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DKG convention coming to Texas

JoAnn Brooks, DKG Convention Chair

Texas extended the invitation and DKG International has accepted! The 2018 DKG International Convention will be held in the heart of Austin at the brand new JW Marriott. Our state has the rare opportunity to hostess this wonderful event in the birthplace of Delta Kappa Gamma. Many of you who have never attended a DKG International Convention will want to make plans to come and share our world famous Texas hospitality with all of the international guests.



Texas State Capitol,
Austin, Texas

President Newton has named a steering committee: JoAnn Brooks, chair; Joan Hester and Laura Packard, co-chairs; Barbara Johnston, secretary; Marcia Kirkland, treasurer. You, the TSO members, will be an integral part of this convention. Texans from all areas of the Lone Star State will be involved as we make plans to welcome our international members. Please contact members of the steering committee to volunteer or to share ideas.

It is exciting for TSO to have this amazing opportunity! So whether it be boots, bandanas or bluebonnets, let's begin planning and be ready to say "Howdy and Welcome to Texas!"

Van de Grift leaves a legacy of mentorship

Dr. Mary Ann Waldon, 1997-1999 Texas State President



Aleene Van de Grift
President 1989-1991

With deep regret we say goodbye to a dear Delta Kappa Gamma friend. Dr. Aleene Van de Grift will be remembered as the strong, smiling red headed leader that she was. She had an encouraging word for and mentored many in her years of involvement from the time that she was initiated into Iota Chapter in Denton in May 1957 until her recent death in February, 2015, at the age of 91.

In addition to being president from 1989-1991, Aleene served as first vice president, parliamentarian, corresponding secretary, area coordinator, and chairman of six different committees. She was indeed dedicated to Delta Kappa Gamma and loved her work with the organization. For her dedication, she was awarded the Alpha State Achievement Award in 1971.

Her early years included farm life and attendance at a rural school to which she walked over two miles each day to attend. She married following her high school graduation in Eden, Texas. Unfortunately, Aleene was immediately widowed when her husband was killed in World War II, and she was left with her only daughter, Margaret.

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Get ready! New things happening every day

Nancy Newton
2013-2015
Texas State President



This year's convention is going to be a bit different! So prepare yourself. There are several big changes taking place.

First: No Totes. You've asked for it, so we will do this. It is BYOFB; bring your own favorite bag. Look through your stash of totes from previous conventions and select one that you want to carry for San Antonio 2015. Do you have extras? Present one to your chapter's first time attendees before you come.

Second: Necrology Service will be on Friday morning, not Saturday. Due to the set up of the hotel and the time needed for turnaround prior to meals and meetings, we will have a different schedule. The Ceremony of Remembrance will be at 8:00 on Friday morning.

Third: Info-Fair will be totally different. You will engage with other members and enjoy learning about committees' functions, officers' responsibilities and the Society's missions, goals and activities. This year, we will experience TSO-Techno-Expo. Bring your smart phone, I-pad, tablet or just yourself and come prepared to learn insights into our new state committee structure. Discover the responsibilities of chapter and state committees. Explore ways around the DKG websites. You will explore DKG-Texas from the inside out, find what you need and how to access it. TSO-Techno-Expo is Thursday afternoon and Friday all day.

Next: Explore the River Walk on Wednesday and Friday nights. Did you know San Antonio is the #1 tourist destination in Texas? Take your time exploring it. Print out and bring with you the 4 walking tours found on the convention website. The trolley and San Antonio tour companies are economical and stop right in front of our hotel. For details check www.grayline.com/tours/san-antonio

Fifth: ACs will meet with Chapter Presidents not over a box lunch, but Thursday afternoon, allowing more time for meeting and sharing. Speaking of eating—no box lunches anytime! The easy access to Rivercenter Food Court gives members a chance to stretch their legs, grab a bite, and return to participate in more exciting breakout sessions.

Betty's Buzz

Betty Vines
Executive Secretary/Treasurer



My! How time flies! It is almost time to pack our bags and journey to San Antonio for convention. Plans are being finalized for many break-out sessions. At the top of the list are two sessions being held for treasurers. In one session, seasoned treasurers will be challenged with thought-provoking situations faced by all treasurers. For those treasurers who are interested in reviewing the basics, a different session will be held. Chapter finance chairs as well as any member will also find these sessions informative.

Annie's Attic will again have a booth at convention. Come and shop for DKG related treasures.

A SPECIAL REMINDER FOR TREASURERS: As the chapter initiates new members, send the \$5 initiate fee with the initiate card or form to State Headquarters in Dallas. Anytime you send money for members, please include a Form 18. There is an interactive copy on the International website. Keep those reinstatement cards or forms coming. There is no cost for reinstatement. In order for an initiate's name or a reinstatement to appear on the chapter roster in the fall, the information must be submitted to TSO Headquarters before June 30.

A MESSAGE FOR ALL MEMBERS: You have probably heard the saying, "It is ten o'clock, do you know where your children are?" Our message to you is "It is 2015, do you know what your DKG identification number is?" Or, do you know where to find it? It is found in several places such as on your membership card; on the mailing label of your Lone Star News; and on a list sent to your chapter's treasurer each year. For initiates, a number is assigned when the initiate card or form is received by DKG International. The treasurer will receive them on her list each fall.

