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Alpha Alpha State-The Pennsylvania State Organization of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Report of the Educational Excellence Committee 2016

I. Role

The Educational Excellence Committee is composed of a Coordinator who is the First Vice President of the State Organization, 5 Chairman, and additional committee members. They share the responsibilities of Professional Affairs, Projects, World Fellowship, Visual and Performing Arts and U.S. Forum.

Their responsibilities include:

- Promoting Schools for Africa,
- Promoting support for Supporting Early Career Educators,
- Promoting state project, Little Free Libraries
- Planning the 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 for all music needed for State Convention,
- Planning for the Purposeful Seminar,(1st Vice President and committee) (even numbered years)
- Planning and assisting the First Vice President with the Celebration Birthday Luncheon,
- Keeping members informed of legislative issues regarding education, women, and children.
- Planning an informational A.M. workshop for all chapter Educational Excellence Committee/Program of Work chairman(1st Vice President and committee)

II. Biennial Goals

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- 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-School for Africa, SEE (Supporting Early-Career Educators), and Little Free Libraries.
- Develop a Friday evening fellowship event at State Convention(1st Vice President and committee)
- Planned for Album of Distinction(Professional Affairs)
- Recognized members receiving Doctoral Degrees(1st Vice President and committee)
- Recognized members with 40 years or more of membership(1st Vice President and committee)
- Secured presenters for enrichment workshops for Saturday P.M. at the 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 graduates, members with 40 years or more of membership, and the Birthday Chapters(1st Vice President and committee);
- Sent hot topic issue information to chapters(U.S. Forum);
- Attended the International Convention in Nashville , Tennessee(1st Vice President and committee);
- Assisted the Leadership Development Team with the Leadership and Development Seminar.(1st Vice President)

IV. Actions Related to the PSO Strategic Action Plan

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- Activity 1.21 Encourage personal interaction during chapter meetings. (e.g. team building activities, ice breakers, flexible seating etc.) This activity is in progress as of February 2016 and introduced in the EEC workshop presented at the 2016 State Convention.
- Activity 1.2. Update and strengthen program resources enabling chapters to offer relevant professional and personal opportunities for growth. No action as of February 2016.
- Activity 1.2.3 Encourage chapters to offer incentives for members to attend state and international functions. This activity is in progress as of February 2016 and explained in the workshop presented at the 2016 State Convention.
- Activity 1.2.4 Assist in multi-chapter collaboration and interactive activities. This activity is in progress as of February 2016 and explained in the EEC workshop presented at the 2016 State Convention and found on our website after June 2016.
- Activity 1.2.5 Partner successful chapters with chapters in need of revitalization to provide mentorship support. This activity is in progress as of February 2016 and explained in the workshop presented at the 2016 State Convention.
- Activity 1.3.3 Continue to recognize members aged 40 and under who are making a difference in the Society. This activity was accomplished at the 2016 State Convention in June 2016.
- Activity 1.3.4 Recognize members` contributions to their community through the Album of Distinction Award. This activity was accomplished at the 2016 State Convention in June 2016.

V. Future Recommendations, Suggestions, or Motions

- 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 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.(odd numbered years)
- The committee should work toward informing chapters of ways to support Schools for Africa, SEE, (Support Early-Career Education) a focus of International and Little Free Libraries the State Project.

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