

REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE 2015 ALPHA ALPHA STATE CONVENTION

I. **Role**

The Educational Excellence Committee is composed of a Facilitator who is the First Vice President of the State Organization, 4 Co-Chairman, and additional committee members. They share the responsibilities of Professional Affairs, Personal Growth and Services, Projects, Visual and Performing Arts, and U.S. Forum.

Their responsibilities include:

- promoting Schools for Africa,
- planning the Friday Night Fun and Fellowship at State Convention,
- promoting support for Early Career Educators,
- 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,
- planning for all music needed for State Convention,
- assisting with the plans for the Purposeful Seminar,
- planning and assisting the First Vice President with the Celebration Luncheon,
- and keeping members informed of legislative issues regarding education, women, and children.

II. **Biennial Goals**

- Continue to assist chapters in their committee restructuring , if that is their 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 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 (committee);

- Directed the International and State Projects – Schools for Africa, SEE (Supporting Early-Career Educators), and “One Chair, Two Chairs, Red Chairs, Blue Chairs” in support of Head Start (projects);
- Developed a Friday evening fellowship event at State Convention (committee);
- Planned for the Album of Distinction (professional affairs) – This addresses the Strategic Action Plan;
- Recognized members receiving Doctoral Degrees (committee);
- Recognized members with 40 years or more of membership (committee) – This addresses the Strategic Action Plan;
- Secured presenters for enrichment workshops for Saturday at State Convention (professional affairs);
- Established music needs for the entire State Convention (visual and performing arts);
- Planned for the Celebration Luncheon at State Convention to honor Doctoral Degrees, members with 40 years or more of membership, and the Birthday Chapters (committee);
- Sent hot issue information to chapters (U.S. Forum);
- Attended the International Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana (chairman and several members);
- Assisted the Leadership Development Team with the Leadership Conference (committee);
- Presented the 2014 Purposeful Seminar – “Lancaster: The Little Town That Changed A Nation” (chairman and committee members)
- The committee has worked to address areas of the State Strategic Action Plan through articles in the *Keystonian* and resources available on the website, encouraging chapters to maintain an active and involved membership.

IV. Future Recommendations, Suggestions, Or Motions

- The committee should continue to fine tune the restructuring of the EEC and assist chapters with their transition.
- The committee should continue to communicate with chapters via email, snail mail, the website, and the *Keystonian*.
- The committee should work to maintain the high quality of programming provided at the State Convention.
- The committee should support the planning and implementation of Creative Arts Retreat.

- The committee should work toward informing chapters of ways to support Early-Career Educators, a focus of the International Organization.
- The committee should continue to support the planning and implementation of the Leadership Conference.
- The committee should continue to work on strategies outlined in the State Strategic Action Plan adopted in 2013.

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