

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 Northeast Regional in Portland, ME and the 3-day leadership training that preceded the regional; the National Legislative Seminar, March, 2014.
- b. Presided at the Administrative Committee Meeting on August 3, 2013.
- 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.
- 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.
- e. During the 2013-2014 year, visited 25 out of 58 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.
- 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, appointments for a vacancy within the Eunah Temple Holden Leadership Fund Committee, 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. Met with the Leadership Development Committee to prepare for the first combined Incoming Chapter Presidents' Training and Professional Development Seminar. Participated in the Training and Seminar in February /March 2014. Details of this seminar can be found in the "Report of the Leadership Development Committee".
- m. 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.
- n. Met with First and Second Vice Presidents via GoToMeeting to review programming for state convention and address other needs from within our state.
- o. Communicated with members and chapters through Keystonian articles, emails, phone calls, and snail mail.
- p. At the request of members, facilitated the design and production of a state shirt to be available for purchase by all members.

IV. Focus for 2014-2015

- 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.

V. Recommendations for Action

None at this time.

Respectfully submitted,
 F. Kay Stuart
 Alpha Alpha State President, 2013-2015