



Hi Ladies.....I think you can tell how the weather is down here in Vegas! 105° or higher! I'm thinking of moving to Alaska! Not really but a bit of cold air would not be unwelcome!

The International Convention in Aurora, Colorado was pretty good except maybe for the smoke. There were terrible fires all around us with, sadly, the loss of life. I hope rain comes soon to all the dry areas.

Here are some of the topics covered:

1. U.S. Forum – passed a resolution to seek out and communicate to Federal, State, Local groups our concerns about child nutrition and food assistance programs.
2. The drop in membership - DKG members as of 2026 – 46,246 – spoke to other states and found that they are also dissolving chapters.
3. International is establishing a Signature Leadership Academy – more info to come.
4. The GIRLS Fund is now called Every Child Fund.
5. Asking school districts if states and chapters can offer PD credit.
6. Encourage members to submit to the Arts and Humanities Jury – submission dates are August 15 – September 15 and February 15 – March 15.
7. Learn about Podcasting! International has podcasts on the website.
8. SOLT 1 and 2 - (State Organization Leadership Training).
9. GAPP – (Guidelines for the Administration of Policies and Procedures) – chapter leaders, please check over – on International website.
10. Collegiate chapters – chapter or state membership – International is really pushing in this area.

I could go on and on but it would be better that all Chapter Presidents go on the International website in about two months to see all the updates.

As we all know, membership is falling drastically across many of the states. NEVADA is not the only one but we are one of the states with the smallest memberships. Listed are some of the suggestions for increasing membership:

1. Develop and distribute a state scholarship brochure.
2. Research teacher needs and today's educational issues.
3. Go to School Board meetings.



4. Send letters to the newspapers.
5. Check with Charter Schools.
6. Ask a School Board member to attend a meeting.
7. Offer Universities/Colleges to hold mock interviews. Assist students with resumes.
8. Bring our State Membership Initiative back to the forefront – State Apple Award
9. To retain members – honor and show appreciation for your members contributions.

Again, I could just list suggestions, but suggestions don't get the job done. We need to focus on a few areas where we can make changes and show progress and that means getting everyone involved. We can all can help even if it is only in a minor way. If you can't get out, make a phone call. Join a committee. Write a letter. Every little bit helps.

I have sent an email to the International Membership Director requesting all the information needed to establish a Virtual Chapter. I am really wanting this to happen. I have received some positive feedback from members wanting to be part of the virtual chapter. If I don't hear anything by next week, I will actually use the phone. I would love to hear your thoughts on this idea.

We seem to losing a little momentum with the State Membership Initiative, the State Apple Award. I would like to find out what I can do to get this up and running for all chapters. Concerns, problems, questions – PLEASE contact me.

Cheryl Anderson (Delta) and Leta Rabenstine (Xi) will be leading a committee to revise the wording of our two state scholarship programs. (Martha Schulz Doctoral Scholarship and the Annie Webb Blanton Scholarship) If you would like to help with this please contact one of the leaders.

Well, I have definitely talked enough so it is time to close. BUT before I go put on your calendar the State Executive Board Meeting, Saturday, September 26, 2026 from 10:00-12:00. It will be a ZOOM meeting. I will send the link and the agenda out about a week before the meeting.

Thanks, Ladies for being YOU!

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