



“Coming Together to Build Community and Advance Our Purposes”

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the 2022-23 WSO DKG year! To new chapter presidents: congratulations on your election and a big hearty thank you for your willingness to lead your chapter into this next biennium. It will be an exciting year, filled with personal growth for each of us personally as well as for our organization. Thank you also to continuing chapter presidents, state officers, area liaisons, and committee chairs. Your continued support will ensure continuity and forward motion for the WSO.

These President's newsletters/messages/bulletins come out monthly, usually in the first few days of the month. The purpose is to keep you informed of International and State happenings, remind you of due dates and required forms, and to share ideas that may assist you in the coming year. I welcome your feedback.

Timelines/Reminders

A few reminders:

1. Chapter presidents – if you have not already done so, be sure you log on to the International website <https://www.dkg.org> and establish a sign-in password. You can open an account by clicking on sign-in in the upper right corner and following directions. The initial password will be DKG2014society. Once you have an account you can personalize the password. Once you can sign-in, you will have access to many International resources, forms, guides, timelines and the Chapter Access data (under My DKG). This is all very useful information. I recommend you sign up immediately and become familiar with the pages. This will also ensure that you receive communications from International meant for chapter presidents.
2. Form 110. A few chapters have still not turned in their form 110 for the year. Even if you don't have all officers selected at this time, please submit your form asap to Sherri Wagemann sherri.wagemannndkgwa@gmail.com with a copy to me. Sherri will submit them to International. This is needed by International and state officers to be sure your chapter leadership team is receiving up-to-date communications. Form 110 available once you sign in under forms/membership. Sorry that I can't hyperlink it for you. The form is available only to those with a log-in password.
3. If you have a new chapter treasurer, that individual needs to submit a form 87 to Pat Russell, WSO treasurer p.russell@comcast.net and to International as directed on the form so that the new treasurer can access the dues portal and other required treasurer forms (once signed in) under the DKG website/forms/treasurer.
4. To all wishing to have an article in the next edition of the *WSO*, July 15th is the due date to send in your articles to editor Barb McPherson: <mailto:dkgwanews@gmail.com>.
5. Plan ahead: Fall Board will be an all virtual event, September 23-25. Workshops will be offered on September 24 for all chapter and state leaders, including secretaries, parliamentarians, treasurers, EEC/program chairs, membership, legislative liaisons and more. Information on required by-law changes will be available. Please try to get your entire leadership team to attend. It will help them with their job expectations plus get them engaged with state officers in their same role. (Also, that engagement may prompt folks to assume new leadership roles in the next biennium.)
6. Committee chairs and officers: if you plan to have a workshop session at Fall Board, please send a short description of the session to Monique Harrison no later than July 25th so it can be published in the August 2022 edition of the *WSO*. Monique's email is <mailto:Monique.dkgwa@outlook.com>.



“Resiliency – creating new life out of the foundational roots of our values, cherishing all that makes DKG special and opening our society to new and more inclusive membership attuned to service, advocacy, fellowship and professional growth.”

I am excited about this second year of our biennium. We are coming out of the COVID experience with new skills and new goals to rejuvenate our chapters and our state organization. We will still have to contend with COVID and the challenges it presents for communicating with and engaging our members, but with our new skills and with forethought, I believe we can build our community, be resilient, and grow our Society. I look forward to facing the challenge ahead with you.

One last item: your Executive Committee (state officers) is creating an annual calendar of all meetings and major due dates. Hopefully, this will facilitate your planning and ensure that we at the state level are also communicating, connecting and committing to our continued growth.

As always,

Pat B7