

## ETA DATA ~ Our State Update for Chapter Presidents and Editors

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Ready, Set, **GROW!**

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DKG: Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide

### October 24 Virtual Event Open to All


Register now for the October 24 *Every Member Counts*: Celebrating NC DKG virtual event that is open to all NC DKG members. The registration form may be found at <https://tinyurl.com/y2eyye44>. Deadline to register is October 20. There is no registration fee.

This event, an expanded Fall Executive Board Meeting, includes the business portion in the morning, consisting of reports and vignettes, and workshops in the afternoon. The Star of the Southeast, an award normally presented at the International convention, will be announced before lunch.

Voting on business by the Executive Board will take place prior to the meeting and results will be announced by NC DKG President Dr. Teresa H. Cowan during her president's report. Other reports will highlight current happenings, progress on goals, and time-sensitive updates.

The addition of workshops in the afternoon makes this Fall Executive Board Meeting unique. Registrants will have the opportunity to attend two of eight workshops during the afternoon sessions. (*See more info on page 3.*)

Regional directors will meet with chapter presidents prior to or following the virtual meeting. Watch for more details from your regional director.

 **Hints to Editors:** Please share, share, share! We'd like to have a good representation from every chapter, not only presidents!

### Why Attend?

Many chapter members only experience the state organization through the convention. Now it is possible for all members to hear the reports and be a part of a state executive board meeting without leaving home!

*The goal of opening the meeting is to have members of NC DKG see that their membership matters at all levels of the Society.*

Remember: all Executive Board members are expected to participate or have a representative to attend in their place. Members of the Executive Board include NC DKG officers, chapter presidents, related personnel, state committee chairmen, regional directors, and state past presidents. But—**everyone is invited to this special event celebrating NC DKG and its members.**



### Mark the Dates

Oct. 20	Last day to register for <i>Every Member Counts</i> virtual event
Oct. 24	Fall Executive Board Meeting/Virtual Event
Oct. 24	Chapter Rules updates due to NC DKG Rules Committee
Oct. 26	ASK Time for chapter presidents
Oct. 31	Website compliance reassurance form due
Nov. 1	DKGIEF Cornet Seminar applications due
Nov. 1	Deadline for submissions for Winter <i>NC DKG News</i>
Nov. 10	International Speaker request due
Nov. 15	990-N ePostcard due to IRS
Nov. 15	Nominations for NC DKG officers due
Nov. 30	ASK Time for chapter presidents
Dec. 1	Deadline for proposed changes to <i>Bylaws</i> and <i>Standing Rules</i>
Dec. 15	<i>Bulletin: Collegial Exchange</i> submissions due

### Nominations for 2021-2023 NC DKG Officers Due

Nominations for state officers for the next biennium are due November 15, 2020. The applications are available on the NC DKG website on the [Forms](#) page or the homepage. Use the [Outline for Recommendations](#) file to prepare the nominations application and submit it through the Google form on the link.

## State Perspective and Connections

### Ready, Set, GROW!

With President Dr. Teresa H. Cowan  
NC DKG President

#### Improving Your NC DKG Tool Inventory

How did the chapter tools inventory go? Did you find there were tools missing or tools to eliminate due to age or condition? Did you add new tools to your she-shed after exploring the NC DKG website? Let me share how some improved their tool inventory after evaluating their she-sheds.



##### See **Gamma Delta GROW!**

Chapter poetry project *Where I'm From* means to honor **Generational Diversity**



##### See **Awards Committee GROW!**

Used historical **Research data** to revamp applications, rubrics, and more



##### See **Regional Directors GROW!**

Four past RDs accepted **Opportunities for Leadership** when asked to evaluate the RD system



##### See **Chi Chapter GROW!**

**Well-defined Zoom program** included a Q&A for State Superintendent candidates

Improving one's skill set and staying current are steps in the growth process. Recently, an NC DKG sister said, "Learning new skills has taken me out of my comfort zone and pushed me to grow. I was becoming complacent after years in retirement."

Questions for you and your chapter to consider: Are you exploring fresh, vibrant ideas/tools beyond your comfort zone? Are you sharing those ideas with others? Have you replaced any dated practices/tools with new ideas?



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Our graphics this month call attention to this cancer that will affect approximately 1 in 8 women (13%), according to the [American Cancer Society](#). Let's raise awareness.

