

## **REPORT OF THE STATE PRESIDENT**

### **I. Role:**

- a. Preside at regular and called meetings
- b. Direct all activities of the State Organization
- c. Appoint the parliamentarian, all standing and special committees
- d. Approve payment of all expense claims
- e. Fill all vacancies of office by appointment
- f. Represent the Society at meetings and all other functions
- g. Serve ex officio in budget development and on all committees
- h. Serve on the International Executive Board and State Executive Board
- i. Assist with leadership development for the State Organization
- j. Make final decisions to convention and other state activities
- k. Assign duties of officers and members as appropriate
- l. Communicate with and visit chapters to share information about the State Organization and the International Society

### **II. Biennial Goals:**

- a. Conduct the business of PA State Organization professionally and efficiently, and continue to provide quality programming that addresses the 7 purposes of the Society.
- b. Promote increased participation at each level of Society through the use of social media, newsletters, chapter visitation and statewide events in an effort to strengthen connections from member to chapter and chapter to state.
- c. Provide quality leadership training for all members.
- d. Recognize at-risk chapter behavior and provide support from our leadership team
- e. Engage a majority of the chapters in the state project
- f. Equip members with the knowledge of the benefits of membership through chapter visitation, brochures, electronic communication, and the newsletter.

### **III. Accomplishments Related To Goals**

- a. Attended the following as the representative of the State Organization: the International Convention in Indianapolis, IN, July 27 - August 1, 2014. Attended International Executive Board Meetings. Presided at Executive Board luncheon.
- b. Presided at the Administrative Committee Meeting on August 8-9, 2014.
- c. During chapter visits, chapter president newsletters, the DKG/Alpha Alpha State Facebook page, and the state website, shared information pertaining to the biennial theme, international projects Schools for Africa and Supporting Early Career Educators, and the state project supporting the PA Head Start Association. Members were encouraged to attend both the state and international conventions and Northeast Regional Conference in Baltimore.
- d. Communicated with chapters about benefits of membership, International updates, and the State Organization activities through chapter president newsletters and phone calls and chapter visits. Responses were done in a timely manner as directed in the Strategic Action Plan.
- e. During the 2013-2015 biennium, visited 49 chapters on behalf of the State Organization to bring news from the State Organization and speak on, help/suggest issues of importance to chapters. Assisted with initiations, officer inductions, and celebrations at the request of the chapter presidents.
- f. Challenged chapters to take action by engaging members and non-members in the work of our Society, equipping their members with the benefits of membership, and

- preparing themselves to take on leadership positions as empowered women. Assured them that their work is making a difference.
- g. Addressed concerns of individual chapters struggling with membership and leadership issues and assisted with plans for action.
  - h. Represented Alpha Alpha State as a voting member of the International Executive Board to vote on questions of budgetary concern, site approval of upcoming regional conferences, and the recipient of the International Achievement Award.
  - i. Attended the Alpha Alpha State Finance Committee meeting as an ex-officio member.
  - j. Attended Scholarship Committee meetings as an ex-officio member,
  - k. Met with the Educational Excellence Committee, the Historical Records Committee, the Membership/Expansion Committee, and the Convention Planning Committee to facilitate their work.
  - l. Conferred with the Communication Committee, World Fellowship Committee, State Achievement Committee, Nominations Committee, Rules Committee, and the Ad Hoc Strategic Action Committee as they attended to the work of their committees.
  - m. Met/Communicated with First and Second Vice Presidents to review programming for state convention and address other needs from within our state.
  - n. Attended the Purposeful Seminar in Lancaster on September 26-28, 2014 and the Creative Arts Retreat on March 27-29, 2015.
  - o. Communicated with members and chapters through Keystonian articles, emails, phone calls, and snail mail. These communications were done in a timely manner as directed by the Strategic Action Plan
  - p. At the request of members, facilitated the Road to Nashville sales, with profits going to assist with the reception for Dr. Lyn Schmid in Nashville 2016.
  - q. Gave approval for Pennsylvania to participate in a pilot program presented by members of the International staff. This program is a webinar entitled, *The Power of Positive Change*, and focuses on the dropped member survey.

#### **IV. Focus for 2015-2016**

- a. Continue to encourage invitations to visit more chapters in Alpha Alpha State with the goal of visiting each chapter over the biennium and connecting with the members.
- b. Continue communication with chapters via monthly newsletters, emails, and phone calls.
- c. Continue to support struggling chapters with membership and leadership concerns.
- d. Continue to promote electronic communication via increase usage of the State and International websites by members as well as the DKG/Alpha Alpha State Facebook page.
- e. Encourage chapters to invite key women educators into membership in an ongoing and intentional manner.
- f. Research why members dropped their membership from the chapter to more fully understand changes that need to be made in an effort to retain and reinstate members.
- g. Encourage chapters to use the information from the webinar, *The Power of Positive Change*.

#### **V. Recommendations for Action**

Give consideration to reorganizing our state committees for efficiency and cost considerations.

Respectfully submitted,

F. Kay Stuart

Alpha Alpha State President, 2013-2015