**Colorado State Delta Kappa Gamma**

**Educational Law & Policy Team**

**Summary of Activities**

**2017-2019 Biennium**

**Fall 2017**

* Submitted article for Omega Peaks: “Help Wanted” (Dr. Barb Whinery)
* Distributed and explained LWVCO State Ballot Issues at the Fall State Executive Board meeting. (Estimated 65 members present)
* Met with the US Forum Team at the Fall State Executive Board meeting to discuss educational issues that needed to be addressed in the state.
* Identified an ELP Team Project to create a listserv of chapter contacts for Educational Law and Policy Team. (Dr. Barb Whinery & Maggie Hunt)

**January 2018**

* Invited US Forum Team members and other chapter members to attend the Chalkbeat Colorado 2017 Legislative Preview at University of Colorado-Denver (Dr. Barb Whinery, Sue Denney and Brenda Wray attended)

**February 2018**

* Attended 2018 Action Summit –Colorado Education Network . (Dr. Barb Whinery &Maggie Hunt, Team member)
* Collected signatures to put a state educational initiative on the state 2018 ballot. (Barb Whinery & Maggie Hunt)

**Spring 2018**

* Submitted an article to the Omega Peaks Newsletter: “Information on Caucuses and Primary Elections”. (Dr. Barbara Whinery)
* Presented information on a legislative bill to address issues with the State Retirement system (PERA) for members. Provided strategies to advocate for the bill (Dr. Barb Whinery) at the Spring State Executive Board meeting (approximately 65 members present)
* Continued to develop a listserve with Maggie Hunt of Chapter contacts for ELP Team Leaders.

**Summer 2018**

* Presented 2018 Colorado State DKG Leadership Conference an Asset Planning model to assist chapters in identifying assets within the chapter and connections to the community. This model will assist chapters when addressing issues within the community. (Estimated 50 members present) (Dr. Barb Whinery)
* Attended the 2018 DKG International Convention, Austin, TX. Participated in advocacy breakout sessions and the US Forum meeting to gather information for the Colorado State Educational Law & Policy and US Forum Team. (Dr. Barb Whinery)

**Fall 2018**

* Developed and presented a handout on fall voting activities for Chapters at the Fall Executive State Board meeting. (Dr. Barbara Whinery)
* Distributed and explained 2018 State Ballot Issues (LWVCO pamphlet) at breakout groups at Fall Executive State Board meeting. (Estimated 55 members) (Dr. Barb Whinery)
* Attended five chapter meetings to present and discuss state ballot issue pamphlets: Alpha Rho (17), Delta (11), Alpha Iota & Omega (22) and Alpha Chi (8) for a total of 58 members. (Dr. Barb Whinery)

**January 2019**

* Invited US Forum Team members and other chapter members to attend the Chalkbeat Colorado 2019 Legislative Preview at University of Colorado-Denver (Dr. Barb Whinery attended)

**Spring 2019**

* Developed and presented a handout to members on participating in legislative action, current bills of DKG interest and information on contacting elected officials. (LWVCO “Send a Message”) (10 members) (Dr. Barbara Whinery)
* Continued to work with Team on developing a list serve of chapter ELP Team leaders. (Dr. Barbara Whinery & Maggie Hunt). One half of the state chapters were contacted. (Maggie Hunt)

**June 2019**

* Contacted and secured Dr. Harvey Rude, UNC Rural Education Center, to be a keynote speaker for the 2019 Colorado State DKG Convention. His topic relates the critical issue of the teacher shortage in rural Colorado. (Dr. Barbara Whiney) His topic, ***Convening, Connecting, and Capacity Building: Systemic Recruitment, Preparation, and Retention of Rural Educators.***

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