

Texas State Organization

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International



2019- 2020 REPORT OF TEXAS STATE PRESIDENT
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The biennium began by attending two International Conferences. The Leadership Conference, in Des Moines, Iowa, allowed me to be trained as a State President with other Presidents across the nation, then on to Costa Mesa, California to support our Southwest Regional Rep., Marilyn Gregory at the Technology Conference, returning just in time to meet and train incoming state personal at LOSP.

At the personally funded Executive Committee Retreat, plans were made for the biennium including proposed changes for the McAllen Convention. A site visit to McAllen kicked off the first of several visits with the Steering Committee and Convention Center staff to ensure a well executed convention that addressed the needs of our members.

The fall brought meetings with all twelve of our Past State Presidents, ASTEF, the TSO Executive Committee, LDCP, an ASTEF Weekender in Galveston, Membership, EEC, and the Leadership Seminar Committee. Highlights include a reception, luncheon, and a service project at the Houston Food Bank sponsored by the Greater Houston Area Coordinating Council and a Face Time chapter visit with Zeta Tau, in Houston.

The winter months brought eight chapter visits, holiday teas, and interviews for new TSO Headquarter staff, sending out several ballots for vote by the Executive Board, speaking at the Area 10 luncheon and a trip to New York to attend a CTAUN Conference at the United Nations.

Final plans were being made for the McAllen Convention, and speaking at several chapters when COVID 19 was announced and everything came to an abrupt halt. Suddenly we had a “new normal” with no face to face meetings, travel frowned upon, and everyone was asked to stay home. TSO rose to the challenges and conducted the Scholarship and Finance Committee meetings using GO To Meeting, ASTEF meetings were held using Zoom, and Headquarters staff continued their work at home.

A very difficult decision was made by the TSO Executive Committee to cancel the McAllen Convention. With the health and well-being of our members utmost in our minds we felt the choice was a hard one but necessary. Immediately plans began to train our new chapter Presidents and Treasurers and put out a special edition of the *Lone Star News*. Ballots were prepared for another electronic Executive Board vote so that the organization could continue to move forward.

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. We shall continue to be “forward moving ever”!

I have one recommendation

THAT the following chapters in the Texas State Organization be dissolved effective July 1, 2020:

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 Chi	# 118	Area 5
Iota Beta	#218	Area 6
Mu Xi	#302	Area 17

And that the following chapters in the Texas State Organization merge with another chapter effective July 1, 2020:

Mu Theta	#296	Area 2	merge with Mu Upsilon #308
Mu Psi	#311	Area 4	merge with Eta Pi #184
Theta Gamma	# 195	Area 5	merge with Delta Psi #119
Mu Omega	#312	Area 5	merge with Beta Pi #64
Epsilon Chi	#142	Area 8	merge with Zeta #6
Kappa Eta	# 247	Area 11	merge with Zeta Zeta #150
Nu Beta	#314	Area 18	merge with Mu Pi #304

Rationale: Texas State personnel have worked with each of these chapters, but lack of active membership and leadership, they have asked to merge. Lists of members in the merging chapters will be sent to International Headquarters for the completion of transfer of membership.

Financial Impact: none

