

MEMBERSHIP MEMO

From the International Membership Committee
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REINSTATEMENT

Who needs to be reinstated?

Do you know of someone who, for one reason or another, is no longer a member of Delta Kappa Gamma? Perhaps she was a close friend who terminated her membership due to moving and did not inquire about chapter locations in her new area nor remained involved in her former chapter. Or perhaps you know former members who were “dropped” from membership due to non-payment of Society dues. What about members who were lost when a chapter dissolved? There are also, unfortunately, issues that surface on any level of the Society that create dissatisfaction and result in the loss of valuable members.

A member made a comment to me a few years ago: “I almost resigned because there is nothing for me now, at my stage in the Society...” She is a cornerstone of her chapter and has been very involved over the years, yet she is a “fragile” member holding on to a thin fiber of membership. It is up to US to strengthen her membership by embracing HER and HER membership needs!!!

REINSTATEMENT offers opportunities for a former member to “reunite” with the Society by requesting reinstatement. This includes members we seek out and urge to rejoin! The “process” for reinstatement can be found under Article III, Section F of the 2010 *Constitution*. The process must be initiated by the individual and includes the following:

- Sending a request to reinstate membership in a chapter (same as before or different).
- Being reinstated to membership by the chapter receiving the request (chapter does not vote).
- Processing of the reinstatement request by the chapter president.
- Payment of current dues and fees by the former member. There is no reinstatement fee.

The selected chapter can be located in any geographical area. There are no area restrictions. The former chapter and/or Headquarters can provide information when requested. Chapter members in the new chapter are not required to know the member requesting reinstatement because she has been a member. Thus her membership qualifications are not in question.

Determining and Locating Former Members

Below are a few opportunities for possibly locating former members. Please send additional ideas that you have that can be shared on our Social Network.

- Review old chapter yearbooks and Form 18 A for “lost” members.
- Brainstorm for names of “lost” members at chapter and state meetings.
- Assign members to search for addresses of identified former members.
- Education meetings/conferences, etc., where educators gather for various activities.
- Educational facilities including colleges/universities/schools – all levels!
- New neighbors moving into area – have educational backgrounds / interested in educational activities, etc.
- Your suggestions????

We must **strengthen** those members whom we are on the verge of losing, and **actively seek** those countless members who have “slipped” through our hands. Some former members will quickly decide to become involved again when offered the opportunity, while others might need our encouragement.

What will be your plan for regaining and retaining former members? Now is the time!