

Texas State Organization

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International



2020-2021 REPORT OF TEXAS STATE PRESIDENT

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To say this has been an unprecedented year would be an understatement. After cancelling the Convention in McAllen many decisions had to be made quickly. I sincerely thank those on the Executive Committee and Shalan Inmon, LDCP Chair, for rising to the occasion and changing the plans we had for training new chapter presidents. A new plan was conceived very quickly. I can proudly say we were able to train 80% of our Presidents over the course of three days and nine meetings using Zoom. The evaluations from these events were very positive and may pave the way for the future.

Of course during this time Area Coordinators were planning their area workshops. In June a decision was made for those to be done in a virtual format. Committee Chairs worked to create brochures and power points and those items were all placed in the Presidents Kit on our website for easy access. Eighteen area workshops were held with a variety of break outs all using technology. I personally was able to attend 8 of them and found each of them unique to their individual areas.

During the fall months more and more meetings were held on Zoom. Chapters were able to install officers, conduct orientations and inductions, and hold fun and engaging meetings using technology. The 29 chapters that I was able to visit each used this new way of doing things in such fun and creative ways. Committees who normally never met except at Conventions were now meeting on Zoom. Each of those members now had a new avenue to connect and be a part of important committee work.

The Texas weather also affected TSO members with hurricanes in the fall and the record breaking snow storm across our state in February. Again DKG rose to the occasion granting 14 Emergency Fund requests in the fall and 35 in the spring.

Much was learned this past year but most importantly that things can be done in new and different ways for the benefit of our members. TSO was able to realize that meetings can be done in an effective and more focused way without the expense of travel, time, and money thus saving TSO funds that can be used to benefit our members.

This organization was conceived by 12 courageous women who saw things differently than the men making all of the decisions regarding educational policy. I would like to think that they would be proud of all TSO has accomplished and learned this year. We definitely stopped doing things the way it was always done in the past. We truly are "forward moving ever".

I have one recommendation

THAT the following chapters in the Texas State Organization be dissolved effective July 1, 2021:

Rationale: Texas State personnel and mentoring groups have worked with these chapters, but in the end, their final decision was to dissolve. Individual members from dissolving chapters were encouraged to seek membership in other local chapters. The area coordinators are helping with this.

Financial impact: none

Delta Tau	# 115	Area 9
Beta Delta	# 52	Area 11
Kappa Omicron	# 255	Area 17

And that the following chapter in the Texas State Organization merge with another chapter effective July 1, 2021:

Alpha Psi	#47	Area 7	merge with Theta Kappa	# 202
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Rationale: Texas State personnel have worked with this chapter, but lack of active membership and leadership, they have asked to merge. List of members in the merging chapter will be sent to International Headquarters for the completion of transfer of membership.

Financial Impact: none

