



New York State Organization

NYSO DKG News and Notes

December 3, 2019

Dear NYSO Chapter Presidents and Members,

I am very happy to say that the Plattsburgh area completely missed the two feet of snow that many of you got the last two days. We only had a dusting each day. This is the last week of classes at SUNY Plattsburgh and I give all of my final exams a week from today.

What ever holidays you celebrate I hope the season is filled with family, health and good times.

Plans are progressing for the April 24-25 meeting in Syracuse. You will find the registration materials and hotel information in the next issue of Pi Lights which will get mailed in January. The EEC Committee has a great and varied group of workshops planned and you will be able to read all about them in that next issue as well. Our focus will be on honoring memberships. The location for the Fall 2020 meeting has been chosen. We will be going to the completely renovated Delta Hotel, part of the Marriot Chain, in Utica on October 16 and 17th. I have been checking the International website weekly watching for information about the July International Meeting in Philadelphia. I expect to find registration materials and hotel information after the new year. We have several exciting meetings coming in 2020 and I hope you take the opportunity to attend many of them.

Your State Committees have been hard at work this fall with go-to-meetings. Several of them have things going on that you need to know about:

* Leadership Development discussed the survey results and have decided to hold two types of training sessions for new officers. We will have a 45-minute workshop on the things you need to know to get started the first couple of months and after the Awards Luncheon there will be a two-hour compressed session on other vital information new officers must know. We will also be doing the “on the road” training style we did two years ago. July 22 we will be in Victor, July 24 we will be in the Herkimer area and July 25 we will be in New City again. New officers can attend any or all of these training sessions. We also hope to create some webinars on individual topics and possibly have some go-to-meetings where you can ask questions.

*Membership and Expansion is planning the keynote part of our Spring Executive Board meeting. They are going to highlight new members. They are asking new members that might attend the Syracuse meeting on April 24 and or 25 to offer to give a one-two minute talk about what convinced you to join DKG. The Committee is also going to put these testimonials in future issues of Pi Lights.

*Educational Excellence has lined up nine workshops on various topics that will be of interest to working and/or retired teachers. Watch for the listing in Pi Lights.

*The Communications and Marketing Committee developed a survey and collected results on how our Chapters are using social media and websites to keep members apprised of DKG and other educational issues. Expect to hear more about this in future issues of Pi Lights.

* Please consider your chapter's projects or programs for the Bea Small Award. Programs should address a specific need of the population within your Chapter's geographic area and be ongoing for two years. Applications can be found on the NYSO Website. Chapters may receive the award two times.

* The Scholarship Committee wants you to know that the Scholarships application has been simplified and a fillable form can now be accessed on our website. If members have any questions they should feel free to contact Sue Gruber.

* The Travel and Study Stipend Committee has some great news to share with you: the application for the stipend is now available in an interactive format! It will be linked on the website for your convenience.

Of course, an interested member may always submit an application as a hard copy and either email that or mail it through regular mail to Rosemary Van Wart, Chairperson. We hope by providing this option, more members will be inspired to apply for a Travel and Study Stipend for travel to DKG sponsored events such as the International Convention in Philadelphia coming up July 7-11, 2020.

Please inform your members of this new option for application and encourage them to apply! Deadline for application is February 15, 2020.

*The Audit Committee completed its semi-annual auditing of our Treasurer's books and they will next meet in March in Syracuse.

*The Finance Committee will be meeting in Syracuse in March to consider our investments and to complete a budget to be voted on in April at the Executive Board Meeting.

*CTAUN is on February 28 and 29, 2020. The Hampton Grand Central Hotel has a room block set aside.

*The next deadline to submit articles to Pi Lights is March 1, 2020. I would prefer that you send copies of the article to both me (Sue Kenoyer) and Kim Goldhirsch. I will look the article over and give Kim a quick email saying she can include it in the next issue.

*The Executive Committee will be meeting by Go-to-Meeting on January 27, 2020 and on March 30, 2020, so if you have an issue to bring before the committee make sure to get it to me a week ahead so that it can get on the agenda.

*All of our Chapter Treasurers filed their 990 forms by November 15. I really want to thank Suzanne Patrick for making sure that this important piece of business took place. The easiest way to keep from getting emails, phone calls etc about this is to file early!

*There will be some changes to Standing Rules proposed at the Spring Executive Board meeting. Please look at the BYLAWS and Standing Rules article in the next Pi Lights to see changes being proposed.

*The Personnel Committee did have applications for the paid positions of Executive Secretary, Webmaster and FDF Sales by the November 15, 2019 deadline. The term of office is 2020-2024. Action on these applications will take place in April at the Executive Board meeting.

*The Spring Meeting of the Executive Board (Chapter Presidents are members) is in Syracuse at the Sheraton Hotel next to the Syracuse University Campus. The room block is currently open. You can find the information about the hotel on the Important Dates page attached below. The meeting is on April 24 and 25, 2020.

