



“Coming Together to Build Community and Advance Our Purposes”

Dear Colleagues,

I have been honored to attend three area workshops so far this year and look forward to attending more: area V on March 11, area VI on May 6 and possibly area VIII. Because it occurs while I am Vancouver for area V, I will not be able to attend the area VII workshop but several other state officers will be there. I am also excited to visit chapter meetings, such as an invitation to the induction of new members for Beta Kappa Oak Harbor and to the Outstanding Educator Awards for Alpha Sigma Kitsap. Just send me an invite with date and time and I will try my best to be there. For you know me, not only is it fun for me to meet your members but I also believe a state presence helps with our goals to support chapter efforts toward resilience – communication, commitment and connection.

We had a great chapter share session at our last Presidents' Chat and heard many excellent ideas from our chapters for recruitment, service projects, scholarships, fundraising, and program topics. I encourage you to mark your calendars for the next session on March 23, 2023 at 5:30 for another opportunity to learn from each other.

Timelines/Reminders

A few reminders:

1. Keitha Bryson will be presenting a workshop on March 5, 2023 at 10 a.m. on the current Plan I retirees COLA legislation and how members may interact with and influence their legislator's vote. Members may join the free zoom session at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82559839312>. Pass the word!
2. You will be receiving the Special Convention Edition of the *WSO* in a day or two. It contains all the materials you will need to have in order to vote at the Executive Board meeting on April 28th and the General Session on April 29th. Election of officers and state positions and approval of the 2023-2024 proposed budget are on the agenda for the Board meeting. Voting on the proposed amendments to the WSO By-laws and Standing Rules takes place at the General Session on Saturday. While only chapter presidents and state officers may vote at the Executive Board meeting, all WSO members may vote at the General Session. **Please print out the Special Edition of the *WSO* and bring it with you to Convention.**
3. March 16th is the deadline for submitting your request for a table (or half-table) at the Spring Convention for selling chapter products in the Convention Marketplace. The form is on the website, under Forms/state meetings/vendor table reservation. It should be sent to Sherri Wagemann sherri.wagemannkg1@gmail.com.
March 16th is also the last day to notify Terri Diehm if you plan to submit an item(s) for the Arts Display. No form is needed but she does need to the type of art, if you would need display space on a table, or if you prefer to display your art via the power point that will be on continuous display. Terri Diehm terridiehm15@gmail.com. Please notify your members of these deadlines.
4. Again, a reminder to contact Teri King about members to be honored at the Celebration of Life. She receives that information through the Form 6 and the bio and picture you send her, but sometimes member passings occur close to convention and Teri may not have yet gotten your Form 6. Please contact her directly so that no one is left out of the ceremony. Teridkg@gmail.com

5. Committee chairs do NOT need to complete a narrative report of this year's activities by March 15 as in the past; instead you will need to complete the last column of your Action Plan and submit to Susan Fritts by June 15th. This is an important step in the transition process to the 2023-2025 biennium committee chairs. Because Fall Board was virtual, you may have resources left in your budget to reimburse committee members for attending Spring Convention. **IF** doing so will result in you going over your allotted budget, you must receive PRIOR authorization from the state president to make the expenditure. I will require a brief rationale and the amount you anticipate going over budget. Please contact me asap for this approval so that your committee members may take advantage of early registration.

Open State Positions

There are three state positions for which no nominations have yet been received: nominations committee (three year term), Rachel Royston Trustee (3 year term to complete the term for a trustee who resigned) and Rachel Royston Trustee (5 year term, as usually elected each year). It is not too late to encourage your members to seek one of these positions. Contact Liz Friedrich mfriedrich2@charter.net if you have a suggestion. We will also accept nominations from the floor at the Executive Board meeting on April 28th.

Spring Convention 2023

I am so excited that our Spring Convention will be in-person. It is so meaningful to see folks face-to-face and to actually get hugs (if you are comfortable getting them). I still mask up from time to time and will likely do so for part of the Convention. It is so OK if you want to do that! Talk to your members about the power of experiencing the BIG picture of DKG and bring a group to share the experience. It is a learning time, a time for fellowship, and a time to move our state forward. I encourage your chapters to come up with ways to bring members who have never been to convention before, help your members connect to WSO – it builds resilience in your chapter and in our state organization.

As ever,

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upcoming meetings:

Chapter Presidents Chats	March 23; April 20
Area Liaison Meeting	March 22; April 20; May 17
Area 5 and 7 Workshops	March 11
Area 6 Workshop	May 6