**The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Colorado State**

**Team Report for 2017-2019**

**Team: Membership**

**Team Leader: Beth Barzdukas**

**Team Purpose: Taken from the state bylaws:** Membership Committee shall study and make recommendations related to membership concerns. 1) Necrology and membership reports shall be the responsibility of the committee. Biannually, at the Omega State Convention, the committee shall conduct the *Ceremony of Remembrance* to memorialize deceased members. 2) The committee shall evaluate recommendations of persons proposed for Colorado State Honorary Membership and submit the names of qualified candidates to the Omega State Executive Board for vote. 3) One committee shall be designated HISTORIAN and shall update the Omega State Historical Book. Refer to the guidelines APPENDIX IV.

**Additional responsibility of the team includes:** The committee shall research, prepare, and present longevity certificates for members achieving membership on the decades (10, 20, 30, 40, and 50+ years of membership.)

**Goals/initiatives/objectives:**

1. Become familiar with duties of the team as written in the International Constitution and Standing Rules, Colorado State Bylaws, Colorado State Standing Rules, Go to Guide.
2. Know International resources, including but not limited to Form 6, and Chapter Necrology Form.
3. Research, prepare, complete and present membership longevity certificates.
4. Write articles for Colorado PEAKS newsletter.
5. Write an email to all chapter membership chairs on a monthly basis.
6. Prepare helpful hints for chapters to recruit, retain, and reinstate members.
7. Present at state meetings when asked to do so by the state president.
8. Plan biennial Celebration of Life (Ceremony of Remembrance) with team and Music team.
9. Present challenges to increase membership.

**Accomplishments:**

1. Presented longevity certificates and special recognition for 50-year members.
2. All committee members presented to state board members on the new membership process/forms.
3. Presented at leadership conference on accessing forms for membership using PowerPoint and interactive process.
4. Presented a 7-minute takeaway on positive steps to take to maintain chapter membership.
5. At the spring board meeting, 7-minute takeaway will be presented on welcoming new and current members plus forms not mentioned previously.
6. Membership presentation at the state convention to be completed in June.

**Suggestions/Recommendations:**

Have a virtual meeting with team members before the Ceremony of Remembrance to practice various presentations.

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