A SPECIAL MESSAGE FOR TREASURERS: Treasurers, you received information earlier that you needed to get a new password for filing the 990-N. Many of you have gotten your new password. If you have not done so, go ahead and do this because you will not be able to file your 990-N this fall without it. Remember that you can begin filing after July 1. A good idea is to file the 990-N at the same time you complete the Treasurer's Report that is due July 15. You may send copies to us electronically and we will acknowledge receipt of them.

We, your staff, want to take this opportunity to thank you for your dedication to the Society. We look forward to seeing you at convention.

At-A-Glance Deadlines

May 1	PACE applications due
11	Founders' Day
June 25-27	86th State Convention
June 30	Fiscal Year Ends Biennium ends for state personnel
July 1	Filing opens for the IRS 990N E-Postcard
15	Chapter Treasurer's Report due State
22-25	SW Regional Conference Wichita, KS
Aug 15	LSN deadline



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Adventure awaits in June, 2015

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Although the TSO 2015 Convention is Number 86, it is not the same ol' thing or business as usual.

Some of the easily spotted changes include The Ceremony of Remembrance held Friday morning instead of Saturday, the Presentation of 2014-2016 Chapter Presidents early enough to go out to eat afterward, and Installation of 2015-2017 State Officers as part of the banquet.



Rivercenter Mall.
Photo courtesy of San Antonio Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Not so easily spotted on the schedule will be the River Walk, Rivercenter Mall (with large food court) and historic sites members can experience. Grand Hyatt and Marriott hotels say, "Appreciate warm Texas charm and exceptional service on the banks of the River Walk." With the historic Alamo mission and Rivercenter Mall only blocks away, convention participants will be surrounded by a variety of restaurants, clubs, shops and tourist attractions. Nancy Newton, TSO president, says, "You can't get any closer than this."

Join the millions of people who visit the River Walk (Paseo Del Rio) each year. Enjoy this unusual urban sanctuary that winds along the San Antonio River in central San Antonio, one story below the busy street level. Restaurants, galleries and shops line the banks of the downtown River Walk while the north River Walk is less commercial.

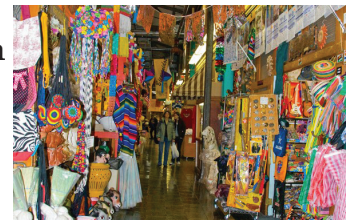


Stage of Arneson River Theatre.
Photo courtesy of San Antonio Convention & Visitors Bureau.



Entrance to Lavillita. Photo courtesy of San Antonio Convention & Visitors Bureau.

The River Walk's "Museum Reach" stretches north and connects to the San Antonio Museum of Art and the 125-year-old Pearl Brewery, now a vibrant urban village. Public art lines the banks. A lock-and-dam system, the only one in Texas, overcomes a nine-foot rise in elevation. Take a river cruise and navigate right through the locks. Visit La Villita, Market Square (El Mercado), Spanish missions, historic buildings...and other sites.



Mercado Market. Photo courtesy of San Antonio Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Wait! There's even more. We'll be holding two general meetings, hearing outstanding informative speakers, choosing from seven sets of breakout sessions with great topics, visiting with friends, voting for our future, shopping at vendor tables and supporting education in Texas and beyond. Read about the Unifying Project for the Boys and Girls Clubs of San Antonio on page 5 and plan to bring items when you come to SA. Your attendance counts.

★ Deep in the Heart of Texas, Deep in the Heart of DKG ★

Chapters make preparations for San Antonio



All singers are encouraged to participate in the wonderful Alpha State Chorus. Two CEU credits can be earned for participation. Singing with old and new friends is fun, and the chorus adds to the major functions of the convention. A registration for singers is included on the general convention registration form.



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF SAN ANTONIO

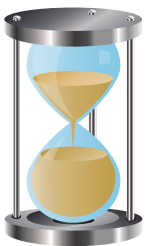
TSO Unifying Project gifts this year will benefit the Boys and Girls Clubs of San Antonio, and the organization has requested school supplies. Members may choose what items to bring; any basic school supplies will be appreciated. Gift cards are welcomed as they can be used to fulfill high demands for needed supplies. All donations should be dropped off at the gift table near the convention registration area at the Grand Hyatt.



Bringing a tote bag from a previous convention is an experiment in going green and cutting costs. As with anything new, there is always a learning curve. Gathering enough bags in a central location for first timers is proving difficult. Instead, the convention committee is requesting that every chapter make sure that each person coming to the convention arrives with a tote. That will eliminate gathering and dispensing bags. Use the sharing experience as a way to reminisce with stories about past conferences. If bags are needed, alert an area coordinator or Billenelle Currie at billinellecurrie@man.com



Programs and service projects are such an important component of the Society. Chapters demonstrate imagination, thoughtfulness, creativity and the endless possibilities of the ideas for programs and projects. Many of those programs and projects have been listed in the convention program and on a website, but the details of the programs are not always clear. Chapters should bring a display of an Annie submitted program and share the details with other members



Have your chapter's rules been certified by the state bylaws & rules committee since July 1, 2013? The DKG Constitution requires every chapter's rules to be consistent with the current DKG Constitution and TSO Bylaws. Texas chapters must submit theirs to the state for review every biennium. The deadline is May 31. Use the **2014 Model Chapter Rules** on the state website as a guide and email the updated version (MS Word preferred) to the committee member from your area or to the committee chair, Chris Morrison (SraChris48@aol.com).

