



Kansas State Organization of
Delta Kappa Gamma

SUNFLOWER

CONVENTION SPECIAL EDITION 2024

Upcoming Deadlines:

Feb 1, 2024

- Chapter Necrology Report due to Glenna Hackerott
- First Time Convention/Conference Award applications due to Deena Horst
- Innovation in the Classroom Award applications due to Deena Horst

Feb 15, 2024

- Road Scholar applications due to Deena Horst (April-June Elderhostels)

March 1, 2024

- Achievement Award Nominations due to Charis Sawyer

Mar 12, 2024

- Deadline for Rose of Honor awards due to Jennifer Foos

Apr 12-14 2024

- KSO Convention

May 1, 2024

- Deadline for Spring Sunflower Articles due to Jennifer Foos/Donna Knoell

May 11, 2024

- Founder's Day-95 Years

May 15, 2024

- Road Scholar applications due to Deena Horst (June-Sept Elderhostels)

A Message from the Editor

This Extra Edition should include everything you need to know about KSO Convention 2024

The proposed changes for the By-Laws are included in this edition. Please review them and plan to vote at the KSO Convention.

The KSO Convention Registration Form is included. Please submit it by the deadline so we can finalize our plans.

If you have not viewed the recent updates to the KSO website please go to <http://phistate.weebly.com>. It is still a work in progress. If you have suggestions please contact me.

I appreciate those have offered suggestions and ideas.

Jennifer Foos, Editor

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A Message from Donna

President of KSO



Dear KSO Delta Kappa Gamma Friends,

I am writing to give you a few more details about the exciting time we plan to have at the KSO Convention, April 12-14! As you already know, it is going to be held at the Overland Park Sheraton, and I know you are going to have a terrific time! I promise you that the Convention Committee and I are going to do everything in our power to make it your favorite trip of the year, and your very favorite KSO convention ever!!

We are going to have a fashion show at the luncheon, provided by the Oak Park Dillard's Department Store. I know they will show you some wonderful clothing and accessories, and the store is not too far from the Sheraton, so there will be time for you to go shopping before you complete your fun weekend! I also have a couple of surprises planned for you and think you will also be very excited about those. I can't tell you too much, or it won't be a surprise! Maybe you should think "Cricut" and then wonder what I have up my sleeve.

In addition to the KSO Convention, there are also numerous fun and interesting things you will be able to explore and take advantage of while you are in Overland Park. The Toy and Miniature Museum, the World War I Museum, and the Nelson Atkins Art Gallery are just three of the famous museums in the area, that are not too much distance from the Sheraton. And there are several others that are also fun and very near to the Sheraton.

I also want to be open about the food prices. Although they may seem higher than in the past, they are MUCH less expensive than what I just experienced last week at another convention. The government reported last week that food prices have gone up 33.8% since one year ago. Those prices are reflected at grocery stores, but also at restaurants. So the increase was not something we could avoid, no matter where we hosted the Convention. I would like to give you an example of what I experienced last week. The price for our box lunches at the Sheraton will include your drink, and the price is \$16 plus tax and service. I was SHOCKED last week that a smaller box lunch in Orlando was \$32 plus tax and service and it did not include the beverage. I realize we are not Orlando, but our price is exactly half of what I experienced, and we are even getting a drink with our box lunch! I just wanted you to understand what is happening everywhere with food costs. I do know that the Sheraton serves delicious meals and serves them in a lovely manner, so I expect you to enjoy every bite and the total Convention Experience!

