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

**Team Report for 2017-2019**

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**Team Purposes:**

DKG Purposes:

#4 To initiate, endorse, and support desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interests of education and women educators.

#7 To inform the members of current economic, social, political, and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society.

**Goals/Initiatives:**

Goal 1: Educate and Inform DKG Chapters and Members about Key Issues related to Education and Women Educators.

Objectives/Initiatives:

* Develop activities and obtain materials (LWVCO) to educate and inform members about current issues. (Completed)
* Provide resources for local Chapter programs to involve members in policy decisions on education. (Completed)
* Familiarize Chapters and members with the DKG nonpartisan policy. (Needs to be done)
* Familiarize Chapters and members with the Omega (Colorado) State Standing Rules-Appendix I- Educational Law and Policy and US Forum Teams – Areas of Support for Educational Legislation (Needs to be done)
* Identify activities of interest to attract members to serve on the ELP Team. (In Progress)
* Assist Chapters and members in addressing issues in their communities by examining the Chapter’s assets and connections to the community. (In Progress)

Measurement: For this biennium we will have to evaluate our proposed objectives and initiatives as being Completed/In progress/On-going or Needs to be done. Further program development will be needed to create a process by which we can better evaluate the activities that were implemented and those that were not. Having only two team members was a barrier to follow-up with Chapters and members to see what was helpful to them and members. Personal feedback received at the State Executive Board meetings and Chapters indicated that our support and information was valuable. As result of working together and knowing each ELP Team Member not only personal but health challenges when it came to carrying out our plans on a consistent basis. For the future, I will be presenting a proposal for the Colorado State DKG Educational Law and Policy Team and US Forum Teams to collaborate on Team Goals/Objectives, Initiatives, and Evaluation. (See 2017-19 Biennium Activities)

Goal 2: Communicate with DKG International, Chapters and Members about Key Issues related to Education and Women Educators

* Provide a speaker to local chapters to assist them with voter education. (Completed)
* Provide information to chapter leaders at State Executive Board meetings that will support them in addressing DKG Purposes #4 and #7. (On going)
* Write articles for the Omega (Colorado) State newsletter. (Completed/On going)
* Post materials created by the ELP Team on the Omega (Colorado State) website. (In Progress/On going)
* Create a listserve of chapter contacts (ELP Team Leader, President or Educational Excellence Team Leader) to provide information to with chapters statewide about important issues and strategies for action on relevant issues. (In Progress)

Measurement: For this biennium we will have to evaluate our proposed objectives and initiatives as being Completed/In Progress or On-going. Further program development will be needed to create a process by which we can better evaluate the activities that were implemented and those that were not. (See 2017-19 Biennium Activities). The ELP Team worked diligently to complete the listserve task but out time and efforts were challenged by incomplete or inaccurate information with Chapter Contacts. This initiative is continues to be an important one. However, we will need to collaborate with the Technology Team Leader and Corresponding Secretary in the future.

Goal 3: Collaborate with other Teams, Chapters, Members and Partner with other Organizations on Advocacy and Action about Key Issues related to Education and Women Educators

* Collaborate with the US Forum Team at the State Executive Board meetings to discuss mutual interests and methods to address current issues at the state and national levels. (In Progress)
* Collaborate with Educational Excellence Team members to integrate the ELP activities with the goals of the EET Team. (In Progress)
* Collaborate with the US Form of DKG International to coordinate information related to Forum activities and initiatives. (In Progress)
* Partner and collaborate with the League of Women Voters of Colorado for materials and speakers to educate members on important issues. (On-going)
* Identify strategies for engaging Chapter Team Leaders with Educational Law and Policy Team initiatives. (On-going)
* Identify a state legislator to honor for his/her work with supporting excellence in education by Colorado State DKG. (In Progress)

Measurement: For this biennium we will have to evaluate our proposed objectives and initiatives as being In Progress or On-going. Further program development will be needed to create a process by which we can better evaluate the activities that were implemented and those that were not. (See 2017-19 Biennium Activities). The US Forum Team needs to collaborate with the ELP Team to identify and honor a state legislator for his/her work in supporting excellence in education in the second year of the biennium. A proposal is forthcoming to allow that to take place. Collaboration is necessary to assist our Teams and Colorado State DKG to be successful in our efforts to support Chapters and members in achieving the DKG Purposes #4 and #7.

**Recommendations for 2019-2021:**

The ELP Team needs to work collaboratively with the US Forum. A proposal will be presented to the current President, President-elect, past & future Team Leaders and the Bylaws and Standing Rules Team for their review, feedback and support. The essence of the proposal is to combine both Teams under the umbrella of “Advocacy & Action Team”, with each designating a leader for the ELP Team and US Forum with joined members to support each other in accomplishing and measuring mutual goals. The second recommendation is to ask for support from the Technology Team so that we both can better communicate with Chapters and members. Thirdly, the ELP Team needs to continue the current goals and activities in addition to developing an evaluation component to measure effectiveness. Lastly, the proposed “Advocacy & Action” Team needs to work collaboratively with the Colorado State DKG Leadership Team to coordinate program goals, activities and assessments to support that overall goals for the state organization.

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