It will be after the deadline, but the bylaws & rules committee will again offer their "Chapter Rules Help Desk" at convention. Stop by with your questions, and let the committee help you.

San Antonio: Educating, Inspiring, Encouraging

CPE — Continuing Professional Education

PDI — Personal Development Interests

SB — Society Business

(r) — repeated

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Vivian Ferchill

Cindy Sloan

Dr. Karen Duke

Dr. Karen Duke

Rita Galloway

Dr. Denese Wolff-Hillard

Phyllis Walker

Jenny Harrison

Shirley Owens

Teresa Toliver

Teresa Toliver

Kitty Hutchcroft

Shirley Owens

Marsha Edney & Kay Loehr

Clementina Rodriguez

Carolyn Mashburn & Carolyn Adkins

Kelly Broadus

Are You Ready (PDI)

Why do Some Students Struggle with the Printed Word? A Closer Look at Dyslexia (CPE) (r)

Need Money for Projects? Professional Growth? (SB)

One of Life's Best Tools: The Spirit of Adventure (PDI)

Encouraging Early Educators (SB)

Fostering the Teacher Leader in You (CPE)

TLC in Your PLC (CPE) (r)

Sunny Side Up: Brighten Your Life Through the Eyes of Gratitude (PDI) (r)

Creating a Legacy: A Guide to Estate Planning (SB)

Organize your Life with Google (CPE)

6 Apps in 60 Minutes (CPE)

QR Codes: Read 'em, Make 'em, Use 'em (CPE)

Basics of Grant Writing (SB)

Air Talking Online (CPE)

Retired Educators Preserve and Share History of School District (CPE) (r)

ASTEF Travel: Explore Savannah's History, Culture and Music (PDI)

First timers Session (r)

Friday, June 26, 2015

Tim Lee



Your Pension: Your Health Care (r)

Known around the country as a passionate speaker and energetic leader, Tim Lee, Texas Retired Teachers Association (TRTA) Executive Director, began his career as an advocate for public education retirees in 1996 and took his position with TRTA in 2004. A strong advocate for protecting the defined benefit pension plan and other post-employment benefits, Lee will clarify your pension and your health plan for you.

Betty Vines

Marcia Kirkland

Kitty Hutchcroft

Faye H. Bedwell (Alabama)

Carol Daniels

Sandra Smith Bull

Mary Howington

Dr. Joyce Teal



New Treasurers

Seasoned Treasures

Google for Education from the Trenches (CPE)

Leadership in an Old Black Dress (PDI)

Firewise Landscaping (PDI) (r)

Power for Leading Positive Change for Texas Chapter Presidents (SB)

Books, Authors, Dedications and Other Interesting Trivia (PDI)

Exploring Poetry (CPE) (r)

Dr. Joyce Willard Teal is a graduate of Prairie View A&M University. She is an award-winning retired teacher. She has taught school in Dallas for six years, but her career path has taken her through New Jersey, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Georgia and Virginia where she taught community college and reading/language arts to boys and girls in the public schools. The materials presented in this workshop are intended to help young readers gain a greater understanding and appreciation of poetry by using selected works as mentor texts, to which young writers can return again and again as inspiration and models for their own writing.

Linda Russell & Debbie Reynolds

Dr. Elena Ivanova

Beverly Richard

Cup Stacking for All (PDI)

The Art Museum as a Teaching Resource (CPE)

Everything You Want to Know About Ceremonies, But Were Afraid to Ask (SB) (r)

Friday, June 26, 2015 (continued)

Dr. Barbara Baethe & GAC
 Marylin Nease
 Jeanette Rhyan
 JoAnn Brooks & Judy Mezick
 Betty Hill & Debra Mahlmann
 Sharon Gullett

The State Global Awareness Committee (SB) (r)
Polish Your Newsletter: Benefit Your Chapter (SB)
Baking a DKG Birthday Cake and other Program Ideas (SB)
Training Your New (2016-2018) Chapter Officers (SB)
"Pioneer Women-Journey to Texas" (CPE) (r)
Women "App-dicted" (PDI)

Angie Ruffin



Getting It All in the Box (CPE) (r)

Angie Ruffin presently an 8th Grade Language Arts Teacher, received her BA from North Carolina Wesleyan College and her Masters from East Carolina University. She is National Board Certified. Her breakout session will include tips on managing a classroom, facilitating learning, and keeping your sanity. She take a practical look at what really goes on in a classroom and examine ways to get everything done and still smile at the end of the day.