EEC Equals Well-Defined Programs

### View Workshops at Virtual Event

By: *Tobey Worthington, NC DKG First Vice-President*

Looking for a well-defined program? Tune in on Saturday, October 24, for the *Every Member Counts*: Celebrating NC DKG virtual event. The afternoon sessions will feature presentations on immigrant children in NC, bitmojis, identifying fake news, planning during a pandemic, stories to preserve our heritage, how to make handmade cards, and other great topics. It will be an opportunity to empower, engage and create meaningful programs for your chapters to GROW.



### Get Out and Vote

By: *Dr. Patricia Fecher, ELP Committee Chair*

One way in which DKG members can get involved with educational law and policy efforts is to get out and vote. Did you know 71% of educators in North Carolina are women? Just think of the difference our voice can make if we take the time to vote.

The NC DKG Educational Law and Policy (ELP) Committee



has put together two resources to help you make an informed decision about voting this November. First, who will be the next NC State Superintendent? Read this article [NCDKG Members Get Out & Vote](#)

with helpful links to decide who you want to be the head of NCDPI. [Voting Sets the Course](#), the second resource, will support members looking for information on elected officials. Early voting runs October 15 - 31 and Election Day is November 3, 2020. Get out and vote!

### Parliamentary True or False?

*The primary difference between a board and a committee is power differential.*

**True.** A board is a deliberative assembly and is authorized to act on behalf of the general membership, such as the NC DKG Executive Board. A committee is not a deliberative assembly and is limited to an assigned task by a higher authority, e.g. typically in DKG, the general membership—but, in some cases a board.



## Workshops to be Offered During Fall *Every Member Counts* Virtual Event

Workshops are a popular part of the NC DKG Convention and many members missed those professional and personal growth opportunities. The afternoon workshops at the Fall Executive Board Meeting virtual event on October 24 will help fill that void!

Once registration closes for the event, members will receive an Event Logistics email containing links to the workshops. Some presentations will be live and others will be pre-recorded and available through the links in that email. Members are free to choose whichever workshop they want to attend. (Members may also attend the workshops even if they choose not to participate in the morning board meeting but they must register.)

Workshops will be held at 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m., with a 15-minute break between them to allow time to log in to the next one.

Workshops and presenters are:

- Growing in Fellowship as We Share Our Stories (Julia Ebel)
- Identifying Biased and "Fake News" (Danielle Parker, Michelle Benigno)
- Planning During a Pandemic: Keeping Your Chapter Engaged (Dr. Michelle Tuck Thomas)
- W is for Well-defined Programs (Susie Miller)
- Bitmoji Classrooms (Amy White)
- Adding to the Melting Pot: Immigrants in NC (Cindy Lockerman)
- Nurturing Members with Handmade Cards (Dee Snyder, Carol Bostian)
- Showcasing the Categories of the DKG Fine Arts Gallery (Tracy Hagan)

Complete descriptions of each workshop and times are available on the NC DKG website at <https://tinyurl.com/vy37ujmm>. Recordings of all presentations will also be available from the website for chapters to use as programs. Join the fun and support our presenters.



**Hints to Editors:** Sharing the titles and times may encourage your members to register. Please share all you can about the virtual event!

## Vignettes By Exemplary Members

The October 24 *Every Member Counts* Virtual Event will include four vignettes—short talks that will capture the essence of different aspects of DKG membership by NC members who exemplify the vignette they represent:

- Members Benefit — Dr. Malinda Pennington
- Members Publish — Dr. Suzanne Irwin
- Members Network — Meredith Fychok
- Members Lead — Connie Savell

Watch for these vignettes in the morning session book-ending committee reports. These vignettes will be available after the event for chapters to share or to use as springboards to having your chapter members create their own vignettes to share at meetings.



### Mentor TIP

**T:** Technique for recognizing leadership contributions

**I:** Develop future leaders by honoring examples of leadership (Sample activity Lambda

Rose linked on "Pool of Resources" on the website)

**P:** Item submitted by Pamela Wright, Lambda Chapter

Visit [Mentor Project](#) on the NC DKG website.

