

*Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide*

## Past International President Carol Mueller Remembered

Carol Mueller, 2000-2002 International President and 1998 International Achievement Award recipient, passed away on June 2, 2022. Mueller’s involvement in DKG was extensive: she served as International First Vice President (1996-1998); on The Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation Board of Trustees and International Executive Board; as 1982-1984 Southwest Regional Director; and as chair of numerous international committees. She also attended the Golden Gift Fund Leadership/Management Seminar in 1981 and was president of Nevada State Organization (1974-1977).

A native of Idaho, Mueller spent most of her life in Nevada, particularly in the Reno area. Entering the University of Nevada at age 16, she pursued a degree in foreign languages (Spanish, German, and French) and initially hoped to work for the State Department. A Fulbright Exchange scholarship took her to the Universities of Innsbruck and Vienna, Austria, after her graduation. Returning to Reno, she obtained a provisional teaching certificate and pursued a master’s degree in Spanish. Her official teaching career began as she



taught French at Reno High School. Mueller later became coordinator of a new program for academically talented students, retiring officially in 1988 but continuing to work with the district in processing documentation for parents who wished to home school their children.

A charter member of Theta Chapter, which was organized in 1963, Mueller served as chapter president beginning in 1970 and as state organization editor beginning in 1971. Becoming increasingly engaged with the Society through varied offices in Nevada State *See PIP p. 3*



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# Leading with Purpose

By **Becky Sadowski**

2020-2022 International President



**O**ur organization acknowledges the importance of being “guided by purpose.” We depend on our mission statement and Purposes to guide us as we consider programs, projects, and other possible

initiatives at all levels of DKG. When asked to describe their chapters, members often respond by describing their activities and special interests or the passions of their chapter members. Some have shared **how** they believe they are fulfilling specific DKG Purposes and convey a sense of pride in their efforts.

“Purpose” has been a keyword for all of us this biennium. Every day we have been confronted with the challenge of change...finding new ways to accomplish our work and provide the tools and resources for guiding groups through the process of creating positive change. Whether involving a chapter, state organization, or international committee or board, in most situations one very big question seems to drive decision making: “What is it that we are really trying to accomplish? What is our purpose?” Leaders understand the importance of having a vision as they work toward achieving a goal.

All of us are leaders, but our styles of leadership may be different. In DKG, we appreciate those differences. Is one style of leadership more effective than another? What most of us have discovered is that different situations may call for different **kinds** of leadership. When we work together to share our different talents, perspectives, and solutions, we begin to see firsthand the value of being part of a team. As a team member, are you demonstrating the kind of behavior you want to see in other members with whom you are working?

During revitalization meetings with state organizations requesting assistance from the international level, we often discuss leadership and specific characteristics that members believe describe an effective leader. Several responses are shared frequently: forward thinking, willingness to be open to new possibilities and different points of view, courage, ability to inspire others, strong work ethic, understanding the importance of recognizing individuals and the group for a job well done, and making sure members feel the work they are doing does make a difference. That’s quite a list, isn’t it? I hope my sharing it with you points out that we need all kinds of leaders in DKG. We need YOU!

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In an article I read recently, the author addressed the need for organizations to look beyond where we are and what we need now. As leaders, we must look ahead and plan strategically to ensure a strong future for DKG. Although DKG has faced many challenges in its history, we strive to advance as a strong, relevant organization. The last 2 years have taught us the importance of being flexible, nimble, and forward thinking!

It is our responsibility as members to explore possibilities for our organization and decide how we want to participate and contribute in the life of DKG. Thank you for supporting DKG as you lead with purpose to support our mission, dream about future possibilities, and care for our members and the world in which we live.

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Organization and through attendance at state organization, regional, and international gatherings, she received the Alpha Chi State Nevada Exemplary Service Award in 2018. Among her proudest accomplishments was the establishment of an annual state organization leadership workshop.

Carol Mueller's DKG philosophy and contributions are perhaps best described in her own words of inspiration to others: "With our eyes, minds, and hearts open to new ideas and perspectives, and with our strong traditions of support and encouragement for our own members and professional colleagues, we can achieve our mission and feel that we have truly made a difference in our world."

