

## **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 and all standing and special committees.
- D. Approve payment of all expense claims.
- E. Fill all vacancies of office by appointment.
- F. F. Represent the Society at meetings all others functions.
- G. Serve on the International Executive Board and State Executive Board.
- H. Serve ex-officio in budget development and all committees
- I. Assist with leadership development for the state organization.
- J. Make final decisions for the 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 International Society.

### II. **Biennial Goals**

- A. Conduct the business of the Pennsylvania 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 the society through the use of social media, newsletters, chapter visitations, and statewide events in an effort to strengthen connections from member to chapter and from 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, Girl Scouts of America.
- F. Give members the knowledge of the benefits of membership through chapter visitations, brochures, electronic communication, and the newsletter.

### III. **Accomplishments Related to Goals**

- A. Attend the International Convention in Austin Texas and attended the NERC, in Windsor, Ontario, Canada
- B. Presided at the Administrative Committee Meeting on August 4,5, 2017.
- C. Using chapter visitations, chapter president`s newsletters, the DKG/Alpha Alpha State Facebook page, email, and the state web site, share information pertaining to the biennial theme, the International projects (Schools for Africa and Supporting Early-Career Educators), and the State Project, Girl Scouts of America.
- D. Members were encouraged to attend both the State Convention and the Northeast Regional Conference.

- E. Communicated with chapters about the benefits of membership, International updates, and the State Organization activities through newsletter, phone calls, chapter visitations and The Keystoneian.
- F. Challenged the chapters and members to board a ship, in our member“ship.”
- G. Addressed concerns of individual chapters struggling with membership and leadership issues and assisted with plans of action.
- H. Represented the Pennsylvania State Organization as a voting member of the International Executive Board to vote on the recipient of the International Achievement Awards.
- I. Attended the Pennsylvania State Organization Finance Committee as ex-officio member.
- J. Attended the Scholarship Committee meetings as an ex-officio member/designee.
- K. Met with the Educational Excellence, Membership/Expansion, Convention Planning Committees to facilitate their work.
- L. Conferred with the Communications Committee Chairman, the State Achievement Award Committee Chairman, the Historical Records Committee Chairman, and the Rules Committee Chairman as they attend to the work of their committees.
- M. Communicated with members and chapters through the Keystoneian articles, State President`s Chapter President`s letters, emails, phone calls, texts, and snail mail.

#### IV. Recommendations for Action

- A. Continue to encourage invitations to visit more chapters in the Pennsylvania State Organization with the goal of visiting all the chapter in the during the biennium.
- B. Continue communication with chapters.
- C. Continue to support struggling chapters with membership and leadership concerns.
- D. Continue to promote electronic communication via increasing usage of the State and International web sites by members as well as the DKG/Alpha Alpha State Facebook page.
- E. Continue to encourage chapters to invite key women educators into membership.
- F. Continue to encourage members to further their DKG-Circle of Membership.
- G. Encourage members to install the new DKG 365 app on their cell phones.

Respectfully submitted,

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