

Pennsylvania State Organization of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Committee Report

REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL RECORDS COMMITTEE

Role

The State Historical Records Committee is the gate keeper of valuable Society information. The Historical Records Committee is responsible to ensure records and information of all State Conventions, Purposeful Seminars, Arts Retreats, and Regional Conferences are filed in the archives at the Paterno Library in State College. This includes the addition every two years of the Past President Scrapbook and portrait.

Biennial Goals

- A. To gather records of the current biennium for the archives.
- B. To forward all PADKG records to the Paterno Library's Special Collections, where PADKG records are cataloged and archived.
- C. To make archival materials available at the PA conventions.
- D. To assist chapters in handling their historical records.
- E. To prepare an official record (i.e. paper scrapbook, digital scrapbook, or published book) of Barbara Gasperini's biennium. This will be added to the archival materials housed at the Paterno Library.
- F. To find an artist to draw Barbara Gasperini's portrait and portraits to replace those lost for the past presidents. The portraits should be in a style replicating those of other PADKG presidents.

Accomplishments Related to Goals

- A. The Committee has been gathering materials from the archives and will deliver them to the Paterno Library at the end of the 2019 Pennsylvania State Convention. Items include, but are not limited to, copies of *The Keystoneian* for the 2017-2019 biennium, copies of the minutes of executive board meetings, and programs from conventions and seminars.
- B. The Committee requested archives from the Paterno Library for the 2018 PA Convention and displayed these items on a focus table in the lobby of the Nittany Lion Inn during the convention. Items were returned to the Paterno Library following the convention, with a new addition (a flag) for the archives. Following the 2019 State convention, items borrowed will be returned to the Paterno Library along with other materials given to the Committee for archiving. Due to changes in the management of Paterno Library and its' archival policies, changes may need to be made in our agreement with them to be able to continue to borrow materials to use at conventions. Contact information and suggested wording a possible addendum to our current agreement will be forwarded to the incoming Committee chair.
- C. At convention, a workshop was presented with suggestions for bringing Historical Records into the digital age by storing documents and albums digitally. The scrapbook of Barbara Gasperini's biennium will be done digitally as well as in hard copy.
- D. Articles were written for *The Keystoneian* outlining handling of historical records in accordance with new technology and articles requesting information and photographs which will be included in the biennium scrapbook.

- E. The Committee went through the archives at Paterno Library in search of information for Haddie Weber regarding the winners of the Album of Distinction Award from the years 2000 through 2010. Photographs of the past state presidents were identified, missing photographs identified, and arrangements made to take new head shots of past state presidents who do not currently have a portrait in the archives. They include Louise Garverick, Becky Place, Terri Stetler, Dr. Irene Murphy, E. Margaret Gable, Nancy Grove, Kay Stuart, Carolyn Sutton, Dr. Lyn Schmid, Tracey Dusch, and Barbara Gasperini.
- F. The album for Barbara Gasperini has been assembled with information available to date, and the album will be presented after the 2019 State Convention, when all photographs have been included into the album. The digital version of the scrapbook will also be presented at that time.
- G. As the artist who did the first portraits of past presidents is deceased, and no other portrait artists have been located who could do the portraits in a cost-effective manner, head shots will be taken of past presidents at State Convention, enlarged, and put into the archives at Paterno Library. If any of the past presidents do not attend State Convention, another headshot will be acquired and used in its' place.

Recommendations for the Next Biennium

It is recommended that the PA Historical Records Committee re-negotiate our agreement with the Paterno Library regarding lending practices for our use and that the Committee continues to research ways in which chapters can preserve and archive their records effectively.

Historical Records Committee

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