Linda Gomez Richter
 Dr. Barbara ten Brink
 Deborah Thomas
 Judy Sullivan
 Allison Venuto
 Dr. Theresa Kauffman
 Carol Horton
 Sharon Gullett
 Diane Moose
 Teresa Toliver
 Teresa Toliver
 Dr. Karen Duke

Paper Plate Slam Jam (CPE)
Retooling for Retirement (PDI) (r)
Get Organized and Conquer Chapter Archives Storage Problems (SB) (r)
Speaking and Listening: The Missing Connection to Reading and Writing (CPE) (r)
Managing Your Time During the School Day (PDI) (r)
Listening to Your Students: A Study of Middle School Students' Perceptions (CPE)
Caregiver: Care for Yourself--So You Can Care for Your Loved One (PDI)
Who is Ted and What is He Talking About? (CPE)
You Too Can Create a Website Using Weebly.com (CPE) (r)
5 Minutes of Technology in Every Chapter Meeting (CPE)
It's not Just a Game (CPE)
A Leadership Tool: Using What is Known about Life Ages and Stages (PDI)

Saturday, June 27, 2015

Sandra Smith Bull
 Dr. Karen Duke
 Carol Horton
 Sharon Daugherty & Shirl Hawes

"Hold Harmless," Huh? (SB)
Memory and Learning: Educating for a Lifetime (CPE)
The Journey on the Road of Grief (PDI)
"What is a Vice-President Supposed to Do?" (SB)

Beth Schieber



Re-Member Your Chapter

Beth Schieber, Southwest Regional Director (2014-2016) for The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, was inducted into our Society in 1984. She is passionate about both education and Delta Kappa Gamma, believing that these fuel both the mind and the spirit.

Cookee Johnson
 Sharon Kraus & Music Committee
 Audrey Sifuentes
 Angie Ruffin
 Danielle Buckner Skala
 Clementina Rodriguez
 Mellie Smithwick
 Nancy Darnell
 Dr. Laura Sheneman

How YOU Can Support Early Educators (SB)
Using Music and the Arts to Enhance Chapter Meetings (SB) (r)
DKG Girl Scout Patch (SB)
Still Teaching After All These Years (SPE)
Autism 101: Understanding Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (CPE)
Jose Antonio Navarro: Defended Texas with Wisdom and Quill (CPE)
O' What a Show (PDI)
Dust to Dust...An Intimate Look at Green Burial (PDI)
Scoop Your Way to a Professional Digital Presence (CPE)

Alpha State Remembers

We mourn the passing and celebrate the lives of those cherished members of the Society whose deaths have been reported to Texas Necrology Chair Risa McCann between February 1, 2015, and April 1, 2015. They are reported by their chapter and place of residence at time of death.

Shirley A. Adam, Lambda Kappa-18, Magnolia
 Nelwyn R. Berry, Iota Theta-1, Lufkin
 Dr. Mary Othelia Appleberry, Sigma-1, Nacogdoches
 Rebecca Worman Baird, Kappa-15, El Paso
 Donna M. Broomes, Theta Psi-2, Orange
 Ava June Pennington Bush, Gamma Chi-2, Owasso
 Florence Champion, Eta Alpha-11, Ft. Worth
 Mary Lucille Chessmore, Epsilon Nu-10, Ft. Worth
 Cleo Congrady, Delta Delta-4, Alvin
 Wanda "Jolene" Crozier, Epsilon Kappa-7, Austin
 Lucy Justine Davis, Alpha Phi-4, Hondo
 Diantha D. Dawkins, Epsilon Eta-14, Midland
 Erna Stella Wurzbach Day, Zeta Beta-6, San Antonio
 Hazel Forester, Alpha-7, Austin
 Dr. Oneta Roberts Furr, Mu-13, Abilene
 Laura Frances Galloway, Epsilon Phi-5, Weslaco
 Deloris Ann Gaus, Alpha Phi-4, Yoakum
 Marilyn Godfrey, Alpha Xi-7, Bryan
 Frieda Hartzendorf, Gamma Omicron-4, Beeville
 Merle Johnson, Alpha Lambda-5, Kingsville
 Betty Elaine Jones, Alpha Theta-7, New Braunfels
 Irene Kanter, Alpha-7, Austin
 Bessie Kirby, Beta Tau-6, San Antonio
 Beneva Langois, Tau-8, Houston
 Joyce S. Loden, Zeta Upsilon-3, Cypress
 Katherine Mack, Alpha-7, Austin
 Betty Murray, Zeta Rho-5, Harlingen
 Elizabeth Betty Nelson, Delta Delta-4, Alvin
 Lucille Locks Rendleman, Omega-13, Brownwood
 Betty Abrego Ring, Alpha Phi-4, Houston
 Marjorie Roy, Zeta Delta-11, Amarillo
 Marie U. Scheel, Epsilon Kappa-7, Austin
 Mary Smith, Iota-16, Denton
 Nina M. Smith, Phi-1, Henderson
 Ruth A. Stephenson, Zeta Upsilon-3, Channelview
 Patsy Ruth Summers, Phi-1, New London
 Nell Valigura, Lambda-8, Temple
 Carol Joe Werner, Lambda Mu-13, Hamlin

Member News



Dr. Barbara Davis, Nu (San Marcus-7), Sandra L. Shillingstad, Sheryl McGlamery, and Carol Gilles had their article entitled "Navigating the Roles of Leadership: Mentors Perspectives on Teacher Leadership" appear in The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin, Winter 2015. Another new Nu member, **Gracie Rocha**, is part of their case study.

Michelle Verden, Epsilon Psi (Baytown-3), received the 2015 Distinguished Humanitarian Award by the Humble Intercontinental Chapter of the Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc.

Janye Brainard, Kappa, (El Paso-15), submitted the winning name, Collegial Exchange, for the new DKG publication. She will receive a complimentary registration for her regional conference.

Dora Scott Nichols, Zeta Mu (Houston-3), won the E.L. Galyean Award from TRTA for outstanding and unusual service on the state level to the Texas Retired Teachers Association and its members.