## Two Important Due Dates Coming Soon



Chapter members who were not entered into the dues portal by September 30 have been dropped by International. You are encouraged to reach out to any members your chapter dropped for possible reinstatement. Any member wishing to reinstate her membership can pay her dues and be updated in the portal. Consult the most recent [President's Page](#) for more details. Also remind your treasurer that 990-N filing is due to the IRS by **November 15**.

**October 31** is the due date for website compliance reassurance forms to be submitted to International for chapters to stay linked to the state and international sites. The form is a [Google form](#) this year. New websites may apply for linkage at any time.



Provide most important facts first. In this busy world, many people skim instead of read, so if you want your reader to get the facts you want to convey, put them in the first sentences. Flowery writing is not good journalism.

## How Does Your Membership *GROW*?

Do your members know about the *Every Member Counts* virtual event on October 24? **Every** NC DKG member can join in our Fall Executive Board meeting to learn about the work of our committees, participate in interesting workshops, and meet a surprise guest. Registration is on the NC DKG website. Please contact members of your chapter to spread the word!

## DKG International Educators Foundation Benefits Teachers

The DKG International Educators Foundation (DKGIEF) was established earlier this year when the DKG Educational Foundation and the DKG Supporting Corporation merged. Its mission is to support effective educational projects, the educational and charitable activities of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, and professional growth of educators worldwide.




Each month, *Eta Data's* calendar lists due dates for upcoming applications that DKG members may apply for, such as the [Cor-netet Awards](#) for individual professional development or seminars or DKG [Scholarships](#). These fall under the

DKGIEF, as do World Fellowship, Emergency Fund, and others. (Click on the graphic to go to the list.)

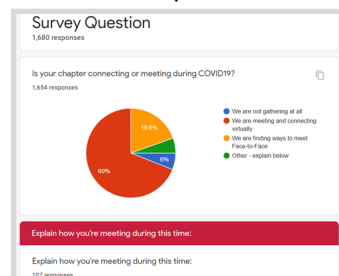
Now is the time for members to begin preparing applications that will be due February 1 for as many as 31 scholarships available for those pursuing advanced degrees. Scholarships for those seeking other graduate studies are \$6,000 and a doctorate is \$10,000. [Applications](#) are currently available on the Society website under the Apply/Submit tab → Applications.

Dr. Judith Carlson, an NC DKG past state president and past chair of the NC DKG Educational Foundation, was elected to the DKGIEF Board of Directors this summer. Judith says, "The Board has met and we are fully engaged in visions of fund-raising and of awarding funds to worthy proposals that will impact education, teachers and learners. Please visit the website, read the *DKG News*, and *Collegial Exchange* for ongoing news of our work as we break ground and bring fresh and creative ideas to the newly merged Board."

 **Hints to Editors:** The DKGIEF and the funds it disperses are valuable assets for DKG members. Share info on it so your members have the URL to go learn more—to apply for funds or to donate.

## Take the DKG Survey

The DKG website keeps a survey on the top right of the member page, and the current survey asks how your chapter is connecting during the COVID-19 pandemic—not gathering at all, meeting and connecting virtually, meeting face-to-face, or other. Once you click a choice and submit, you have the option of viewing the results.



Would it surprise you to know that 69% of the 1,650 responses said they are doing a combination of meeting and connecting virtually? Another 20% said they are finding ways to meet face-to-face. The comments under the thick red bar explain what some chapters are doing and is interesting reading. (Click on the graphic to go to the responses.)

If your chapter hasn't decided on a method of meeting, read the comments and see if any help. They show DKG is forward moving ever.

## Look Up Members in the Directory

Need an address for a member? Look her up in the DKG Directory! Log in to the website, click on MyDKG, then Directory. Remember the directory is only as good as the info members enter so encourage everyone to update and share their info under the My Participation tab!

International Website: <https://www.dkg.org>  
NC DKG Website: <https://www.ncdkg.org>

For comments or questions regarding *Eta Data*, please contact Editor [Susan Kuenzel](#) or NC DKG President [Dr. Teresa H. Cowan](#)

### Convention Dates

**April 23-25, 2021** — NC DKG Convention, Asheville Crowne Plaza and Resort  
**July 7-10, 2021** — International Conference, Portland, OR  
**July 21-24, 2021** — International Conference, San Antonio, TX  
**July 28-31, 2021** — International Conference, Tampere, Finland  
**July 12-16, 2022** — International Convention, New Orleans, LA