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President of KSO



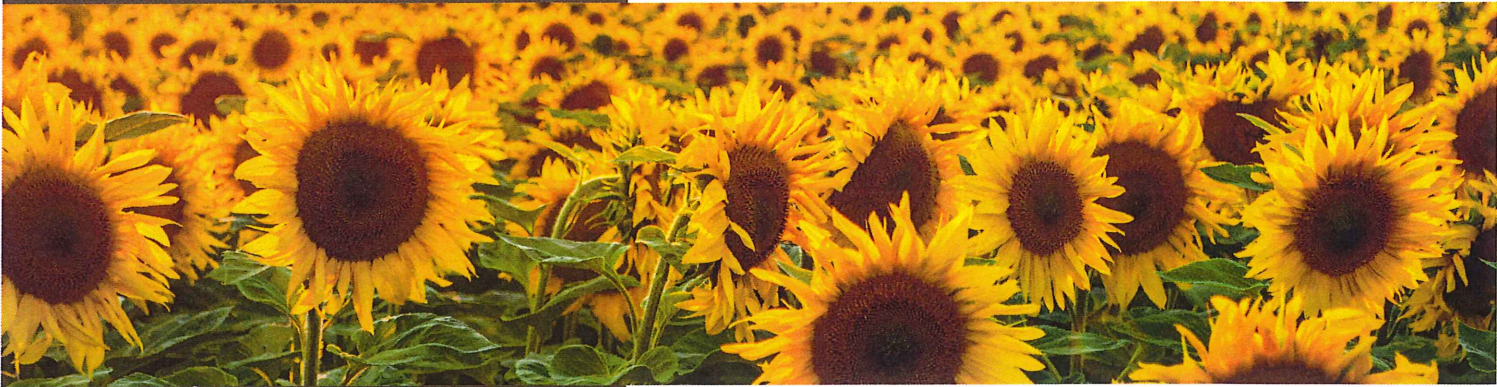
The programs we are having will be interesting and engaging. In fact, I think it will be difficult for you to decide which ones to attend when given a choice for the afternoon programs on Saturday.

I sincerely hope you will plan to attend and that you will support the hard work the Convention Committee is dedicated to offering you. We want each of you to attend the Convention, and we want each and every one of you to have a terrific, memorable and fun time!

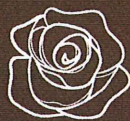
Let me also clarify that there will be a time to socialize on Friday night when you arrive, but there will not be a formal meeting on Friday. (Just time to gather for fun and conversation). The meetings will be on Saturday and the Service of Remembrance will be on Sunday morning.

I look forward to seeing you in Overland Park for KSO Convention, April 12-14.

*Donna Knoett
KSO President*



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Send newsletters electronically to
Donna Knoell, Jennifer Foos and
your State Representative

Publish at least 3 Chapter
Newsletters

Have at least 2 News Items
Published in any of the online
Sunflowers. (This requirement will
be adapted to 1 News Item for the
current award period since there
was not a Spring 2023 or Summer
2023 Sunflower Published)

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE-AT-A-GLANCE --

KSO CONVENTION, 2024

Sheraton Overland Park Hotel

6100 College Blvd.

Overland Park, Kansas

Friday, April 12

5:30-9:00 p.m. Registration

There will be a time for socializing on Friday night for those who arrive on Friday.

8:00 p.m. Rehearsal for KSO Chorus

Saturday, April 13

8:00-??* Breakfast Buffet (no meeting)

Please Note: Availability Based on Pre-Registration for Event

8:00 to 11:00 Registration

8:15 Color guard practice

9:00 KSO Executive Board Credential (Check-in at door)

9:15 KSO Executive Board Meeting

9:45* General Session

10:45-11:45 Workshops

12:00 Birthday Luncheon/Fashion Show

2:00-3:00 Workshops

3:15-4:00 Workshops

4:15 KSO Chorus Rehearsal

4:15 Ceremony of Remembrance Rehearsal

5:45 Chapter Presidents/Designated Rep Rehearsal

6:30 Presidents' and Founders' Banquet

Sunday, April 14

7:30* Ceremony of Remembrance

8:15* Friendship Breakfast

*Please note that these times are subject to adjustment.



Innovation in the Classroom Award

A reminder that the Innovation in the Classroom Award is Due Feb 1st.

The forms are found on the website under the Scholarship tab on the KSO website or by contacting

Deena Horst
deenahorst@gmail.com

KSO ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

REMINDER: Applications for the KSO Achievement Award are due by March 1. The deadline has been extended to March to allow applications to be filed- none received so far! Forms are available on the KSO Website or contact: Charis Sawyer
charissawyer47@gmail.com

Menu Selections/Descriptions for Convention

Saturday April 13

Breakfast buffet \$32.50

Please note that no meeting is planned during this meal.