Dr. Jane Nelson, Mu Pi (Cleveland-18), was honored posthumously by the Texas Legislature when House Resolution 539, acknowledging her commitment to public education, was read on the floor of the Texas House of Representatives.

Angel Herring, Zeta Upsilon (Houston-3), was recognized as GPISD's ESL teacher of the year.

Members From Page 8

Ashraf Mobh, Delta Omicron (Dallas-9), has had her education-initiative article on preventing summer slide, titled "A Summer Adventure," published in the December 13, 2014 issue of The Ismaili USA magazine.

Raquel Reams, Theta Sigma (Pasadena-3), attained the rank of 1st Dan Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do.

Kimberly Hornsby, Eta Iota (Killeen-8), had her book review "Are Teens Really Addicted to Social Media? A Review of It's Complicated: The Social Lives of Networked Teens" in the Spring 2015 issue of the Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin.

Katrina Tilley, Delta Omicron (Dallas-9), serves on Austin's Texas Education Agency-based committee that sets standards for the STAAR Alternate 2 assessment. She also received a \$1,000 Dallas County Cora McFarland Scholarship to use toward her administrator's certification.

arts & humanities

Seven Texas members will have works displayed in the Arts and Humanities Gallery (www.dkg.org) in May.

Christine F. Cook, Alpha Alpha (Ennis-9), has an essay, "Sightings By a Not-So-Master Naturalist."

Frances Dendy Mahaffey, Delta Pi (Plano-9), has two poems: "Noble Imperfection" and "Sunrise Horizon."

Janye B. Brainard, Kappa (El Paso-15), has a poem, "Sea Gull."

Marylin J. Nease, Delta Omicron (Dallas-9), has two poems, "No Longer Strangers, Omaha Beach, 1999" and "Plum Trees."

Pamela Jones Ponnors, Delta Pi (Plano-9), has a photograph, "Summer Breeze Through Weeping Willows."

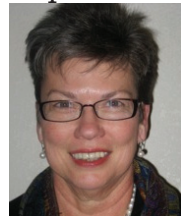
Susan Endicott, Delta Omicron (Dallas-9), has two poems, "Loss" and "Little Girl Memories."

Ulana Ratley, Kappa Delta (Bedford-10), has two pieces of pottery, "Blue Tea Pot" and "Brown Tea Pot."



ASTEF supports TSO Scholarships

Deborah Payne, Theta Epsilon, writes: This past summer (2014), with the use of the Texas DKG mini-grant, I attended the TCDA and JOY of Singing conferences. They offer presentations of new music, clinicians, tried and proven music, networking and UIL updates for our yearly competitions. This mini-grant greatly offsets my personal expenses to attend.



Deborah Payne

Kendall Hasse, Theta Alpha, reports: The state scholarship helped me travel to the Great Leaders Summit in Silver Spring, MD, to attend a week conference led by NASSP, Discovery Learning and John's Hopkins University. I got to network with university professors, outstanding principals and learn about technology and best practices from outstanding leaders from all over the US.



Kandall Hasse

Come one, Come all
Retirement & Birthday Celebration Honoring
Tish Mulkey
Saturday, May 16, 2015
2PM- 4PM
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Proposed Amendments for 2015 TSO State Convention

The Bylaws and Rules Committee presents for consideration by members, these proposed amendments to the Texas State Organization ruling documents. These proposals will be submitted to and voted on at the 2015 State Convention to be held in San Antonio. Individuals and chapters are asked to give thoughtful attention to these proposals so that all may share in the privilege and responsibility of shaping the Society's policies.

Proposal 1: Bylaws Article VIII Executive Boards and Executive Committee Section A State Executive Board

Which now reads:

Article VIII Executive Boards and Executive Committee
Section A State Executive Board

Members of the Texas State Organization Executive Board shall be the elected officers, chapter presidents, and past state presidents. The state executive secretary/treasurer, state parliamentarian, state editor/photographer, webmaster, and state committee chairs shall be members ex officio, without vote.

Be amended as follows:

Strike out **and**, add **and ASTEF president**

If adopted will read:

Article VIII Executive Boards and Executive Committee
Section A State Executive Board

1. Members of the Texas State Organization Executive Board shall be the elected officers, chapter presidents, and past state presidents. The state executive secretary/treasurer, state parliamentarian, state editor/photographer, webmaster, **and** state committee chairs, **and ASTEF president** shall be members ex officio, without vote.

Rationale:

This will correct an oversight in the State Bylaws. The ASTEF president is listed in Article VIII, C.3 as a member ex officio, without vote, of the State Executive Committee, but was not listed as a member of the State Executive Board. ASTEF and TSO, in their Memo of Understanding, agree that their presidents will serve on each other's boards as non-voting members. The TSO president and executive secretary/treasurer are members ex officio, without vote, of the ASTEF Board of Directors and ASTEF Executive Committee.

Proposed by: Bylaws and Rules Committee

Endorsed by: State Executive Committee

Proposal 2. State Rules - 4: 43 Scholarship Fund

Which now reads:

4.43 Scholarship Fund

4.43d Amounts to be awarded are as follows:

- Doctoral scholarships shall be Five Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$5,000.00),
- Graduate and undergraduate scholarships shall be One Thousand Five Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$1,500.00) for nine (9) hours, One Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$1,000.00) for six (6) hours and Five Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$500.00) for three (3) hours.
- Mini-grant amounts shall be up to Five Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$500.00)

4.43e The Maetha Griffin Weatherby Educational Travel Scholarship amount shall be up to One Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$1,000.00)

4.43f Aspiring Educator Awards shall be funded by investment income from the scholarship fund not to exceed a total of Five Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$5,000.00) per year. The amount of individual awards shall be set by the Scholarship Committee.

