

Educational Excellence Committee Handout

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<https://www.dkgtexas.org/educational-excellence-committee.html>

Educational Excellence Committee

The responsibilities of the Educational Excellence Committee are:

- ★ To communicate with chapters about programs, projects and resources
- ★ To encourage chapters to support long- and short- term programs and projects that focus on topics adopted by the society (International and state projects)
- ★ To encourage chapters to participate in programs and promote professional growth of women educators
- ★ To support programs of action that promote personal well-being, intellectual growth and global awareness of women educators
- ★ To encourage focus on the arts at state conventions and chapter meetings

● Global Awareness

Learning poverty has increased. Children in Africa, especially girls, and other low-income countries are forced to leave school without being able to read or solve simple math problems to help earn money for their families. Delta Kappa Gamma Society International partners with the UN and UNICEF to advance education in poverty-stricken countries. As a part of the Education Excellence Committee, the Global Awareness Committee is an integral part of this partnership. By encouraging Chapter Global Awareness Committees to promote chapter participation in Girls, Inc, a replacement for the Schools for Africa program, and establishing global relationships by opening communication with Chapter Presidents in Europe, Central America and Japan, the Global Awareness Committee educates its members on the mission and vision of the Global Awareness Committee. At the Regional Area Workshop on June 22, 2024, Trudy Matus and Jane Flinn will share the significance of the work of the State Global Awareness Committee, the goals of the State Global Awareness Committee, and the necessity of having active chapter committees to serve as a direct conduit to the State Committee. For more information contact:

- Jane Flinn, Chair jpflynn@sbcglobal.net
- <https://www.dkgtexas.org/global-awareness-committee.html>

● Legislation

The goal of the Legislation Committee is to promote two of the Society's purposes: (4) to initiate, endorse, and support desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interest of education and of women educators; and (7) to inform the members of current economic, social, political, and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world Society. Members of this committee provide information on legislation; apprise chapter members of educational issues being acted upon at the state level; and encourage other members to vote and to write and/or call legislators. Resources and information are shared with chapter members at state and area meetings as well as through a communication network that includes websites, newsletters, and e-mails.

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- **Music**

'La musica nos une: music unites us' is a unifying goal of the TSO Music Committee for the 2023-25 biennium. There is no better way to feel closer to sisters and friends than by singing together and sharing musical experiences. There should be music at every chapter meeting while circled up and smiling! Another personal goal of mine is to have the largest choir in TSO history to sing for the Denton convention in 2025, so if you've ever wanted to join the fellowship of a group of musical women, come join the choir. We'd love to have you and you feel the love of sisterhood with voices raised in song!

- <https://www.dkgtexas.org/music-committee.html>
- **Melody Drinkard, TSO Music Chair 2023-25** mdrin41424@gmail.com **Personal &**

- **Professional Enrichment**

The Personal & Professional Enrichment Committee is available to assist you to provide your chapter members programs or special events that qualify for CPE credit for attendees.

The process is simple:

1. Plan a program that will help your members be more successful in the classroom
2. Complete the Application to Present a Chapter Meeting Program for Continuing Professional Education (CPE) Credit. It is available on the Personal & Professional Enrichment tab of www.dkgtexas.org.
3. Send the application for approval to Lou Hitt, P & PE Committee chair at hittlou@yahoo.com.
4. After approval is received, conduct the program. Be sure to have members sign in on the sign in sheet and fill out an evaluation (also available on the committee page).
5. Mail \$5 per person along with a copy of the sign in sheet and evaluations to Leesa Cole at DKG Texas Headquarters.
6. Send a copy of sign in sheet with legible and current emails to Lou Hitt, hittlou@yahoo.com. Lou will then send attendees a certificate of attendance.

It is of utmost importance for chapters to pursue programs that will earn their members hours since CPE workshops will not be available at Regional Area Workshops and we are not having a State Convention this year. If you have any questions or need further information committee chair

- <https://www.dkgtexas.org/personal-and-professional-enrichment-committee.html>
- **Lou Hitt, Chair** hittlou@yahoo.com

- **Programs and Service Projects**

Programs and Service Projects Committee endeavors to highlight, support, and encourage chapter programs that meet the Seven Purposes, enlighten and energize members, and impact members, chapters, and their community. Utilizing the Chapter Spotlight form members are able to share their favorite meeting program and project to offer other chapters with ideas. Chapter Spotlight form - <https://forms.gle/6vhm1kUeM3bhjTdM8>. Future goals will be to present these shared programs and projects within our website, workshops, and conventions.

- <https://www.dkgtexas.org/programs-and-service-projects.html>
- **Marsha Edney, Chair** ProgSProjTSO@gmail.com

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- **Research**

The Research Committee is in charge of keeping track and updating historical data for the Texas State Organization. The committee also assists the TSO President in preparing the convention evaluation forms, compile's convention evaluation form data, presents workshops at convention and area workshops, and develops surveys for chapter use. The Research Committee is one of seven committees under the guidance of the Educational Excellence Committee. This committee works to fulfill the goals set by TSO President Bonnie Moore. This year the Research Committee has updated the Alpha State/Texas State Organization Information by Biennium Officers-Convention Cities-Themes, Area Directors/Coordinator, Golden Rose Recipients, International Art Gallery-Texas Members, Leadership Seminar Participants, Past State Presidents, State Achievement Award Recipients, Texas Facilities Named for DKG Members, TSO Authors, and Members in Print Awards and; Media Awards. The Research Committee has had a Zoom meeting to brainstorm ideas for break-out sessions at the Regional Area Workshops. The 2023-2025 Research Committee's goal is to update information on the Resources Page of the dkgtexas.org website, present a session at the Regional Area Workshop and State Convention, work with TSO President Bonnie Moore in preparing evaluation forms, Compile results of the evaluations to be used by Bonnie Moore and future steering committees, and work with chapter Research Chairs in tracking data for their chapters.

- <https://www.dkgtexas.org/research-committee.html>
- **Janie Stone, Chair** jlstone1126@yahoo.com

- **Women In The Arts**

The TSO Women in the Arts Committee, a member of the Educational Excellence Committee, is ready to help your chapter develop programs, projects, fundraisers, and recruitment strategies related to the arts. WIA provides members the opportunity to participate in many artistic endeavors. We host the Visual Arts Display and Students Art Gallery at convention. The Spectacular Texas Arts Retreat (STAR) is a weekend retreat for all members, and Areas 3 and 10 have created their own one-day STAR events. We'd love to help you create an event in your area or region! Monthly, WIA hosts an arts and crafts Zoom class showcasing the talents of our sisters throughout the state and beyond! (If you wish to be on the distribution list, please email Cathryn! Recordings of past Zoom offerings can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/2fh4f9e9>) At the international level, we can show you how to enter your own artistic talents in the DKG Arts and Humanities Gallery. Please visit the WIA committee page on the TSO website for more information!

- <https://www.dkgtexas.org/women-in-the-arts-committee.html>
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