under Resources on the website. You have the option of a pre-recorded version or one that you have notes to read. Both of these are wonderful tools to keep members informed of the value of their membership!

The staff at HQ appreciates and values you and all of our members and are always glad to assist you in any way we can. May 2021 bring you both happy endings and fruitful beginnings.

Society Headquarters Staff

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

It's not too early to begin planning to attend an international conference and to remind your members about the great opportunities awaiting them at these meetings. Dates and locations have been set, and additional information will be forthcoming in issues of the *DKG NEWS*. You can also find information on the DKG website by going to www.dkg.org and clicking on the Events tab. Scroll down to see the information for the two conferences including schedules, forms, hotel information, and details specific to each conference.

- Portland, Oregon - July 7-10, 2021
- San Antonio, Texas - July 21-24, 2021

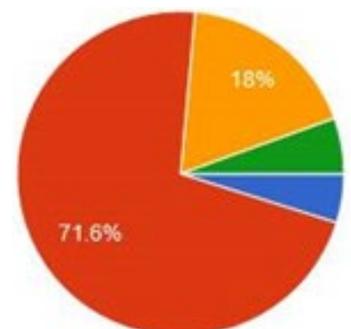
SURVEY SAYS...

Members were recently asked how their chapters were connecting during COVID as a survey question on the website. With over 2700 members responding, here are the results from the most recent survey question on the website. 18% were finding ways to meet in-person and over 71% were meeting and connecting virtually. Look for more information from the 2020-2022 Membership Committee explaining the "Other" options soon.

Is your chapter connecting or meeting during COVID-19?

2,739 responses

- We are not gathering at all
- We are meeting and connecting virtually
- We are finding ways to meet Face-to-Face
- Other - explain below



Things to remember:

February

- ◆ February 1: Scholarship Application
- ◆ February 15: Arts & Humanities submissions close for Spring Gallery

March

- ◆ March 1: International Achievement Award recommendations
- ◆ March 1: *Bulletin: Journal* submissions

May

- ◆ May 1: DKGIEF Cornetet CIPD Application due
- ◆ May 1: Returning ballot for international Achievement Award
- ◆ May 1: SOPs to request international speaker from International Speakers Fund
- ◆ May 11: Founders' Day
- ◆ May 15: *Bulletin: Journal* submissions



Keep an eye out for the return of the new and improved Search feature on the website!
Coming soon!



President to President

by Becky Sadowski, international president 2020-2022

Congratulations! Your biennium as chapter president is well underway. You are leading during uncertain times, but I hope you are enjoying the many talents and strong support of your chapter members.

While our current circumstances may present unique challenges, one area of focus in DKG continues to be important. Intentional effort to prepare our members to serve in leadership roles is a critical factor that impacts all three levels of the organization. The opportunities and experiences we provide for our members are a significant part of “growing” leaders who will be ready to serve whenever they are needed—now, next biennium, or at some point in the future. Because each chapter’s membership is unique, planning for leadership development must take into account the experiences and needs of that chapter’s members.

Society leaders often cite specific examples of successful components included in their leadership development initiatives:

- ◆ Recognize and acknowledge the strengths of individual members
- ◆ Create a plan for mentoring within the chapter
- ◆ Emphasize the value of teamwork among chapter officers and committees
- ◆ Provide multiple opportunities to educate members about the work of each chapter committee (icebreakers, chapter programs, newsletters, etc.)
- ◆ Encourage members to expand their understanding of committee work by reading the committee blogs found on the homepage of the DKG website
- ◆ Educate members about the many resources available in DKG such as the website, publications, and networking opportunities with other leaders throughout the Society
- ◆ Delegate responsibilities that will allow members to see themselves as a contributor to chapter life

Developing future chapter leaders is an ongoing process and requires the commitment of every member. Asking a member to assume a leadership role without preparation could result in a negative experience for her, which may impact her willingness to be an active contributor in the future. Take some time to evaluate leadership development in your chapter. Think of it as a priority that will be an investment in the life of your chapter!

HOW CAN A CHAPTER PROVIDE POSITIVE EXPERIENCES FOR NEW MEMBERS?

Inductees need mentors. New members often need assistance in becoming acquainted with other members and in attending local, area, district, and state organization meetings. They need to become involved by serving on committees and/or helping with programs and projects. Assign one or two members to each inductee to ensure a feeling of being connected.

TREASURERS' TIPS

The dues portal is set to calculate the ½ dues for new members who have a join date after Jan 1, 2021. On some orders, the system is duplicating the order and moving it to the paid section. This is a glitch with the system that Technology Director Victor Trisnadi is currently working on. Please chat, call, or email Headquarters so that we can manually correct this issue and get your order correct.

Membership specialists will be contacting treasurers who have outstanding orders in the dues portal that we do not show as paid. Please check your portal for any orders in the Billed Section and send your payments to International and your state organization.

New member cards for members who joined in December and January will be sent in February. Creation of a new hosting site at HQ is causing a slight delay in printing the cards. As a reminder, members can print their own cards by going to their MyDKG Account and clicking on the Membership Card tab. They can print a card with a picture if they have downloaded one or without a picture.

The dues portal will close to all 2020-2021 business on March 1, 2021. Please make sure all members are entered and orders are created before that date and the payment sent. The portal will reopen on April 1, 2021 for the 2021-2022 dues year.

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