Be amended as follows:

4.43d Insert at the beginning of the sentence: **Beginning with the 2016-17 scholarship year,**

- For doctoral scholarships, strike out **Five Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$5,000.00)**, add **Seven Thousand Five Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$7,500.00)**
- For graduate and undergraduate scholarships, strike out **One Thousand Five Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$1,500.00)** and add **Two Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$2,000.00)**, strike out **One Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$1,000.00)**, add **One Thousand Five Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$1,500.00)**
- strike out **Five Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$500.00)**, add **One Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$1,000.00)**
- For mini-grants, strike out **Five Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$500.00)**, add **Seven Hundred Fifty and No/100 Dollars (\$750.00)**

4.43e Strike out **One Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$1,000.00)**, add **One Thousand Five Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$1,500.00)**

4.43f Strike out **Five Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$5,000.00)**, add **Ten Thousand and No/100 (\$10,000.00)**

If adopted will read:

4.43 Scholarship Fund

4.43d **Beginning with the 2016-2017 scholarship year**, amounts to be awarded are as follows:

- Doctoral scholarships shall be **Seven Thousand Five Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$7,500.00)**,
- Graduate and undergraduate scholarships shall be **Two Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$2,000.00)** for nine (9) hours, **One Thousand Five Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$1,500.00)** for six (6) hours and **One Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$1,000.00)** for three (3) hours.
- Mini-grant amounts shall be up to **Seven Hundred Fifty and No/100 Dollars (\$750.00)**.

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- 4.43e The Maetha Griffin Weatherby Educational Travel Scholarship amount shall be up to **One Thousand Five Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$1,500.00)**.
- 4.43f Aspiring Educator Awards shall be funded by investment income from the scholarship fund not to exceed a total of **Ten Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$10,000.00) per year**. The amount of individual awards shall be set by the Scholarship Committee.

Rationale:

The cost of tuition as well as the cost of living continues to increase. The amount awarded for each scholarship has not been increased since 2004. The Scholarship Fund is healthy, and more financial support is needed by those who apply.

Financial Impact:

Increase of \$40,000 per year based on averages from the past five years.

Proposed by: Scholarship Committee

Endorsed by: State Executive Committee

Proposal 3. Rules - State Rules 4:43 Scholarship Fund

Be amended by inserting:

4.43g. **The Life-Long Learner/Adult Education Scholarship, designed to provide life-long learning opportunities for TSO members, shall be One Thousand and No/100 (\$1,000.00).**

If adopted would read:

4.43g. **The Life-Long Learner/Adult Education Scholarship, designed to provide life-long learning opportunities for TSO members, shall be One Thousand and No/100 (\$1,000.00).**

Rationale:

This scholarship, formerly known as Adult Education, was inadvertently omitted when the State Rules were developed. This addition reflects the name change and a \$500 increase in the monetary award. The amount has not increased since 2004, but the cost of living and cost of programs continues to increase. The Scholarship Fund is healthy, and more financial support is needed by those who apply.

Financial Impact:

\$10,000 per year based on averages of the past five years.

Proposed by: Scholarship Committee

Endorsed by: State Executive Committee

**Proposal 4. Rules 4.6 Financial Controls
4.64 Reimbursements c. Meetings 5**

Which now reads:

- 4.6 Financial Controls
4.64 Reimbursements
4.64.c Meetings

4.64.c.5 Reimbursable expenses for state officers, state parliamentarian, past state presidents, state committee chairs, area coordinators, state webmaster, state convention pianist, administrative clerk, and executive assistant to attend the Texas State Convention shall be registration fee, transportation to and from the place of meeting, and lodging for the nights included in the meeting calendar.

Be amended as follows:

Add state convention AV technologist.

If adopted will read:

- 4.6 Financial Controls
4.64 Reimbursements
4.64.c Meetings

4.64.c.5 Reimbursable expenses for state officers, state parliamentarian, past state presidents, state committee chairs, area coordinators, state webmaster, state convention pianist, **state convention AV technologist**, administrative clerk, and executive assistant to attend the Texas State Convention shall be registration fee, transportation to and from the place of meeting, and lodging for the nights included in the meeting calendar.

Rationale:

Having a knowledgeable individual coordinate the desired Texas State Organization's audiovisual presentations with convention facilities has become increasingly necessary with the complexity of technology used today. The state technology chair originally was assigned this responsibility, but it often conflicted with her other duties as a state committee chair. A TSO member has been coordinator of the AV needs for our conventions since the 2008 convention. As she is required to be at convention, she should be reimbursed equally with others who are required to attend.

Financial Impact: Approximately \$500.00 annually..

Proposed by: State Executive Committee

Amendments From Page 11

Proposal 5. Rules--State Rules 5.5 Coordinating Councils

Be amended by inserting **5.53 Coordinating councils are self-supporting.**

If adopted will read:

5.5 Coordinating Councils

5.53 Coordinating councils are self-supporting.

Rationale:

Clarification and statement of no fiscal responsibility for the councils on behalf of the state organization. This is already in place, but was not included in the State Rules when they were created.