**WATCH THIS SPACE IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE DKG NEWS FOR IMPORTANT UPDATES FROM CONVENTION !**



Important considerations and decisions will be the hallmark of the upcoming 2022 International Convention as members from across the international Society gather in person for the first time since 2018. For those who are unable to attend the convention, the Sept/Oct edition of the *DKG NEWS* (Vol. 79-5) will provide updates on awards received, amendments passed, leaders chosen, knowledge shared and gained, and friendships renewed and created! "Tune in" to access these updates and more when the next issue of the *NEWS* is published online on September 1:

- 2022-2024 Administrative Board Members.
- Recipient of 2022 International Achievement Award.
- Results of voting on proposed amendments – and the consequences of any changes.
- Summaries of messages from keynote speakers.

## DEADLINES

**July 15**

Chapter Treasurer Annual Report to state organizations

**August 1**

*Bulletin: Collegial Exchange* submissions

**August 15-September 15**

Arts & Humanities Gallery submissions for Fall Gallery

**September 1**

State Organization Treasurer annual report (Form 16)

**September 15**

International Speakers Fund speaker application

**September 30**

All dues must be entered in the portal to avoid members being dropped Oct. 1.

## EVENTS

**July 12-16**

2022 International Convention in New Orleans, LA

## HQ CLOSED

**July 4**

USA Independence Day

# Designing DKG

from your  
Members-at-Large

## Designing for Connection

Members are valued, listened to, and connected in organizations that are personally relevant and meaningful. As we begin to meet in person at DKG events, fewer members may be attending than in pre-pandemic years, but the connections continue to be genuine and relevant, often beyond borders. State organizations, chapters, and international committees are listening to members and creating both face-to-face and online connections.

- Washington State Organization is developing affinity groups with a goal to increase membership and provide relevant professional development to address diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging. They will begin with three affinity groups: Black, Hispanic, and Under 40. Affinity groups can be a place for underrepresented members to come together to become less isolated and more connected.

- At the Illinois State Organization Convention luncheon, members were invited to choose a table to join based on the “table topic” they wanted to discuss. A pre-convention survey had determined topics of interest that would be meaningful to members. Members enjoyed a meal and conversation about a specific topic, and at the end of the event, a representative from each table shared one or two highlights from their group’s discussion.

- *Inspired Leadership: From Heart and Mind* is a DKGIEF-sponsored Alberta State Organization leadership-wellness event to support and attract members and to increase the visibility of DKG. At this event, interests and expertise in wellness and leadership are combined as state organization leadership training develops in a new way to inspire, refresh, and energize educators.

- Author events – in which authors shared their experiences, family histories, and expertise – had been held in person before the pandemic, and some have continued virtually. Members pay a minimal amount to attend, supporting chapter and state organization scholarship funds.

- Webinars on a variety of topics – including diversity, inclusion, courage, marketing, communication, and global issues – are being delivered by individuals, groups, and committees.

- Attending virtually and in person, members at the XI Latin American Conference, *Servir y Avanzar*, in Costa Rica were inspired by an impressive glasswork studio tour.

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*Nita R. Scott, CAE  
Executive Director*

## From the Desk of the Director

**C**hange: It is always challenging and a little bit frightening. It leads to that uneasy feeling of being uncomfortable. But take a moment and consider an image you may have seen before that leads us to a different perspective:



If you have been following this column, it might seem that change has almost become the new normal for Headquarters staff. The building sold to new owners after 65 years. It has now been demolished, with preparations underway for a high-rise residential tower. The new office space is almost fully furnished. Staff have entered a new future of work, with some remote work and some work in the office. We are each finding new ways to work within a very different space, learning more about each other through richer conversation, building new ideas through greater collaboration, and getting to know each other again after almost 2 years of working remotely most of the time.

However, change is not new to the staff, international leadership, or to the Society itself. This organization was founded on a principle that change was needed – our Founders even fought for it! The organization was founded in the University Faculty Women’s Club on the University of Texas campus (now that is being flexible!) and then moved to three more locations before moving to the former building on 12th Street. Like the historical marker placed in front of the University Faculty Women’s Club earlier location, there will be historical recognition placed at the site of the new residential tower on 12th Street, which will be called “The Annie B.”

