

Presidents' Page

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Newsletter for Chapter Presidents



Greetings Chapter Presidents,

By the time you receive this newsletter you may have already held your first meeting or be planning it for the very near future. School is back in session and DKG chapter members will be renewing friendships and building new ones. This is an exciting time for you as president as you look forward to carrying out the plans set forth by your board.

Did you and/or any of your chapter members attend the international conferences or your state organization convention? We hope you shared information about attending the international conferences and your state organization convention to your chapter members along with a report of celebration.

Are you gathering information for your chapter yearbook? Remember that our International Administrative (Admin) Board has asked that you direct people to the website instead of listing individual emails in your yearbook. This is in an attempt to help control the number of spam emails that Admin Board members were receiving previously.

Check your roster for those members who might have been dropped due to non-payment of dues and check with them to see what other alternatives your chapter might be able to offer. Are they needing rides to meetings? Are they uncomfortable with meeting in-person? Maybe you can offer a hybrid meeting of in-person and Zoom. If you are offering Zoom meetings, do they have a device to participate? If not, is there another member who might be willing to go and share their device so they could watch the meeting together? Do they need financial assistance to pay their dues and is this something your chapter can assist to help offset that cost? Consider something that particular member has to offer the chapter and remind them if they are gone, the chapter is losing that valuable asset. Continuing to keep those lines of communication open to your dropped members is important. They need to know they are welcome back at any time.

We hope you are gaining confidence in your position and that this second year of your biennium is off to a great start! We all send our best wishes to you for a fabulous year and remind you that we are always here to help!

Society Headquarters Staff

ORIENTATION AND REORIENTATION:

AN IMPORTANT PART OF MEMBERSHIP

Do you have plans to induct some members this fall? Have you planned an orientation session? Orientation is a way to build strong membership. New members need to know the basics about the Society when they are considering membership. Other members benefit from reorientation - reminders of the benefits of membership and a renewal of pride in belonging.

Orientation should occur after the invitation to membership has been issued. An invitation to an orientation meeting may be included with the invitation. The session may be conducted by a member or members designated by the chapter president. The prospective member receives information about the organization, programs, and history of the Society.

A reorientation program for all members may be devoted to updating and/or reviewing information about the Society at one meeting a year, a chapter workshop, or five minutes at the beginning of each meeting. The focus can be on projects and achievements of the Society with a review of the Mission Statement and seven Purposes of the Society.

Both orientation and reorientation for members is essential as both remind members of the scope of the organization and the benefits and rewards of maintaining membership.

The orientation and reorientation materials are found on the DKG website under Resources > Videos | PowerPoints | Templates > Videos > [Webinars](#). The orientation video is titled *Pride in the Big Picture* and the reorientation

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REINSTATEMENTS CAN BOOST MEMBERSHIP

With the dues deadline in the past and all unbilled members dropped, reinstatement is easier than ever with the new dues portal. Former members of DKG now can rejoin the Society easily.

The newly simplified process for reinstatement includes the following: the former member requests reinstatement in the desired chapter (this may or may not be the chapter of her original membership). The chapter treasurer will enter the

reinstated member's information in the dues portal and create her dues order for billing. There are no late fees, just the dues to international, your state organization and chapter (if any).

Take note of the possibilities in regaining members who may have been lost for a number of reasons. Let former members know they are missed and needed, inform them of the easy reinstatement process and welcome them back.

Things to remember:

October

- ◆ October 1: *Bulletin: Journal* submissions
- ◆ October 1: Amendments to C/ISR due
- ◆ October 15: Society Representative request

November

- ◆ November 1: DKGIEF Cornetet CIPD & CSPD applications due
- ◆ November 1: Deadline for SOPs to request international speaker from International Speakers Fund
- ◆ November 15: All Treasurers to file IRS 990 (US Only)

C&M Modules

The International C&M Committee will offer four modules on the following dates:

Oct. 16, 2021

- ◆ Capitalizing on the DKG Brand

Nov. 20, 2021

- ◆ Enhancing Communication Tools... Newsletters, Websites, Brochures

Jan. 29, 2022

- ◆ Maximizing Social Media... Digital Newsletters, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter

Mar. 5, 2022

- ◆ Copyright, Fair Use, and Public Domain-Information for All

All modules will be at 11:00 AM (CST) and open to all members.

President to President

by Becky Sadowski, international president 2020-2022

International conferences and state organization leadership training have been completed, and we have so many exciting future events to look forward to in DKG!

The International C&M Committee will offer four modules with various dates and topics, highlighted in the green box in the bottom left. All modules will be scheduled for 11:00 AM (CST) and will be open to **all** members. Mark these dates on your calendars and watch for more information on the DKG website.

Plans are underway for the 2022 DKG International Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana. (NOLA) Please check the Events page on the DKG website to receive convention updates regarding the convention schedule, keynote speakers, and other important details. Our last opportunity to meet at an international convention to conduct Society business was in 2018. We need YOU to be in NOLA July 12-16, 2022, to share your ideas and participate in making decisions that will impact DKG's future.

Speaking of our future, DKG will celebrate our 100th birthday at a special international conference in 2029 in our organization's birthplace, Austin, Texas. Our Centennial Celebration Committee would like members to participate in the excitement leading up to this amazing milestone. Look for the committee's article in the next issue of the *DKG NEWS*, which includes ideas and more information about future plans of this committee.

Many of you have been interested in the process for the sale of our headquarters building. That process has been completed, and the sale was final on September 1, 2021. Because the building is considered a permanent asset, the proceeds from the sale were appropriately deposited into the Permanent Fund of the Society. Next steps involve identifying a future headquarters location and making plans to transition into that space. I have sent a detailed update to your state organization presidents with a request that they share that information with members in their state organization.

Thank you for your dedication to DKG. You ARE making a difference!

TREASURERS' TIPS

We encourage you to go into the member management area of the portal and update emails for any members who are missing an email. With over 900 bounced back emails after the last dues reminder notice, we need your help updating member emails so that the Society can remain in touch with members and connect in a meaningful way. We have removed the bounced back emails from their accounts, so if you notice a member without an email in the member management section, check with that member to see if there is a new email to add. We have noticed that many school emails are being returned. Members may prefer to provide personal emails knowing we do not sell or share any of their personal information, to include the email. Members might also check with their district to see if they can add dkg.org to the list of "safe emails".

Please take this time to look in your portal and send checks for any outstanding orders you see in the Billed section that you have not already forwarded. If you notice any issues, contact any of our membership specialists via the website chat, email at mem@dkg.org, or by phone 512-478-5748. We will be glad to assist!

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video is titled *Sustaining Pride in the Big Picture*. Both videos include a voice over and the reorientation video is broken into smaller videos you can use at different meetings. There is also a PPT version of both that you can tailor to fit your chapter. Notes from the video presentations are available for your convenience or to use while presenting the PowerPoint version. These can be found on the DKG website under Resources > Videos | PowerPoints | Templates > [PowerPoints](#).

IS YOUR CHAPTER AN EXEMPLARY ONE?

The **KEY** to an exemplary chapter is a combination of knowledge, teamwork, and cooperation. It's a chapter in which the members work together to further the Society's Purposes. Consider submitting your chapter's projects for the Project Spotlight. Contact Trish Woodley, trishw@dkg.org for more information.

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