Financial Impact:

None

Proposed by:

Bylaws and Rules Committee

Endorsed by: State Executive Board

Meet the convention organizers



Avid about San Antonio, the leadership team for the 2015 Alpha State Convention Steering Committee has gathered numerous clever members to help organize, hostess, register, direct, decorate, polish, greet and perform those “other duties as directed” necessary to make a Texas convention attractive to everyone. The chair and two co-chairs have joined forces to make the work enjoyable for their committee members.



Jeanette Pierce

Living in San Antonio for the last 40 years makes **Jeanette Pierce**, Convention Steering Committee Chair, feel like a native of the Alamo City. She looks forward to welcoming you to her city in June. As a military child she traveled widely and attended 10 schools before earning degrees in English from UT El Paso and Trinity University. This Beta Tau member spent 32 years in middle and high school classrooms and currently lectures in English at the University of the Incarnate Word. Pierce says, “I am happy to see so many talented women helping us deliver an exciting experience to our members.”



Candy Carroll

Candace (Candy) Carroll, Convention Steering Committee Co-Chair, belongs to Gamma Pi in the small south central town of Dilley, about an hour SE of San Antonio. Carroll spent 26 years as a home economics teacher before becoming a high school counselor for eight years. Failing retirement, she returned to elementary counseling for three additional years. Besides her time preparing for the TSO convention, she teaches quilting guild workshops, belongs to retired teachers and serves her church as Mass Canto and choir director.



Scotta Williams

A teacher’s daughter, **Scotta Williams**, Convention Steering Committee Co-Chair, followed suit, but a summer living with a family in Mexico City led her to study Spanish and English as a second language. Williams taught Spanish and English in junior and senior high school in Iowa for 13 years before moving to San Antonio in 1987 to coordinate medical mission teams to Mexico. Her mission trips, plus her bookkeeping and secretarial skills, make her ready for almost anything. She transferred her DKG membership to Beta Tau to stay active in education.



Let's Celebrate Ourselves

Dr. Earin Martin, Epsilon Kappa

When we lose a DKG member, it causes a great sense of loss for many of us. We always feel blessed to have known these women, and our lives are richer and have more meaning as a result of knowing them. Just as favorite teachers live in the hearts and minds of their students, these ladies will continue to live in our hearts and minds as long as we live.

This sense of loss causes me to pause and reflect on the many roles we play as women and to celebrate those roles. So I say, let's celebrate the women whom we have lost. ***Let's celebrate ourselves as women.***

Women are strong, formidable forces; are capable of bearing unbearable loads; persevere, often in the face of adversity; and exhibit great skill and talent as they pursue their lofty but quite attainable goals, all while demonstrating incomparable compassion and empathy towards others. Each of the relationships we share with others as women is unique in its purpose and has its own unique rewards.

Let's celebrate ourselves as sisters (siblings). Sometimes our sisters are our best friend, sometimes our foe. But there is no other bond like the one you have with your sister if you are lucky enough to have one. And if you don't have one, you may have a very dear friend that you love like a sister.

Let's celebrate ourselves as daughters. As daughters, we love and honor our parents. We learn from our parents and hope to have the wisdom and maturity they have as we reach the winter of our lives as they did. Many of us are in the phase of life in which we have already lost our parents or in which we are caring for our aging parents. But our strength as daughters carries our parents through.

Let's celebrate ourselves as wives. We have always heard that behind every successful man, there is a strong woman. As a wife, we are friends, lovers, and partners in life. We forgive and we are forgiven. We share and we complement. We are a team of two facing the world.

Let's celebrate ourselves as mothers. There can be no more special bond than the one between a mother and her child. Mothers are supreme multi-taskers who set a spectacular example every day as they schedule, organize, maintain, and upgrade the entire family and home. They are the guardians of their children.

Let's celebrate ourselves as educators. As educators, we devote our professional lives to fostering the learning of others, whether they be young children, adolescents, or adults. We have a passion for helping others become as successful as they can be, and we know that a good educator is essential to learning.

Let's celebrate ourselves as friends. We have childhood friends, long-time friends, and new friends. Each friend serves a different purpose in our lives and brings different gifts to our lives. Even if we have no others in our lives, having at least one friend is essential to our existence as a human being.

Let's celebrate ourselves as leaders. We are all born leaders, or we would not have chosen education as a profession. As mothers, we are leaders; as women, we are leaders.

Let's celebrate ourselves as givers. As women, as mothers, as sisters (siblings), as wives, as daughters, as educators, as friends, as leaders, we are all givers.

Let's celebrate ourselves as sisters in DKG. We became a member of DKG for a reason—to share in the learning, camaraderie, friendship, caring, growing, and giving. We have a unique relationship with each of our DKG sisters. Cherish those relationships and hold them close to your heart.

Van de Grift From Page 1

Aleene's family supported and encouraged her as she returned to school and received her college degree in home economics from Texas Woman's University. While attending the university, she met and married Raymond King. She taught a number of years in Denton schools and then lost her second husband to cancer.

Because of her grief experiences, Aleene became involved in ministering to others who had need of her support as a Stephen Minister. She had a strong faith and served at one time as elder in her church.

