



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS
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Dear Leaders,

I hope you are well and enjoying this beautiful summer. It has been a busy one for most of us. The International Convention in Austin was wonderful, and Illinois was well represented by 35 members. We spent a great deal of time listening to, debating, and voting on at least 127 proposals that will impact us at all levels. Cathy Daugherty, our new International President promised we would receive information regarding all the changes by August 24 with more details coming after the Constitution Committee meets mid-September. Three important items to note: Our name Delta Kappa Gamma name remains the same; Greek names of the states will no longer be used (thus you will note Illinois replaces Lambda State going forward); and collegiate women enrolled in an education program can be invited to join the chapter at the reserve member fee rate. More information will be coming but I find these three items to be of particular interest. You will read much more about our week in Austin in the fall issue of the Newscaster.

The State Planning Committee met and updated the Strategic Action Plan and the draft document is included in this mailing. Please review it carefully and share any ideas or thoughts you have with me. Words in **blue** reflect possible changes based on voting at International and words in **red** are revisions and additions from the Committee. Approval of the SAP will be voted on at our September Executive Board meeting on Saturday, September 22, 2018.

Many of the state committees are meeting this summer to establish goals, review the Strategic Action Plan, and develop their committee's tasks for the coming year. You will find information from many of them in this mailing and I ask that you share with your chapter members. All information is sent to you for dissemination. However, if you send the list of all chapter chairs to Kammie Richter she can send the information from state chairs to chapter counterparts. This *simplifies* your job of forwarding each document to the appropriate person in your chapter. Kammie's email is on her letter for your convenience.

Yearbooks are currently being updated. International should post the roster for all new leaders on the DKG website by August 1. I am happy to forward the information to you once I receive it to save you the time of locating in on the website. Thank you to Chris Berto who provided the updated list of Illinois State Presidents and International Presidents for your yearbook. You are encouraged to put the three lists in your yearbook. Remember to bring three copies of the chapter yearbook to the September Executive Board Meeting - you are also welcome to email a copy to me, Kammie Richter and Bev Johns. Please note that International Headquarters now has a "physical address" instead of a PO Box.

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The registration form and hotel information for the Executive Board meeting is included in this mailing. It is expected that State leaders and chapter presidents attend this meeting which actually begins on Friday evening, September 21, 2018. If you are unable to attend, please send a substitute so that your chapter is represented. Please send in the registration information to Kammie as soon as possible. A complete agenda will be provided in the September mailing.

Joan R'og and the Membership Committee share great ideas for reconnecting with members who have resigned. She also describes the importance of greeting each member when they walk into a meeting.

It is never too early to think about developing a workshop for the state convention and there is a call for proposals in this mailing. Please note the addition of a new activity – poster sessions. Bev Johns explains the concept and asks that you consider submitting an application for a poster session, ten minute take-away, or workshop. Our members enjoy learning from one another so please consider submitting a proposal.

One of the most prestigious honors a member can receive is the Achievement Award. Pam Painter, chair, reminds us that now is a good time to think about nominating a worthy candidate.

The minutes of the April General Business Meeting and Executive Board Meeting are enclosed for your information. Thank you to Teta Minnuzo and Chris Berto and their committees for reviewing them so quickly.

Mark your calendars – Saturday, October 20 for the Legislative Seminar in Springfield. More information will be coming in future mailings.

Finally, Gwen Simmons is inviting members to attend “Leading Effective Meetings Seminar” next summer in North Carolina. A brochure is provided for your review

I am so appreciative of each and every one of you and I look forward to visiting with you at your chapter meetings and other functions. Please continue to invite me and I will do my best to attend. Enjoy the rest of the summer and I look forward to seeing all of you at the Fall Executive Board Meeting.

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Best,

Debbie LeBlanc
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