There are so many other ways DKG is always changing that we appear to accept readily and even embrace: leadership changes each biennium at two different levels; amendments to our governing documents may be adopted every 2 to 4 years; international events take place in different locations all around the world; and changes in technology, environment, and culture through the past 93 years are almost mind-numbing. So, DKG will do what educators do best – adapt, flex, and be nimble.

So, now we have a chance to move forward into a new chapter. As we all turn the page in anticipation of the next part of our story, remember just a few things that might make the journey a little easier:

- The new address is 12710 Research Blvd. STE 230, Austin TX 78759.
- Staff members may be sitting in new chairs, but the faces are still familiar.
- The phone numbers and website remain the same.
- Staff email addresses have not changed.
- We are still here for you from 7:30 a.m. Central Time until 6:30 p.m. Central Time each business day. Call, email, chat, or visit any time.

What an exciting time in the history of DKG! Forward Moving Ever!

## DKG INTERNATIONAL EDUCATORS FOUNDATION COLUMN

### Foundation Funding at Work: Planned Giving

Are you interested in becoming part of something important that is tied to education worldwide? The DKG International Educators Foundation (DKGIEF) offers the opportunity to make a significant difference and contribute to your legacy through planned giving, which occurs in numerous ways when you designate monetary gifts to the Foundation.



Do you have a favorite fund that you want to support now and in the future? How do you take that idea and realize it? How do you go about building an impactful legacy? Consider establishing that legacy through one of these options:

- Contribute a **living gift**, money that provides immediate financial support.
- Designate a specific amount in your will as a **bequest** to the DKGIEF.
- Purchase or transfer a **life insurance** policy naming the DKGIEF as the beneficiary.
- Purchase a leaf for the **Wall of Roses**, a visual art display housed at DKG Society Headquarters. When your \$10,000 commitment toward a particular fund is made, a “leaf” is reserved for placement on the wall once the full amount has been received.

Contributions to the nine funds managed by DKGIEF are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law in the United States and in some of the other member countries. Your planned gift will ensure the continued work of the Foundation to support educators and education worldwide. Contact Phyllis Hickey, Strategic Outreach Director, for more information on moving forward via planned giving (512-478-5748, ext. 115, or [phyl-lish@dkg.org](mailto:phyl-lish@dkg.org)).



Ensure a lasting legacy for generations to come through planned giving to DKGIEF!

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- Several state organizations are hosting arts retreats where members attend workshops to learn about and create different art projects.
- The DKG Gallery of Fine Arts is an online publication and display of DKG members' creative works. The Gallery includes literary works; two- and three-dimensional art; performance art; photography; and crafts. DKG members are encouraged to showcase their art this summer at the international convention.
- Virtual arts workshops and webinars from varied state organizations are available to all members.
- The West Virginia State Organization *Local Leading Ladies* initiative recognizes members for their volunteer efforts and celebrates the impact they are making in their schools, churches, and communities. Members are nominated by their peers and are sent a certificate and a button to wear when volunteering to showcase the award.

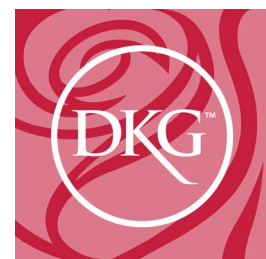
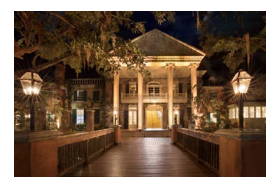
In DKG, we are continuing to create and innovate relevant, meaningful connections. The silver lining of this worldwide shift is the creation of new ways of being, new ways of seeing, new ways of learning, and new ways of connecting...Forward Moving Ever. How might these ideas be used in your DKG community?

# Top 10 Things to Do to Prepare for the 2022 International Convention



We are just a few days away from our 2022 DKG International Convention, but members still have time to plan a wonderful experience and great fun. Here are the top 10 things you should do before it's too late.