Aleene remarried and became the wife of Dr. William H. Van de Grift. During this time she received her doctorate and began mentoring student teachers. She also became involved with Head Start and assisted many young women in receiving their Child Development Associate Degrees. Her life was filled with devotion to education and to others.

What gifts Aleene left us as a leader! Lessons on gentle mentoring were natural for her, yet she had the knowledge and authority to "keep one on track." We will surely miss Aleene!



Techno Expo shares information

The San Antonio Convention will feature a TSO Techno Expo. Chapters and state committees were invited to do "mini" presentations that would highlight not only the successes of their chapters or committees but do it using technology. The Expo will honor the DKG International theme, "85 Years and Beyond: Advancing Key Women Educators for Life" by incorporating new ways for accomplishing our chapter, personal and professional goals.

Gamma Beta, Iota Upsilon, Zeta Xi, Epsilon Kappa, Epsilon Chi and Alpha Chi will share their expertise on chapter websites; **Delta Omicron, Mu Tau, Kappa Pi, Epsilon Epsilon, Epsilon Kappa, Zeta Xi** and **Omicron** will talk about Annie award programs; **Delta Omicron, Epsilon Kappa and Mu Tau** will share ASTEF grant information; **yearbook** and **research** committees will give information about their committees.



ASTEF holds annual meeting at state convention

The 2015 annual meeting of ASTEF Members will be held during the TSO Convention in San Antonio. All TSO members are also members of ASTEF and are invited to attend this meeting.

Date: Saturday, June 27
Place: Lone Star Ballroom
Time: 11:30 a.m.

Highlights of the meeting will include reports on ASTEF activities; election of new directors; awarding of ASTEF project stipends; and "crowning" of the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion ASTEF pigs. Mark your convention schedule and participate in the business of your state foundation by attending the ASTEF Annual Meeting.

TSO celebrates Texas cultures and chapter presidents in San Antonio

Sandra Morales, Presentation of Presidents Chair
wesamor@mail.com

A very special event, the Presentation of Chapter Presidents, will take place on Friday, June 26, 2015, in the Lone Star Ballroom, at 5:30 p.m. Chapter members, friends and family will join us in honoring these wonderful ladies in celebration of the first year of their biennium. The event will include a celebration of six Texas cultures that made Texas what it is today. Prior to the actual presentation, a rehearsal will be held on Thursday, June 25th, also in the LSB from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. Both dates and times are very important, and participants should be on time and participate in each. Dress for the presentation is Sunday best or professional attire. All presidents should be in attendance if possible. An email was sent to all presidents about this important event. Presidents should notify their AC or Sandra Morales, wesamor@mail.com, about their participation in this event.



ASTEF reveals new website

Exciting changes may be found on the new Alpha State Texas Educational Foundation (ASTEF) website: www.astef.org. Visit the site to find information about all ASTEF activities, forms and resources. From the TSO website (dkgtexas.org), click the ASTEF link and you will be sent to the new ASTEF website.



Alpha State Texas Educational Foundation
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Explore the website and learn about ASTEF activities. ASTEF's impact on education is growing through a greater variety of chapter projects, contemporary leadership events and diverse possibilities for scholarships.



The first purpose of ASTEF is to raise funds for programs developed by both TSO and ASTEF. As ASTEF's funds grow, more Texas DKG members find opportunities to promote educational excellence for all Texas students. A new link to a PayPal account is available for online contributions. Check it out.

ASTEF convention events will be listed in the souvenir program. During the annual business meeting, project stipend recipients will be announced and then posted on the new ASTEF website.

Celebrate ASTEF's exciting progress. Visit www.astef.org often to read about ASTEF's impact on education.

Wichita beckons for SW Regional

Beth Schieber, Southwest Regional Director

Surrender to the call of the Kansas prairie and the winds of change July 22-25 in Wichita,

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We will Celebrate the Faces of Change, Educational Excellence, Our Legacy, Our Society's Work, Our Possibilities,



Keeper of the Plains.
Photo courtesy of Visit Wichita and Steve Creelius.

Our Milestones, Our Fellowship and Our Future, and showcase the talent of our SW Region at the Saturday night Celebration in Boots and Bling. This special event is Cowgirl casual and an opportunity to wear the Western 'glam' clothes you love. Come in your bling (jewelry) and denim and expect a mix of glamour and chic dress down.

Speakers for the event are Dr. Justin Patchin who explores the intersection of teens and technology, with particular focus on cyberbullying, social networking, and sexting; Dr. Maureen Clemmons who developed a theory on how ancient Egyptians built their pyramids, which has opened up new methods of current construction in the South American jungles and applications on Mars; Dyane Smokorowski, 2013 Kansas Teacher of the Year, who uses a project-based classroom focusing on critical thinking, communication, global collaboration and creativity while encompassing digital citizenship components.

Join the celebration and sing with the DKG Southwest Regional Choir in Wichita. Contact Deborah Payne, SW Regional music chair, payne.deborah@gmail.com to share your talent.

Orientation for state leaders is Sunday, June 28

It will soon be time for TSO to begin a new biennium. There will be new state officers, state committee chairs and area coordinators serving in 2015-17. These elected and appointed state personnel have been invited to meet on Sunday, June 28 at 9:00 a.m. after the San Antonio state convention for a time of orientation to their new positions. During this time they will receive information, explore resources, and experience support as they begin their service to TSO.