

*Pennsylvania State Organization of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Committee
Reports for Convention 2019*

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 PA State Project: Girl Scouts
- Promoting US Forum opportunities and information
- Planning and promoting the Album of Distinction
- Selecting and organization of high-quality workshops and presenters for state convention
- Supporting and coordinating Visual & Performing Arts with music needs for convention
- Planning the Friday Night Fun and Fellowship (Friday Night Fling) at the state convention
- 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 membership, and Birthday Chapters
- Supporting chapters with Program ideas and involvement with state projects and opportunities
- Planning and enacting the Purposeful Seminar in even-numbered years
- Supporting the Leadership Development in even-numbered years
- Supporting the planning and implementation of the Creative Arts Retreat in odd-numbered years

II. Biennial Goals

- Inform and support chapters with the State Project: Girl Scouts
- Inform members of legislative issues regarding education, women, and children
- Inform chapters of opportunities for recognition: Album of Distinction, Doctoral Degrees, 40 years or more membership, Chapter Birthdays Milestones
- Inform chapters of opportunities for participation at convention through Visual & Performing Arts and presenters for workshops
- Communicate regularly with chapters through Keystonian newsletter and personal emails regarding the work of EEC committee
- Support the goals of the International EEC

III. Accomplishments Related to Goals

- Directed the International and State Projects - Schools for Africa, SEE (Supporting Early-Career Educators), and Girl Scouts
- Wrote articles for the Keystonian relating to State Project: Girl Scouts
- Created trifold and binder of the many chapters and their work with Girl Scouts across PA
- Responded to personal emails regarding questions and successes with the Girl Scout project
- Wrote articles for the Keystonian relating to US Forum/Educational Legislation
- Three members attended the NLS/National Legislative Seminar in Washington DC
- Four members attended CTAUN/Committee on Teaching About the United Nations in New York City
- Wrote article for the Keystonian relating to Album of Distinction
- Reviewed and selected candidates to receive Album of Distinction honor
- Nineteen women honored for Album of Distinction Friday night at State Convention
- Wrote article for the Keystonian relating to presenting at State Convention
- Reviewed and selected candidates to present workshops at State Convention
- Organized six presenters needs for workshops for State Convention
- Wrote article to encourage members to participate in State Chorus and Choral retreats

- Two Choral Retreats - Middletown and Brockway
- Chorus practice at the Creative Arts Retreat
- Eleven sisters participating, including some new recruits, in these two Choral Retreats
- Established music needs for the entire state convention
- Developed a Friday evening fellowship event at the state convention
- Planned for the Celebration Luncheon at the state convention to honor Doctorial graduates, members 40 years or more of membership, and Birthday Chapters
- Recognized members with 40 years or more of membership at Saturday Celebration Luncheon
- Recognized Birthday Chapters celebrating a milestone this year at Saturday Celebration Luncheon
- Recognized Doctorial sisters at Saturday Celebration Luncheon
- Attend the Regional Conference: Leadership in Des Moines, Iowa
- Planned and carried out the the 2018 Purposeful Seminar, “ A Tribute to the Women of the American Revolution” weekend in King of Prussia PA

IV. **Future Recommendations**

- The committee should continue to communicate with chapters via email, the website, and the Keystoneian about the many works of EEC.
- The committee should continue to inform chapters of ways to support Schools for Africa, Early-Career Education and the PA State Project of the President
- The committee should continue to inform members of involvement in legislative issues regarding education, women, and children.
- The committee should continue to inform members of opportunities for recognition and participation at the State Convention.
- The committee should continue to support convention planning to maintain the high quality of experiences for professional development, honoring members and chapters accomplishment and supporting leadership, friendship and fellowship.
- The committee should continue to support the planning and implementation of the Creative Arts Retreat in odd- numbered years.
- The committee should continue to support the planning and implementation of Leadership Development in even-numbered years.
- The committee should continue to support the planning and implementation of the Purposeful Seminar in even-numbered years.
- The committee should continue to work on PA State Strategic Action Plan.

Committee Members:

Coordinator - Eileen Little, Chi
 U.S. Forum/Educational Legislation Chair- Susan Fritz, Chi
 Visual and Performing Arts Chair - Nancy Hills, Psi
 Professional Affairs Chair - Haddie Weber, Phi
 Projects Chair - Marjorie Paradise, Chi
 Cassandra Klingensmith, Upsilon
 Amy Miehl, Gamma
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 Greta Marie Taft, Pi
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