



“Coming Together to Build Community and Advance Our Purposes”

Dear Colleagues,

It was great to see so many of you in person at Spring Convention! While I was definitely exhausted by Sunday night, I felt there was much to celebrate about the convention (workshops, speakers, social events, music and arts, etc.) and some work still ahead for us (such as by-law changes). We have installed a great executive committee for the next biennium and can look forward to both a continuation of the work of this past biennium, especially with our Strategic Action Plan, and some new initiatives. Excitement ahead!

Timelines/Reminders

A few reminders:

1. **May 19th** is the last date for registration for the Dumas Bay Arts Retreat. The registration form is found on the state web site under events. www.dkgwa.org. The all-inclusive price for the retreat, June 27-29, is \$250.00. Space is limited, so sign up early.
2. The Transition Meeting for all 2021-2023 and 2023-2025 executive committee members, committee chairs, and liaisons is scheduled for **June 10, 2023** at the United Methodist Church in Kent from 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.. You will receive details as the date draws closer, however as this is a time to share information with the new folks in your positions and to ask questions, please come prepared to hand over important committee and job materials. This is also a time to clean out your files before handing them over.

Per the by-laws: Committee chairs shall purge files prior to the end of their term, keeping from the last two biennium: action plans/actions taken, committee timeline(if separate), copies of documents produced for workshops or chapters, important committee correspondence, copies of the Executive Board and Convention programs, and a copy of budget expenditures, if separate from the completed action plan.

- a. All documents that are required to be retained shall be kept electronically (preferred) or on paper.
 - b. All other items must be eliminated prior to the turnover meeting. (This request excludes the Finance Committee, the Executive Secretary, the Treasurer, and the State President. Financial documents, contracts, and minutes must be retained permanently.)
3. **June 15th** – though best if completed by June 10th – is the final date for committee chairs and liaisons to submit their end-of-year reports summarizing their work in 2022-2023. To do this, fill out the far-right column on your action plan and provide, as needed, narrative with observations/recommendations for the next year. Submit the report to Susan Fritts susan.frittsdkg1@gmail.com.
 4. For chapter presidents, **June 30th** is the due date for sending in your end-of-year report on the chapter Strategic Action Plan. This entails completing the far-right column on the form, a copy of which you submitted to WSO in the fall. Please submit your report to Susan Fritts susan.frittsdkg1@gmail.com.
 5. Chapters should now be in the process of collecting 2023-2024 dues. That process should be completed by **June 30th** and dues sent to International and the State between July 1 and September 30, though the portal at International is now open to accept dues payments.

Thank you to the area liaisons and chapter presidents for completing the Healthy Chapters Survey. Hopefully the activity will have been of some value in helping your chapter know where to focus its energy in the coming year. The data will assist me, as past president and membership committee member focused on expansion and dissolution, and the area liaisons to individualize the support we offer to chapters in the coming biennium, as well as offer ideas for training at Fall Board and regional workshops.

Likewise, your participation in the area/quadrant questionnaires is giving the Executive Committee valuable data for organizing our state for more equitable work loads and enhanced opportunities for workshops, leadership training and in-person collegial support. Results of the questionnaires will be shared with you next month and discussed at future meetings.

International conferences in Detroit, Phoenix, and Tampere (Finland) are fast approaching. There is still time to register for these events. **June 1st** is the deadline for state officers, committee chairs, liaisons elected or appointed for the upcoming biennium, and persons presenting at International conferences to apply for travel funds (as far as they go). The application is on the state website: www.dkgwa.org under forms. The form must be sent to Pat Russell no later than June 1st (electronic delivery preferred).

As we wrap up the 2022-2023 DKG year, let us take some time to reflect on what has gone well, what we need to improve, and how (as our International guest at Spring Convention, Connie Rensink said) we re-imagine DKG for the coming year. I and your new president Monique Harrison are eager to hear your ideas. What should be kept? What should change? What new directions would you suggest?

Until next month, I am as ever,

Pat B7

upcoming meetings:

Area Liaison Meeting	May 17
Transition Meeting	June 10