



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 NYSO Convention. The Committee also provides resources for Chapter membership activities and suggestions to assist with recruitment, retention and reinstatement.

These can be found on the NYSO DKG Website at

<https://www.dkgnystate.org/membership-resources.html>.

The International Membership & Expansion Committee page can be found on the DKG International website at <https://www.dkg.org/category/committee/membership>.

Membership in DKG provides multiple opportunities for members to make a difference 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 local, regional, state,

- and international tiers of the Society to 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 Committee, contact **Chair Anne L’Hommedieu**, amlhommedieu@gmail.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 encouragement and support with information and membership-related workshops and by facilitating collaboration among Chapters through Area Council resources.
3. Communicate regularly with NYSO Chapters and members via email, *Pi Lights*, workshops and the NYSO website and explore the use of social media.
4. Continue to share and update the NYSO Membership & Expansion Newsletter that consolidates membership resources to be utilized by Chapters.
5. Encourage Chapters to send the *Report of the Death of a Member* (NYSO Form 6) to the NYSO Membership Committee promptly following the death of a member.
6. Communicate clearly with Chapters that the *Annual Necrology Report* (NYSO 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 Chapters 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 procedure to select members to recommend for NYSO State Honorary Membership
9. To meet via *Zoom* with NYSO Area Council Chairs to support membership issues.
10. To meet via *Zoom* with Chapter Membership and Necrology Chairs to support their membership roles.
11. Continue to address membership goals in the NYSO SAP Report.
12. To recognize Inductees by providing a congratulatory letter from the NYSO President and honoring them on the NYSO Website.