

Presidents' Page

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Newsletter for Chapter Presidents



Greetings Chapter Presidents,

The first year of your biennium is drawing to a close. We hope you have had a good year, adapted to the challenges presented along the way, and that you have been able to realize your goals.

This is an exciting time as plans move forward for the 2021 International Conferences in Portland, Oregon and San Antonio, Texas. Have you made plans to attend one or both? Remember there are no longer geographical (regional) boundaries preventing you from attending both. There are in-person and virtual registration options. Both of the DKG International Conferences in July 2021 will be in-person events. Virtual content from **both** conferences will be offered during the San Antonio conference only. Members who register for virtual attendance will be provided access to content from both conferences when it is live streamed during the conference in San Antonio. All registrants, both virtual and in-person at both conferences, will have access to virtual content for on-demand viewing at a time most convenient for the member. Information can be found on the DKG website under the [Events](#) tab.

State organization conventions are also in progress at this time of year. These conventions usually include sessions that are helpful to chapter presidents. We hope you are considering attending some of these sessions and encouraging your chapter members to attend as well! With the state organization conventions will come the selection of new state organization officers. Consider making plans to connect to the new state organization president and invite her to your meetings, especially if they are virtually! What a great opportunity to connect to your state organization officers!

July 1 begins another fiscal year. Remember to summarize the activities of this year for the history of your chapter, provide accurate information for chapter yearbooks, and clear your files of all unnecessary letters and out-of-date materials and forms. Make sure your files are up-to-date and in good order and discard all obsolete materials. Remind the treasurer and membership chairman that obsolete forms should be discarded. The most up-to-date forms will always be found on the DKG website. Speaking of updated forms,

Form 81 (New Member Information Form) has been updated by the 2020-2022 International Membership Committee with language that aligns with the wording in the *Constitution* and can be found under the [Forms](#) tab and then Membership.

Meet with officers, committee chairs, and committees to set goals and play the year's activities. (You, as chapter president, are an ex-officio member of all committees except Nominations.) Plan to have at least two chapter executive board meetings a year. These meetings should be scheduled to the best advantage for the board to carry out the business of the chapter and to recommend policies and procedures for consideration by the members in chapter meetings AND these meetings can take place virtually if you are unable to meet in person.

Curious as to what records you need to keep? Check out the retention schedule listed on page 10 of the *Go-To Guide*, which can be found on the DKG website under the [Governing Docs](#) tab.

Also keep in mind induction ceremonies are not necessary for official membership status. While the ceremonies are always beautiful and meaningful, a member becomes a member when she pays her dues according to our *Constitution*. We have been asked the question at HQ if a member pays her dues in April but we do not have an induction ceremony until November, is she still a member? The answer is yes! She became a member the day she handed her dues payment over to her chapter treasurer. She can enjoy all the benefits of membership before and after the formal ceremony in November. Many chapters hold induction ceremonies once a year and include all members who joined during that year. Several chapters have even held virtual induction ceremonies for their new members recently!

New and exciting things are happening within DKG! Stay connected and watch for regular announcements on the website, in the communities, and in the *DKG NEWS*. Feel free to contact any of our membership specialists on the website chat, through email at mem@dkg.org, or by phone at 512-478-5748.

Let's help each other wrap up this year and make 2021-2022 your chapter's year!

Society Headquarters Staff

Things to remember:

June

- ◆ June 30: Deadline for members to submit dues to chapter treasurer.
- ◆ June 30: Treasurers—check the publications box in the dues portal for members wishing to receive publications by mail. Boxes should be checked by June 30 to receive the next issue of the *DKG NEWS*

July

- ◆ July 1: Applications to become an international speaker available online
- ◆ July 5: Headquarters closed
- ◆ July 7-10: 2021 International Conference — Portland, Oregon
- ◆ July 15: Chapter Treasurer Annual Report to SO
- ◆ July 22-24: 2021 International Conference — San Antonio, Texas

Educators Book Award Winner

Trauma Doesn't Stop at the School Door: Strategies and Solutions for Educators: Pre-K–College

by Dr. Karen Gross
DC Nu Zeta

President to President

by Becky Sadowski, international president 2020-2022

Many of you are already planning for the second year of your biennium. Some of the many questions you may be considering are “What have we learned from our COVID experiences that we believe will shape our future chapter life? What will our chapter look like moving forward?”

In my conversations with our members throughout DKG, I often hear comments about new ways of staying connected. I hope you've discovered some of these special opportunities within your own chapter such as social hour Zooms, virtual book club discussions, meeting icebreakers, small groups of members planning a chapter program or project, and wellness challenges focused on self-care.

Be sure to remind your members about the importance of our DKG publications in their attempts to stay connected. Encourage them to use our publications and website as great resources for learning about the work of international committees, discovering new tools or helpful information for creating chapter programs, or exploring the various benefits/opportunities available to DKG members.

Earlier in the biennium I offered a challenge to our chapters. Any chapter that is successful in updating **all** of their member profiles in My DKG on the international website will be invited to a Zoom meeting with the international president and one other Administrative Board member. Those of us serving at the international level want to be connected to YOU!

There seems to be no limit to the opportunities to stay connected in DKG. These connections have proven to be critical for chapters and state organizations during a time of many challenges. Now we must ask ourselves one more question as we move forward. Did we discover that new opportunities for strengthening communication were perhaps always possible? We only needed to make them happen!

Congratulations to you as chapter leaders for taking those next steps!

NEW MEMBER ZOOM

New members are being invited to participate in a New Member Zoom monthly hosted by International President Becky Sadowski and Membership Director Patricia Woodley. Members with a join date for the previous month and a paid thru date of 6/30/2022 will receive an E-vite to join the meeting. For example, all members with a join date from 4/01/2021 - 4/30/2021 and a paid thru date of 6/30/2022, received an E-vite for the May 18, 2021 New Member Zoom. Five members attended the Zoom. It was wonderful to meet these ladies!



Filing of the Form 990N is required of all US chapter treasurers between July 1, 2021 and November 15, 2021. Please refer to the website, Resources>Finance Tools>[IRS 990 Filing](#) for additional information and necessary links.

Make sure to keep your email updated so you do not miss out on any communications from international! Members can update their own email address in their [MyDKG](#) account, or they may send email addresses to chapter treasurers, who can update them in the dues portal under Member Manage. It is also recommended that you not use a school email address and use a personal one instead, as those often block our emails.

The International Constitution Committee is now receiving proposed amendments to our governing documents. Please use the forms available on the DKG Website under [Apply/Submit](#).

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