

**Alpha Alpha State of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Committee Reports for Convention 2017**

**REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE**

**I. Role**

The Educational Excellence Committee is composed of a Coordinator who is First Vice president of the State Organization, 4 Chairman, and additional committee members. They share responsibilities of the Professional Affairs, Projects, Visual and Performing Arts and U.S. Forum.

Their responsibilities include:

- Promoting Schools for Africa and supporting Early Career Educators
- Promoting state project, Little Free Libraries
- Planning the Friday Night Fun and Fellowship (Friday Night Fling) at the state convention
- Planning and promoting the Album of Distinction program
- Selecting of workshops and presenters for state convention
- Recognizing any Doctoral Degrees
- Recognizing members with 40 years or more of membership in DKG
- Planning all music needed for the state convention
- Planning for the Purposeful Seminar in even-numbered years
- Planning and assisting the First Vice President with the Celebration Luncheon at the state convention to honor Doctoral Degrees, members with 40 years or more of the membership, and Birthday Chapters
- Supporting the Leadership Development in even-numbered years
- Keeping members informed of legislative issues regarding education, women, and children
- The committee should support the planning and implementation of the Creative Arts Retreat in odd-numbered years

**II. Biennial Goals**

- Continue to assist chapters in their committee restructuring, if there is a desire
- Inform chapters of the work of EEC and the impact on their chapter membership
- Communicate regularly with chapter counterparts via email, snail mail, newsletters, and visits
- Maintain the high-quality programming provided at the state convention over the past years
- Support the goals of the International EEC

**III. Accomplishments Related to Goals**

- Wrote articles for the Keystonian relating to their specific activities
- Directed the International and State Projects - Schools for Africa, SEE (Supporting Early-Career Educators), and Little Free Libraries
- Develop a Friday evening fellowship event at the state convention
- Planned for the Album of Distinction (Professional Affairs)
- Recognized members with 40 years or more of membership
- Secured presenters for enrichment workshops for Saturday at the state convention (Professional Affairs)
- Established music needs for the entire state convention (Visual and Performing Arts);
- Planned for the Celebration Luncheon at the state convention to honor Doctoral graduates, members 40 years or more of membership, and Birthday Chapters
- Send hot topic issue information to chapters (U.S. Forum)
- Attend the Northeast Regional Conference in Windsor, Ontario, Canada
- Assisted the Leadership Development Team with the Leadership and Development Seminar with Friday workshop

- Presented the 2016 Purposeful Seminar, “Pride of Pittsburgh”, Pittsburgh, PA

**IV. Future Recommendations**

- The committee should continue to fine tune the restructuring of the EEC/POW and assist chapters with transition.
- The committee should continue to communicate with chapters via email, snail mail, the website, newsletters and the Keystonian.
- The committee should support work to maintain the high quality of programming provided at the state convention.
- The committee should support the planning and implementation of the Creative Arts Retreat in odd- numbered years.
- The committee should work toward informing chapters of ways to support Schools for Africa, Support Early-Career Education, Project Spotlight and Little Free Libraries, the PA State Project.
- The committee should continue to support the planning and implementation of Leadership Development.
- The committee should continue to work on State Strategic Action Plan.

**Committee Members:**

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Visual and Performing Arts Chair Nancy Hills, Psi  
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