Pennsylvania State Organization of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Committee Reports for Convention 2023

REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP/EXPANSION COMMITTEE

I. Role

- A. The role of the State Membership/Expansion Committee is to study and make recommendations related to membership issues.
- B. Necrology and membership reports are the responsibilities of the committee.
- C. The committee shall receive and evaluate the recommendations of persons proposed for honorary membership and submit names of qualified candidates for vote. (Constitution, Article III, and Section B.3)

II. Biennial Goals

- A. To communicate, collaborate and support Chapter Membership Chairs.
- B. To expand forms of communication, e.g., digital platforms.
- C. Encourage chapter's implementation of the DKG Recruitment/Membership Plan to increase membership, especially related to the new Collegiate category, in addition to utilizing Membership tools found on dkg.org.
- D. Encourage and increase involvement and participation of members at the State and International levels of the Society.

III. Accomplishments Related to Goals

- A. The State Membership/Expansion Committee communicates regularly with members through articles in the *Keystonian*. 2022-2023 articles addressed "Supporting Grant in Aid and Scholarship Recipients," "Expanding Chapter Membership," and "Revisiting Your Membership Toolkit."
- B. Through Zoom, the State Membership/Expansion Chair attended the State President's Zoom meetings with Chapter Presidents on September 20, 2022; January 17, 2023; and April 18, 2023.
- C. The State Membership/Expansion Committee communicates with Chapter Membership Chairs regarding the Report of the Death of a Member/Form 6 and assisted chapters with submission to International when needed.
- D. The State Membership/Expansion Chair communicates with the Keystonian Editor regarding memorials.
- E. The State Membership/Expansion Chair supported the dissolution of Beta Alpha Chapter. An electronic motion of all required stakeholders passed in June 2023 and International was notified. The motion will be included in the First General Session at the 2023 State Convention.
- F. The State Membership Chair attended a State Convention Planning in-person session on November 29-30, 2022, and also participated in Zoom meetings on January 31, February 20, March 5, March 20, April 11, May 1, May 15, and June 7, 2023.
- G. Using Zoom, the State Membership/Expansion Committee met online March 23, March 28, April 12, April 25, and May 9, 2023, to plan the committee's State Convention activities which include the First Timers Breakfast and the Celebration of Life Ceremony.
- H. The State Membership Chair attended an in-person State Finance Planning in-person session on May 11, 2023.

V. Recommendations for 2023-2024

- A. Continue communication with *Keystonian* articles that address ideas for chapters to increase and maintain members. Continue and encourage involvement of committee members composing the articles to increase involvement.
- B. Continue to communicate, collaborate, and support Chapter Membership Chairs.
- C. Continue to encourage members' involvement at the State & International levels and encourage participation at the 2024 International Convention in Washington, D.C. area.
- D. Continue to sponsor the First Timers' Breakfast at State Convention.
- E. The State Membership/Expansion Committee should continue communication and meet to plan for the First Timers' Breakfast, Society Workshops, and the Celebration of Life Ceremony for the 2024 State Convention.
- F. The State Membership/Expansion Committee should continue exploring the potential of a new chapter in the Philadelphia area.

Membership/Expansion Committee Members:

Chair Marcie Erickson, Beta Epsilon Beth Becker, Omega Brittany Bertoli, Chi Michelle Fitzgerald, Alpha Nu Deb Johnson, Pi Melissa Moorhead, Alpha Beta Linda Young, Chi