1. Register for the convention. You can even register at the convention (without meal tickets).
2. Make sure you have a room reservation and transportation. (At this point – i.e., after June 19 – you must contact Society Headquarters for room reservations.)
3. Join fellow members at the ticketed event at the Sazerac House on Tuesday night following the opening session.
4. Plan to attend the DKGIEF ticketed event at Mardi Gras World on Wednesday night. Support a terrific cause and have a fabulous time!
5. Check out SignUpGenius to volunteer your time at the convention.
6. Download the DKG App so you have access to the schedule, speakers, and proposed amendments – as well as the ability to earn badges – while connecting with other attendees. Be in the know!
7. Consider joining the chorus at the convention. Sign up on the DKG website. Music is the universal language!
8. Look over the Schedule at a Glance and the DKG App agenda. Find out who's presenting and explore the interesting topics.
9. Plan to participate in the Dress for Success project. Bring a new or gently used professional handbag with makeup, toiletries, jewelry, and a donation, if desired, to be donated to women in need.
10. And finally: Don't wait! Do numbers 1-9 now so you can be a part of the 2022 DKG Convention in New Orleans July 12–16. See you there!



## 2020-2022 Dissertation Recognition

**Kelly McIntyre, EdD**

Psi | Oregon

George Fox University, 04/2020

The Relationship Between Social Science Majors' Quantitative-Course Experience and Their Quantitative Anxiety

**Suzanne E. Diszler, EdD**

Gamma | New Jersey

School of Education at Cabrini University, 03/2022

A Qualitative Study of Professional Use of Paid Time Off in Title I Elementary Schools

**Tricia C Stoll, EdD**

Alpha Upsilon | Mississippi

William Carey University, 05/2022

The Influence of Using I-Ready Reading on Lexile Levels, Vocabulary, and Informational Text Comprehension for 3rd and 4th Grade African American Males

# Administrative Board Actions

May 10–12, 2022 (Austin, Texas)

The following major actions were taken by the 2020–2022 International Administrative Board during its May 2022 meeting:

1. Directed Headquarters staff to explore the opportunity for international credit for professional development and report back at the November meeting of the 2022–2024 International Administrative Board.  
*Context: Although continuing education credits were offered for past international events, the institution and individual managing the program are no longer available to assist. In an effort to re-establish this member benefit, staff will explore options that might provide all members a method to obtain credits appropriate to each individual educational environment.*
2. Authorized the Strategic Outreach Director to explore strategic sponsorships for presentation to and approval by the Administrative Board. Regular reports should be provided at each meeting of the board beginning in November 2022.  
*Context: As the costs of attendance at international events continue to rise, sponsorships could offset the costs of meal events and even registration fees and, subsequently, reduce the direct cost to members. Administrative Board approval of sponsors, like vendors, will be required prior to any sponsorship agreements.*
3. Forwarded the Memo of Understanding as amended to the DKGIEF Board of Directors for approval.  
*Context: The Memo of Understanding (MOU) is an agreement between the DKGIEF and the DKG Society International that guides the two entities as they work together toward common goals. The Society supports the work of the Foundation through administrative assistance, physical office space, and even some financial support from time to time. The Foundation supports the Society with opportunities for its members to receive scholarships, Emergency Fund assistance, leadership training, and other member benefits. Recommended amendments to the MOU included waiving the administrative fee on contributions from the international Society and a physical space to display the Wall of Roses, previously displayed at the 12th Street headquarters building.*
4. Approved the budget for the infrastructure expenses for 2022–2023 with recommendation for authorization by the Executive Board.  
*Context: The budget for infrastructure expenses (formerly the “Replacement Schedule”) provides for appropriate replacement of technology at specific intervals as well as the purchase of equipment necessary for the work of Headquarters staff and the infrastructure to support the DKG website and database. Because technology needs can change quickly and sometimes frequently, this budget is reviewed annually. Per the Constitution, Article VII Section A.1.b. (4) and Article VII Section A.2.b. (1), the Administrative Board reviews operational budgets with recommendations for final approval by the Executive Board.*
5. Approved the biennial budget for 2022–2024 with recommendation for approval by the Executive Board.  
*Context: Per the Constitution, Article IV Section G.2., the Administrative Board reviews the Available Fund budget as presented by the Finance Committee for final approval by the Executive Board.*
6. Authorized the Executive Director to explore options for preserving and displaying the cornerstone box and its contents.  
*Context: When the former headquarters building on 12th Street was built, a copper box containing items representing that era in DKG history was enclosed in the cornerstone of the building. Prior to demolition of the building, the new owners removed the box and delivered it to DKG. During the May meeting of the Adminis-*