A buffet-style setting with morning-baked artisanal flaky croissants, glazed Danish and assorted muffins, seasonally chosen hand-cut fruits and berries, butter, Nutella spread, condiments, jam, or marmalade

Birthday Luncheon \$37.50 -Boxed lunch:

A choice of roast beef or turkey.

A Vegan or gluten-free option is also available.

Please indicate on the registration form.

Oven-roasted turkey and Swiss cheese on a Brioche Roll or Savory Roast Beef, Bleu Cheese Spread, Ripe Red Tomato, and Greens on a Hoagie

Included in the lunch are kettle chips, whole fresh fruit, a jumbo cookie, bottled water, or Pepsi products.

Presidents'/Founders' Banquet \$76.50

All Plated Dinners include hearth-baked rolls with sweet butter, Chef's seasonal vegetables, Probably a HARVEST CHOP SALAD Mixed Greens, Toasted Pecans, Crumbled Feta Cheese, Sliced Pears and golden Raisins Served with a Poppyseed Vinaigrette

Entree: BOURSIN, DRIED CHERRY & BRIOCHE STUFFED CHICKEN, served with seasonal vegetables and garlic mashed potatoes

Dessert: New York Style Cheesecake



First Time Conventon Award

A reminder that First-Time
Convention/Conference Award Applications
are due to Deena Horst, Scholarship Chair,
by February 1.

Deena Horst deenahorst@gmail.com

Convention Committee and KSO Chapters Assigned to help with the 2024 KSO Convention

Georgiana Beverley, Chair
Nancy Thompson
Susan Collins
Charis Sawyer
Donna Knoell
Ruth Waggoner
Susan Graham
Sandra Ellis

Pi Members
Tau Members
Alpha Theta Members
Beta Xi Members

Menu Selections/Descriptions for Convention

Sunday April 14

Friendship Breakfast \$32.50

A buffet-style setting with morning-baked artisanal flaky
croissants, glazed Danish and assorted muffins,
Seasonally chosen hand-cut fruits and berries, butter,
Nutella spread, condiments, jam, or marmalade

Note: Starbucks coffee (regular and decaf) as well as
Tazo teas will be served at all the meals.

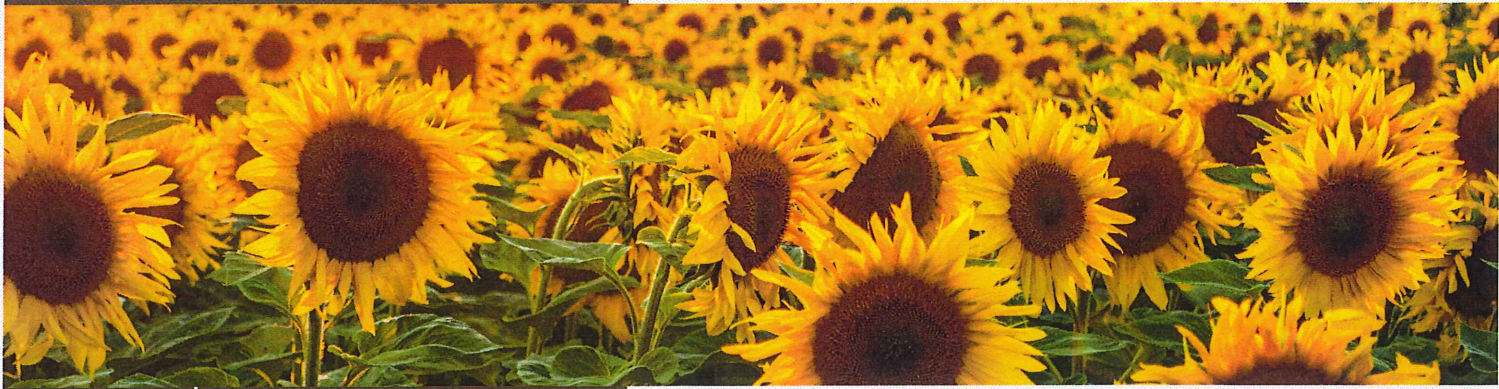


A Message from Trisha

We are looking for singers for the choir.

