

Pennsylvania State Organization of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Committee Report for Convention 2020
State President's Report

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 expenses claims
- E. Fill all vacancies of office by appointment
- F. Represent the Society at meetings and all other functions
- G. Serve on the International Executive Board and the 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 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 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, chapters visit, 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, STEM
- F. Give members the knowledge of the benefits of membership through chapter visits, brochures, electronic communications and the newsletter/*The Keystoneian*

III. Accomplishments Related to Goals

- A. Attended the International Conference on Leadership in Iowa, July 8-12, 2019
- B. Presided at the Administrative Board Meeting on August 7 & 8, 2019 in Lewisburg, PA
- C. Traveled to Philadelphia on October 24, 2019 to meet with a Philadelphia City Principal re starting a new chapter in Philadelphia City area.

- D. Met with the Educational Excellence Committee and the Membership Committee to facilitate their work October 25 & 26, 2019
- E. Met with the Convention Committee for convention 2020 planning December 5-6, 2019
- F. Met with International World Fellowship recipient, Zhanar Tostubayeva December 20, 2019
- G. Attend CTAUN Conference on February 28, 2020 at the United Nations in New York City
- H. Using chapter visits, chapter presidents' newsletters, email and PA State website shared information pertaining to biennial theme, International projects (Schools for Africa and Supporting Early Career Educators) and the State project (STEM).
- I. Communicate with chapters about the benefits of membership, International updates, and the State Organization through newsletters, phone calls, chapter visits and the *The Keystoneian*
- J. Encouraged chapters and members to "use their voice and their choice" to get involved at all levels of the Society: chapter, State and International
- K. Address concerns of individual chapters struggling with membership or leadership issues
- L. Addressed emails from women interested in DKG and assisted them with connecting with a local chapter
- M. Represented the Pennsylvania State Organization as a voting member of the International Executive Board on the recipient of the International Achievement Award, location of future International Conferences and Conventions and business of the International level
- N. Participated in Zoom meeting April 18, 2020 with the Scholarship Committee as an ex-officio member
- O. Participated in a Zoom meeting May 2, 2020 with the Officers and Convention committee to determine whether to hold or cancel PA State Convention 2020 due to the Covid 19 pandemic
- P. Participated in a Zoom meeting May 9, 2020 with the Finance Committee as an ex-officio member
- Q. Participated in a Zoom meeting May 15, 2020 with the Leadership Committee to plan for Leadership training for Incoming Chapter Presidents.
- R. Participated and presented in the Leadership Training for Incoming Chapter President via Zoom eight sessions June 16 -July 9, 2020
- S. Worked with State webmaster to refresh PA State website and make it more user friendly and easier to locate information and documents/forms.
- T. Communicated with members and chapters through *The Keystoneian* articles, emails, phone calls and snail mail

IV. Recommendations for Action

- A. Continue to encourage visits with Chapters in PA, especially since so many were cancelled due to the Covid 19 pandemic with the goal of visiting all chapters during the 2019 – 2021 biennium

- B. Continue communication with Chapter Presidents and members via newsletters, PA website, emails, phone calls and snail mail
- C. Continue to support struggling chapters with membership and leadership concerns
- D. Continue to promote usage and communication with the International and PA State websites
- E. Continue to encourage chapters to invite women to DKG membership especially the collegiate member and to use the Membership Plan
- F. Continue to encourage members to provide and support STEM opportunities for students and teachers.
- G. Provide leadership workshop at PA State Convention 2021 for members since Leadership seminar was cancelled due to Covid 19 pandemic
- H. Continue to encourage chapters to support International Projects (Schools for Africa and Supporting Early Career Educators)
- I. Continue to encourage chapters to support our World Fellowship recipient Zhanar Tostubayeva studying at Lehigh University.

Respectfully submitted,

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