trative Board, the box was opened and the documents inside were disclosed. It is the intent of the Board that the box and its contents will be preserved and displayed in 2029 at the Centennial Celebration. The Executive Director will explore options for preserving the items and displaying them at the 2029 event.

7. Approved a 5% cost of living increase to all staff and adjusted the salary guidelines appropriately.  
Context: The Administrative Board approves the salary guidelines for the staff employed at Society Headquarters. With the rising cost of living in the Austin, Texas, area and considering that the last cost of living increase was applied to Headquarters salaries in 2017, the Administrative Board approved a cost of living increase as recommended by the Finance Committee within the parameters of the proposed budget for 2022–2024. This increase will be effective July 1, 2022, in accordance with the beginning of the new budget period.
8. Accepted professional staff salaries for 2022–2024 as presented.  
Context: Per the Constitution in Article XI Section B. 3., the Administrative Board determines the terms of employment, including salaries, for all professional staff.
9. Accepted the proposed executive director salary as amended.  
Context: Per the Constitution, Article XI Section B. 3., the Administrative Board determines the terms of employment, including salaries, for all professional staff.
10. Approved contracts with the Editor as presented.  
Context: Legal agreements on behalf of the Society are executed by the international president in conjunction with the corporate secretary (executive director) when authorized by the appropriate board. The referenced contracts will provide appropriate oversight and management of the DKG News and the Bulletin publications.
11. Adopted the recommendations as amended and presented by the ad hoc Leadership Lab committee.  
Context: The ad hoc Leadership Lab committee developed a plan for curating content on an ongoing basis that can be made available via the DKG website with a focus on leadership and leadership development. This “Leadership Discovery Centre” will be available to both members (full content behind password) and non-members (limited content, used as a marketing tool).

## Did You Know?

Alaska (AK) is the 49th of the 50 United States and is by far the largest in size although its population is the second smallest. Alaska has a longer coastline than all of the rest of the states put together. Because the 180th meridian passes through the state, AK technically lies in both the eastern and the western hemispheres. Central and northern Alaska are known for having 24 hours of daylight in the summer. Because roads are scarce in AK, small planes are essential for receiving supplies and for connecting towns and villages. AK is also known for its abundant wildlife and extremely cold temperatures.



Photos courtesy of Gara Williams & Maryanne Allan (DKG: Alaska)

Photos depict polar bear, baby seal, ice art, and a floatplane



## 2022 Educators Book Award Recipients

The Educators Book Award Committee has announced the winner and the recipients of honorable mention for 2022. Selected for the primary award of \$2,500 for its educational research and potential impact on the thoughts and actions of those in today's complex society is *Generation Mixed Goes to School: Radically Listening to Multiracial Kids* by Ralina L. Joseph and Allison Briscoe-Smith (2021, Teachers College Press, 192 pages).

Why does race play a dominant influence at school? As we see more and more diversity in our classrooms, it is important for educators to help students of multiple ethnicities and cultures to feel welcomed, accepted, and appreciated. This text presents a timely, well-researched topic, giving voice to the Global Majority, those of non-European heritage. It shows how students, teachers, and caregivers of two or more racial backgrounds may feel silenced or invisible regarding their multi-faceted identities.

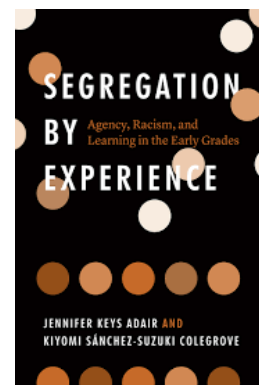
The authors describe how students and teachers need to work together to recognize differences and perspectives. Examples include various family combinations, including those of two or more communities of color. The insightful, reflective activities provided allow for immediate transfer to the classroom. This book flows well, is enjoyable reading, and provides new ways of viewing our multiracial classrooms. It is must read for today's educator.