We would also love to have musicians
whether piano, guitar, or violin.
If you would like to provide prelude music for
the various dinners and meetings.

Please contact Trisha Roudybush at
trisha.roudybush@att.net
620-218-4479



Parking Information

Hotel Parking is available at the Sheraton for \$10 per night.

Parking is available in the convention parking lot for free.

The website states that the parking at the convention center is .5 miles from the hotel.

The convention center is a short walk across the driveway.

Hotel

Reservations

Hotel Reservation Information for 2024 KSO Delta Kappa Gamma Convention

When: April 12-14, 2024
Where: Sheraton Overland Park Hotel
6100 College Blvd.
Overland Park, Kansas

Reservation toll free number: 866-837-4214

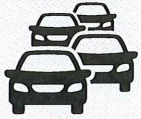
Reservation code: Delta Kappa Gamma State Convention

Reservation link:
<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1704219843135&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

Guaranteed reservation rates are from April 11-15, 2024.
Deadline for reservations is March 14.

**Be sure to check the days you wish to stay as the default is from Thursday to Monday.

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| Room choices: | 1 King | \$135/night |
| | (w/taxes etc. \$159/night) | total: \$318 |
| | 2 Queens | \$160/night |
| | (w/taxes etc. \$188/night) | total: \$377 |



Travel Directions

Directions to Sheraton Hotel Overland Park, Kansas (6100 College Blvd.)

Coming from the West on I-70 (this is a toll road), going East

If you take I-70 East, you will need to pay your toll at the Bonner Springs exit.
The turnpike no longer tells you that this is the last toll booth.
After you pay, go past Bonner Springs, continuing East on I-70.
Take Exit 411A merging onto I-435 South 18.3 miles
Use the right lane to take Exit 77A-77B onto Nall Ave 0.4 miles
Turn right at the 2nd cross street onto College Blvd. 0.4 miles
Turn right the Destination will be on the right

Coming from the Southwest on I-35 going Northeast

Go past Olathe and take Exit 222A merge onto I-435 East 5.2 miles
Use the right lane to take Exit 77A-77B onto Nall Ave 0.4 miles
Turn right at the 2nd cross street onto College Blvd. 0.4 miles
Turn right the Destination will be on the right

Coming from the South on Hwy 69 going North

Take the Exit toward Blue Valley Pkwy 0.6 miles
Continue onto Blue Valley Pkwy 0.7 miles
Continue onto Metcalf 0.9 miles
Turn right onto College Blvd 0.6 miles
Turn left the Destination will be on the right



Kansas State Delta Kappa Gamma Convention
April 12-14, 2024
Registration Form

Convention Site and Hotel

Sheraton Overland Park Hotel
 6100 College Blvd.
 Overland Park, KS

Reservations: 1-866-837-4214 ask for the rooms for the Delta Kappa Gamma State Convention or use the online link on KSO (website phistate.weebly.com) <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1704219843135&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

Reservation deadline is **March 14, 2024**

April 12-14, 2024

Navigate through the form using the tab key. Fill in the amount to be paid in the blank at the right. **DEADLINE for regular registration fee must be postmarked by March 29, 2024.** The registration fee is to be paid by all who attend any part of the convention, except guests at meals.

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| Registration fee: | | Regular | \$30.00 | |
| After March 29, 2024 | | Late | \$40.00 | |
| Sat. April 13 | Continental Breakfast buffet | Number | @ \$32.50 | |
| Sat. April 13 | Birthday Luncheon (box lunch) | Number | @ \$37.50 | |
| Sat. April 13 | Presidents & Founders Banquet | Number | @ \$76.50 | |
| Sun. April 14 | Friendship Breakfast buffet | Number | @ \$32.50 | |
| (Meal prices include taxes and gratuity.) | | | Total | |

Dietary needs: **Vegetarian** **Gluten Free**

Please note: Meals cannot be guaranteed for late and/or on-site registration.

