



New York State Organization Committee

The Membership & Expansion Committee



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About the Membership & Expansion Committee

The *New York State Organization Membership & Expansion Committee* is charged with responsibilities related to membership and membership issues. The Committee will present training sessions for Membership Chairs, recommend women for State Honorary Membership and present the biennial *Honor of Remembrance/Celebration of Life Ceremony* at the New York State Organization State Convention. Resources for Chapter membership activities and suggestions to help with recruitment, retention and reinstatement can be found on the International Membership & Expansion Committee page, <https://www.dkg.org/category/committee/membership>.

Membership in DKG provides multiple opportunities for members to make a difference in order to impact education worldwide. Through membership, the Society fosters in each member:

- **Leadership** to build one's leadership capacity to further personal and professional development and enable her to accept leadership responsibilities

- **Engagement** to encourage members to work together across the three tiers of the Society and develop DKG collaborative communities
- **Empowerment** to provide opportunities for each member to realize her full potential
- **Communication** and links through blogs and social networking to reach across the tiers of the Society.

For more information about the NYSO Membership & Expansion, contact **Chair Deborah Bedard, dmbedard29@yahoo.com**.

Goals of the Membership & Expansion Committee

1. Share information from DKG International regarding protocols for membership with NYSO Chapters and to support these efforts to recruit, retain and reinstate membership in the Society
2. Nurture NYSO Chapters by providing information, membership-related workshops, encouragement and support and by encouraging Chapters to collaborate with and support each other using Area Councils as a resource
3. Communicate regularly with NYSO Chapters and members via email, *Pi Lights* and the NYSO website and to explore the use of social media as a vehicle for communication
4. Continue to share roadmaps to assist NYSO Chapters locating resources on both our State and International websites
5. Encourage Chapters to send the *Report of the Death of a Member (Form 6)* to the NYSO Membership Committee promptly following the death of a member
6. Communicate clearly with Chapters that the *Annual Necrology Report (Form 2)* is **required filing, for every Chapter, every year** and to achieve 100% response
Please note annual filing is required even if no death has occurred.
7. Honor deceased members by sending condolence cards to family members and by conducting a solemn and respectful *Honor of Remembrance/Celebration of Life Ceremony* in coordination with the NYSO Music Chair
8. Provide information to Chapters regarding the qualifications and process for making recommendations for NYSO State Honorary Membership
9. Continue to address membership goals in the NYSO SAP Report
10. To recognize new Initiates