### Honorable Mention

*Segregation by Experience: Agency, Racism, and Learning in the Early Grades* by Jennifer Keyos Adair and Kiyomi Sanchez-Suzuki Colegrove (2021, University of Chicago Press, 224 pages).

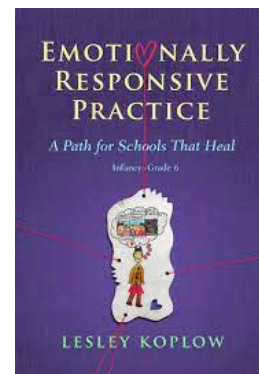
Do classroom expectations differ for white children and for students of color? This text challenges the status quo of schools and encourages teachers to provide more opportunities for student leadership and classroom agency. The authors filmed a first-grade classroom for one year and then showed the film clips to other first-graders, teachers, parents, and – 7 years later – to the students who were originally filmed. They received differences in perceptions of a classroom's daily operations and its ways of being and the intriguing results when students guided their own learning. Although the text features first graders, it can be extrapolated to apply to higher grades. Education is changing, but will we allow it to change? This book can be an eye-opener for educators.



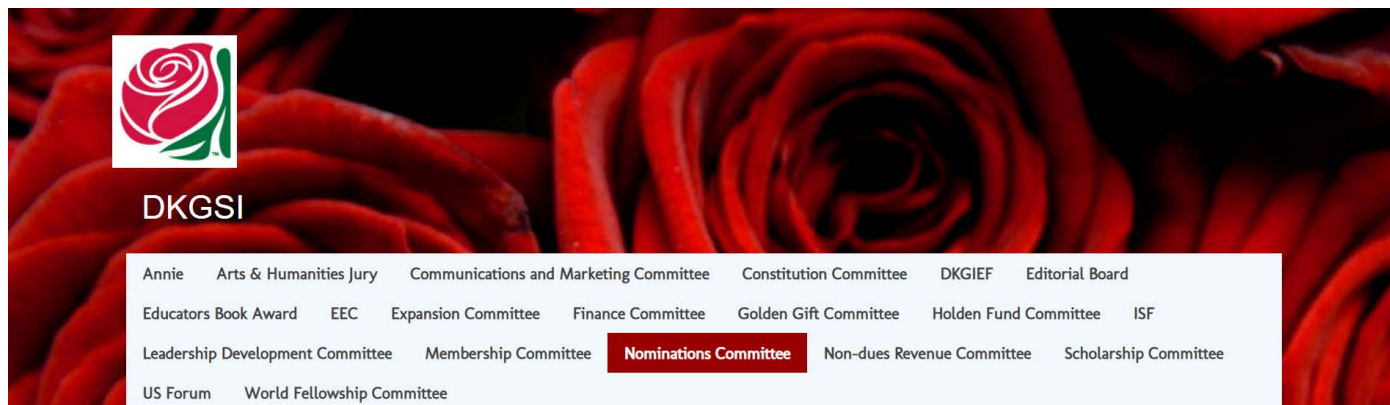
### Honorable Mention

*Emotionally Responsive Practice: A Path for Schools that Heal, Infancy–Grade 6* by Lesley Koplow (2021, Teachers College Press, 168 pages).

In a world filled with trauma and stress, teachers need to be receptive and adaptable to students' emotions. Readers can learn how to apply Emotionally Responsive Practice (ERP) as the authors provide portrayals of classroom incidents, teacher conversations, and parental involvement to demonstrate effective response methods. Teachers will appreciate the numerous activities and thought-provoking reflections. This timely text, supported by research, provides strategies for teachers to assist children in negotiating tensions and stress in home life, in the classroom, on the playground, and in the world.