REFUND FOR CANCELLED RESERVATIONS WILL BE LIMITED TO THE AMOUNT FOR MEALS.
KSO WILL RETAIN THE REGISTRATION FEE.
NO REFUNDS AFTER MARCH 29, 2024

PLEASE USE ONE REGISTRATION BLANK PER PERSON
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: KSO CONVENTION

Mail registration form and payment to:

Sandra Ellis
 590 120th St.
 Fort Scott, Kansas 66701-7741
sdellis50@gmail.com
 Phone No. 785-643-9157

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| Is this your first state convention? | <input type="checkbox"/> | How many years have you been a DKG member | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are you Chapter President? | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are you Chapter Designated Representative? | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Name: | <input type="text"/> | Chapter: | <input type="text"/> |
| Address: | <input type="text"/> | | |
| City: | <input type="text"/> | State: | <input type="text"/> |
| Phone: | <input type="text"/> | E-mail: | <input type="text"/> |

Your registration will be acknowledged by an e-mail or letter.

Photo/Name Release: By your attendance at this event you are granting your permission to be filmed, videotaped, audiotaped or photographed by any means and are granting full use of your likeness, voice and words without compensation. Your likeness and/or name may be used on the KSO website or in the *Sunflower*.

Proposed Changes to the Kansas State Organization By-Laws and Standing Rules
Presented to the 2024 State Organization Convention
Saturday, April 13, 2024

Article XII Section 3

Changes in the Bylaws and/or Standing Rules of Kansas State Organization necessitated by Amendments to the International Constitution and/or International Standing Rules may be made by the Kansas State Rules Committee and then reported to the Executive Board and published for the members. KSO will not have to approve each change individually.

This table gives the newly adopted wording of only those rules that are most likely to be presented at the KSO State Convention Executive Board Meeting and General Session for voting on by the members. Chapters will be notified after the KSO Convention of any needed amendments that may need to be addressed at the chapter level.

| | SR: Standing Rule BL: By-Law | Current/Original Wording as stated in the March 30, 2019 version | New Recommended Wording and Rationale | Method of voting presentation: Consent Agenda or Floor |
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| 1 | BL: Article IV-Finances: Section 3 | <p>Payment of dues and fees.</p> <p>A. Annual dues and scholarship fees shall be paid between July 1 and October 31 204 of each year. On November1, members shall be dropped for non-payment of 205 dues and fees. 6 206</p> <p>B. The chapter treasurer shall collect all dues and fees. State and International 207 dues and fees shall be forwarded to the state treasurer.</p> | <p>Payment of dues and fees.</p> <p>1. The membership year is July 1-June 30. A member shall pay annual dues and fees no later than June 30 for the following fiscal year.</p> <p>2. New members shall become members when dues are paid. New members who join between July 1 and December 31 shall pay full international dues for current fiscal year. New members who join between January 1 and March 31 shall pay half dues. New members</p> | Consent Agenda |

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| | | | <p>joining between April 1 and June 30 shall pay full international dues for the ensuing year. Reinstated members shall pay full annual dues whenever reinstated. Chapter and state organization dues may be pro-rated as the chapter/state organization determines.</p> <p>3. Immediately thereafter, the state organization and international portion of the dues shall be sent to the state organization treasurer and the international portion to the International Headquarters.</p> <p>4. The international portion of the dues shall be sent between July 1 and September 30.</p> <p>5. A member who fails to complete payment of international dues shall be dropped as of October 1.</p> <p><i>Rationale: Aligns with current International wording</i></p> | |
| 2 | BL: Article VI, Section 2, G. International Level | 1. The KSO Executive Board shall approve KSO members nominated or recommended for International positions. | <p>Delete</p> <p><i>Rationale: International no longer requires this policy</i></p> | Consent Agenda |
| 3 | SR: II, E | E. Convention Site(s) 1. Beginning with the 2015 KSO Convention, the convention shall be in only one location: Wichita, Kansas | <p>Delete "Beginning with the 2015 KSO Convention, the convention shall be in only one location: Wichita, Kansas."</p> <p>Insert "The KSO Convention site will be determined by the State President and the state convention planning committee as outlined in the KSO By-Laws and other members selected by the state president."</p> <p><i>Rationale: The past years have shown a need to have some flexibility in location for the annual convention.</i></p> | Floor Agenda |