* Next summer International hosts its Convention in Philadelphia, PA from July 7 to July 11, 2020. Please consider attending, especially if you never have before. For many of you this location is very close. You can find out some information pertaining to this event by going to the International website.

*The deadline for many of the awards, stipends, scholarships and grants is February 15, 2020. It is not too early to start thinking about filling out an application or nominating someone for an award. Recognizing and celebrating our fellow educators work is important in our Society.

Now is the time to start the process of finding members to be on your slate of officers for the next biennium. It would be great for them to be mentored throughout this year as the President-Elect, etc., for all of the chapter offices. Your new officers should talk about the training opportunities coming up in 2020 and wouldn't it be wonderful for all of a chapter's officers to attend together!

Does your Chapter have an institute of higher learning nearby? If so, consider having a collegiate member. This and all membership levels were described in Pi Lights last spring. Maybe having a collegiate member will revitalize your way of looking at meetings and your membership in DKG. Mentoring is something we all do we, and this would provide the perfect opportunity to help train tomorrow's teachers.

It is my hope that this newsletter gets sent out to the membership at each Chapter. My goal is to keep everyone informed of what is going on in your Society here in New York and throughout DKG by sending on the President to Presidents newsletter from International.

If you have an announcement for the next issue of News and Notes in late January then send the information on to me to be included.

Be safe and take the opportunity today to talk to a DKG Sister.

Sue Kenoyer

NYSO President 2019-2021

AND finally from our International Northeast Director, New York's own Jane Tanner, information on

Major Actions Taken by the Administrative Board at the November 14-16, 2019 Meeting

1. Adopted the items on the Consent Agenda: a. 2018-2019 Audit b. Employee Handbook – Directors 2019 c. Procedures for International Honorary Member Nomination (GAPP) d. International Non-dues Revenue Partnership Process (GAPP) e. The Delta Kappa Gamma International Scholarship Selection Process (GAPP) f. The Delta Kappa Gamma World Fellowship Selection Process (GAPP)
2. Authorized the Sayers Real Estate Advisory Group to commence a marketing effort to sell the fee simple interest in the DKG downtown Austin campus
3. Ratified the Motion to Merge the DKG Supporting Corporation into The DKG Educational Foundation with the new name, The DKG International Educators Foundation, being established July 1, 2020
4. Implemented an official DKG Dues Collection Process based on the evaluation and revision of the process piloted by DKG Headquarters professional staff during the 2019 collection period
5. Formed a task force to examine and analyze the elements of and needs for international member states/countries and to propose long-term practices and recommendations, for reporting at the May 2020 meeting
6. Removed Society Endorsements, Executive Board, and Convention actions from GAPP (Guidelines and Policies, Procedures)
7. Ratified the actions taken in Executive Session: a. Created the professional staff position of Strategic Outreach Director and changed the title of Business Director to Finance Director b. Moved Phyllis Hickey to the position of Strategic Outreach Director and moved Peggy Jonas to the position of Finance Director, effective January 1, 2020 c.

Updated the Headquarters organizational chart to reflect personnel changes; and d.
Approved professional staff salary adjustments

8. Approved the collection of contributions to the Emergency Fund during the regional breakfasts at the 2020 DKG International Convention

9. Appointed an ad hoc committee to evaluate the effectiveness of DKG publications with their report due at the May 2020 Administrative Board meeting

10. Set the registration fees for the 2020 DKG International Convention as displayed:

Registration Only – Early Bird (January 6 – March 6) \$180 US

Registration Only – Regular (March 7 – June 7) \$200 US

Registration Only – with Late Fee (June 8) \$300 US

Registration Only – Collegiate Member \$100 US

Registration Only – Collegiate Member with Late Fee \$150 US (June 8)

Non-Member Registration Only \$250 US

Non-Member Registration Only – after June 8 \$375 US

Member One Day (Registration Only) \$85 US

Member Two Day (Registration Only) \$158 US

Combined Registration with Opening Night Event & \$325 US

Vision Luncheon – Early Bird (Jan. 6 – Mar. 6)

Combined Registration with Opening Night Event & \$345 US

Vision Luncheon – Regular (March 7 – June 7)

Combined Registration with Opening Night Event & \$450 US

Vision Luncheon –Late registration fee – Jun. 8 Guest \$20 US

11. Decided that one collegiate member registered by June 7th for the 2020 International convention be awarded one (1) free “combined registration with opening night event and vision luncheon”

12. Recommended the Executive Board approve Tampa, Florida as a potential site for an international conference in 2021

13. Approved as an option for members on the 2020 DKG International Convention registration form the inclusion of professional development clock hours (30 hours) at the cost of \$50 U.S.

14. Reviewed all proposed amendments to the DKG Constitution and ISR and recommended “to adopt” or “not to adopt” each one.