# Diversity and Value of DKG Blogs



**H**ave you explored the DKG blogs lately? The DKGS I Blogs provide one way for you to become an engaged member. Reading the diverse blogs keeps you abreast of Society business, educational trends, and personal growth opportunities. But the value of blogs exceeds a one-way flow of communication. Blogs are designed as an interactive forum for consistent and topic-specific communication. Blogs are created to be a two-way form of interaction, and they provide the means for you as a member to express your thoughts and concerns directly to Society leaders and DKG members. The blogs provide a key avenue of communication: a place to get up-to-date information about ongoing DKG activities and to express your own opinion, thoughts, or concerns in response! Blogs are posted for 15 Society committees as well as the Arts and Humanities Jury, DKGIEF, the Editorial Board, and the U.S. Forum.

Blogs are a way for committees to share important and timely information to help members stay current on issues that affect state organizations and chapters. They can also provide suggestions for members' personal growth and professional development and allow an opportunity for members to react to ideas presented.

For example, the International Non-dues Revenue Committee posts opportunities for members to take advantage of benefits and discounts, including many kinds of insurance. The International Speakers Fund Committee writes about the meaningful international connections that are being made in our Society. The International Communications and Marketing Committee posts ways to use social media effectively, both personally and for Society business.

Are you new to chapter leadership? Then check out the International Finance Committee's blog to find out what you need to know about chapter finances. Chapters are all trying to retain and recruit new members. The International Membership Committee posts great ideas to accomplish this goal. The International Leadership Development Committee provides a blog highlighting the qualities of leaders and challenging members to become leaders.

These few examples suggest the insights one can gain from the varied blogs...but it is important to remember that one is also encouraged to "comment" and share a thought, ask a question, or express the value of this information. True blog engagement happens at this point. Read and then respond...use this forum to speak to the bloggers and other readers or to open a conversation about the given topics or events. Remember, blog diversity is beneficial, but blog value is actualized when reader engagement occurs. Become an active blog reader and responder and become an engaged member. Whether one is new to DKG or a longtime member, the DKG blogs have something for everyone. Check them out on [DKGS I Blogspot!](#)

# Insurance Available Through AIM

As educators, members should be aware that risk of liability for wrongful acts in performing one’s everyday duties may call for insurance. Affordable insurance options for individuals, chapters, and state organizations are available to Delta Kappa Gamma members as part of a wide array of member benefits. AIM (Association Insurance Management) fits an insurance program to the needs of individual educators, chapters, and state organization officers.



For the **educator**, AIM offers an Educator’s Error & Omissions Policy designed to meet specific needs; cost is \$55 annually. Financial ruin could result from claims brought against an educator. This coverage safeguards your personal assets. Most full-time employees of public school systems are eligible.

**Chapters** are offered coverages that include General Liability with Accident; Medical; Directors and Officers Liability; and Bonding and Property Insurance. **Event insurance** protects from lawsuits if someone is injured at one of your chapter’s activities and holds you responsible. Embezzlement insurance (bond) coverage protects your money by covering anyone your chapter trusts with financial activity. The Business Personal Property policy, which has limits and a deductible, protects any personal property of your group. Professional Liability (officers’ liability) protects the organization from lawsuits for “wrongful acts” such as mismanagement, misrepresentations, dissemination of false or misleading information, or inappropriate actions. This coverage includes limits but has no deductibles. Get a quote from AIM.

**State organizations** are offered general liability and accident; medical; directors’ and officers’ liability; bond; and property insurance – all tailored to meet the needs of that individual state organization. Overseeing chapters and educators at a state organization level is sometimes difficult and can create a risk to your organization. Let AIM help. Contact AIM directly at 1-800-876-4044 for pricing on all state-organization level accounts.



Check out the full array of member benefits on the DKG website. Go to [dkg.org](http://dkg.org) > How to Become a Member > [Benefits](#).