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| 4 | SR: IV.B.2.c.(a,b,c,d).iv. | b. iv. An official transcript... | Strike "Official" and insert "Copy" <i>Rationale: Saving of time and money for the member. No fiscal impact to KSO.</i> | Consent Agenda |
| 5 | SR: B.(2),(a), vi | vi. Request for payment of the award should be made to the state president using the current voucher form before coming to the state treasurer. | Strike "to the state president using the current voucher form before coming to the state treasurer." and insert "by filling out the online voucher" <i>Rationale: Simplifying and clarifying the process. No fiscal impact to KSO.</i> | Consent Agenda |
| 6 | SR: B. (2),(b), | attending a Road Scholar program (hostelship) – contingent upon money available for Road Scholar awards from the scholarships award fund, a maximum of eight (8) awards of \$300.00 each will be available to be used by applicants at least fifty-five (55) years of age. Four (4) awards may be available in the spring/summer and four (4) in the fall/winter. This award shall be entitled the Helen D. Bobbitt Hostelship Award. | Strike "a maximum of eight (8) awards of \$300.00 each..." Insert "a maximum of three (3) awards of \$500.00 each..." <i>Rationale: Increase of amount will promote applications. No fiscal impact to KSO.</i> | Floor Agenda |
| 7 | SR: B. (2),(b), | ii. Deadlines for the Road Scholar award applications are: (i) August 15 (October-December programs) 1 (ii) November 15 (January-March programs) (iii) February 15 (April-June programs) (iv) May 15 (July-September programs) | Strike all of section ii. "Deadlines..." <i>Rationale: Trips occur at different times and may not align with current deadlines. The next session outlines that they will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis.</i> | Floor Agenda |
| 8 | SR: B.(2),(c) | working on an area of Professional enrichment – Contingent on money available for professional enrichment awards from the scholarships awards fund a maximum of five (5) awards of \$300.00 each will be available each year. | Strike: "...a maximum of five(5) awards of \$300.00 each..." Insert: "...a maximum of three(3) awards of \$1,000 each..." <i>Rationale: Increase of amount to encourage applications"</i> | Floor Agenda |

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| 9 | SR: B, (2), (d) | working on Continuing education -- contingent on money available for continuing education award from the scholarships awards fund a maximum of five (5) awards of \$300.00 each will be available each year. | Strike: "...a maximum of five(5) awards of \$300.00 each..." Insert: "...a maximum of three(3) awards of \$1,000 each..." <i>Rationale: Increase of amount to encourage applications"</i> | Floor Agenda |
| 10 | SR: B, (2), (e) | working on continuing education by KSO elected or selected officers and potential parliamentarians -- contingent on money available for continuing education awards from the scholarships awards fund awards of \$300.00 each will be available each year | Strike: "...awards of \$300.00 each..." Insert: "... awards of \$1,000 each..." <i>Rationale: Increase of amount to encourage applications"</i> | Floor Agenda |
| 11 | SR: B, (2), (g) ii | ii. The applicant shall be an active member of the KSO Organization for at least one (1) year before applying, and if a previous recipient must wait five (5) years before applying again. If a member received an International stipend for her innovative project, that project would not be eligible for the KSO Innovation in the Classroom Award. | Strike: ", and if a previous recipient must wait five (5) years before applying again." <i>Rationale: Encouragement of applications and no need for a wait time to reapply,</i> | Floor Agenda |
| 12 | SR: B | The deadline for application is February 1 of any year. | Strike wherever present in the scholarship section. Insert: "The deadline for applications for scholarships are due to the scholarship committee at least 2 weeks prior to the start of the state convention each year." <i>Rationale: Encouragement of applications and more time to apply.</i> | Floor Agenda |
| 13 | SR: B, (2), (g), V | Regular attendance at chapter meetings and participation in chapter activities are | Strike: A State member would be exempt from the chapter qualification for two (2) years after | Consent Agenda |

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| | | <p>qualifications for receiving the award. A State member would be exempt from the chapter qualification for two (2) years after her chapter dissolved</p> | <p>her chapter dissolved <i>Rationale: Committee felt this was unclear and not supportive of applications.</i></p> | |
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