# Blanton Honored with Place in National Museum

In May 2022, thanks to the efforts of Patricia H. Brenner, a member of Alpha Beta Chapter in Pennsylvania State Organization, DKG Founder Dr. Annie Webb Blanton was accepted into The National Women’s History Museum (NWHM). The NWHM is “an innovative online museum dedicated to uncovering, interpreting, and celebrating women’s diverse contributions to society.” Founded in 1996, “the Museum brings to life the countless untold stories of women throughout history, and serves as a space for all to inspire, experience, collaborate, and amplify women’s impact—past, present, and future” (<https://www.womenshistory.org/>)



*From the NWHM website: Annie Webb Blanton is celebrated as a “suffragist, educator, visionary, public official, innovator, and groundbreaker.”*

Blanton is included in the *Chronicles of American Women* segment of the NWHM website. Interestingly, Brenner learned that DKG is a member of the museum’s National Coalition of more than 60 national organizations with educational, professional, and/or service missions. Members of the Coalition support the NWHM’s commitment to women’s equality, empowerment, and story sharing.

The Museum reaches more than 4 million visitors each year through its online content and education programming, ensuring that Blanton will be recognized among the many women who have had a significant impact in the United States. The Museum – a nonpartisan, nonprofit 501(c)3 – will mount its first physical exhibit at the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library in downtown Washington, D.C., in 2023.

Visit the Museum at <https://www.womenshistory.org/>. Access the tribute to Dr. Blanton by going to Women’s History > Chronicles of American Women > Browse The Stories > Dr. Annie Webb Blanton.



*The official portrait of Founder Dr. Annie Webb Blanton graces the Society’s headquarters in Austin.*

## Watch the Video!

Click on the thumbnail to watch International President Becky Sadowski’s video about Dr. Blanton that was provided to the National Women’s History Museum.

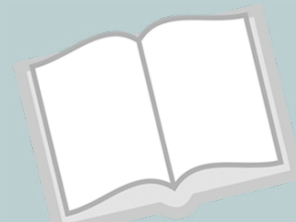
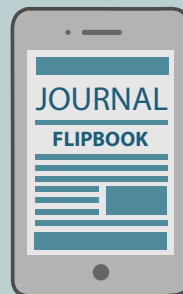




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### UPDATE: LATIN AMERICA

**D**uring the 2020–2022 biennium, Covid-19 hit Latin America as it did the rest of the world, but the tough time was a learning experience. This article highlights some of the activities that helped state organizations in Latin America experience and learn flexibility and creativity in yearly and biennial activities.

After the Latin American Forum of 2020, enthusiasm to share knowledge gave birth to a continuation of conferences via Zoom, providing an opportunity for members to share knowledge and experience and promote leadership in their respective chapters. In July 2021, the virtual Latin American Forum, “*Collaboration, Communication, and Cooperation: Keys for Advancement*,” permitted state organization presidents to share success stories with DKG members. The event recorded one of the biggest audiences for a Latin American Forum.

In October 2021, Costa Rica State Organization organized the IX Latin American Conference, “*To Serve and Advance*,” with the goals of training members in Society business and presenting quality workshops in Spanish. Three key objectives were (a) to promote active participation by each chapter in Costa Rica State Organization; (b) to involve members in the different states in the Conference in order to maintain interest and allow familiarization with virtual environments; and (c) to allow the organizers to understand the tasks and care required to develop an excellent conference. During the conference, organizers were rewarded by sustained daily attendance of approximately 160 members from all the Latin American state organizations.

In November and December 2021, Panama State Organization chartered two new chapters. These new chapters, with members from Panama West and Panama Center, were inducted via Zoom. Later, in April 2022, a committee including members of Jalisco, Baja California, Mexico Cd., Costa Rica, Guatemala, and Panama state organizations completed a revision of the Latin American Conference Organization manual after meeting via Zoom for almost a year. The new, revised manual gives suggestions to plan the Latin American Conference in three possible modes: virtual, in-person, or hybrid. Then, in May 2022, DKG Panama State Organization and the Centro Regional Universitario de San Miguelito (CRUSAM) signed an Agreement for Scientific, Technical, Cultural, and Social Cooperation. CRUSAM is a branch of the University of Panama that serves low-middle income students. The preparation of the agreement was done virtually.

The new biennium is sure to have many activities that will help spread the word of DKG in Latin America. Latin American members are ready to continue building on DKG’s solid base.