

The 3 R's, Rethink, Revise, and Revitalize

From ASO President Cathy Toney:

The 3 R's: Rethink, Revise, and Revitalize are my goal for the next two years. Membership is down in Arkansas and across the Society. We need to work together to rethink what we are doing for membership in Arkansas, revise our plan of action, and revitalize ASO/DKG to move forward, not backwards. Come to the fall meeting/conference to learn more about the 3 R's: Rethink, Revise, and Revitalize.



★ Fall Meeting/Conference:

Save the date-Saturday, October 14, at Pulaski Tech.

★ Chapter Presidents: You are members of the ASO Executive Board. You are representing your chapter as a voting member. Make plans now to attend the fall conference!

★ Members: Please be aware of the scam asking for gift cards! Someone created a new account with my name but different email address asking some of our members to buy gift cards. *Please know I would never ask for help with gift cards.*

★ Chapter Visits: As you plan your meetings for the upcoming year, please let me know when I may come to visit. I don't have to be the program; I just want to come and meet members in person. My email is cathytoney54@gmail.com and my cell number is 501-269-5777.

From Your Editor:

Please send pictures and/or articles about your chapters to your ASO Editor for the newsletter. Did you have a summer party? Send pictures! Will you have new pictures from a project or your first fall meeting? Please send them!

Let everyone know about your chapter! Casual or more formal pictures are welcome. Your phone pictures work fine! My contact information is listed below.

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Send comments and questions to:
Linda Davidson, ASO Editor at:
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text to 501-580-4309

Dates to Remember and Deadlines:

- ★ **September 1, February 1, May 1** Applications for Cornet Professional Development Award deadlines (dkgef.org)
- ★ **October 1** Annual deadline for submitting a Kappa State Education Foundation Project Application form
- ★ **October 14** ASO Fall Meeting/Conference at Pulaski Tech in North Little Rock
- ★ **November 1, April 1** Annual deadlines for submitting applications for the Agatha Prator Grant
- ★ **December 1, June 30** Annual deadlines for submitting applications for the Arkansas State Organization Scholarship

Editor's Note: In this issue and upcoming issues of the *ARNews* and the *AR Presidents' UpDate*, the officer and committee reports for the 2021-2023 biennium that were in the ASO Convention program will be shared so that those not at the convention may read them.

Report of the ASO Expansion and Rejuvenation Committee 2021-2023:

Goals

- To help chapters reconnect with members and offer suggestions for ways to draw members to meetings

Activities

- Presented a breakout session at the Fall 2021 Executive Board and Member Meeting
- Reviewed distribution of chapters on a state map
- Published reconnection suggestions for chapters in ASO News
- Sent chapter presidents a list of "renewal" questions and asked them to contact any member of the committee with questions/suggestions
- Helped plan and organize the Arkansas State Organization day of Revitalization facilitated by Past International President Evelyn Barron
- Provided assistance to the Revitalization meeting with posters, taking notes, transcribing notes, and follow up reports and member encouragement
- Arranged for lodging and meals for Evelyn Barron and served as greeters and hostesses for the event
- Publicized the event and reported it via ASO News
- A friend of the committee created a collegiate recruitment video and presented it at the 2022 Fall Executive Board and Member Meeting
- Proposed an amendment to create a collegiate recruitment committee

2021-2023 Expansion and Rejuvenation Committee: Jessica Wright, Jenny Hodge, Sue Anne McCoy, Dr. Linda Griffith, Jennifer Paul, Carolyn Pittman, chair; and Sue Cook, ex officio

Second Vice President / Membership / Recruitment Report Arkansas State Organization Convention 2023 Janie Hickman

Goals:

1. Work on maintaining and increasing membership
2. Improve ways to communicate with members
3. Improve members ability to connect to our websites

Accomplishments:

1. Attended Officer Training in Atlanta, Georgia to learn more about the position of Membership/Recruitment Chair
2. Attended Area 3 Meeting
3. Created cards with website address for Arkansas State Organization on one side and DKG International website on the reverse side including passwords for each.
4. Attended DKG Revitalization meeting on June 4, 2022
5. Handed out website cards for each chapter in attendance
6. Attended Fall Meeting and handed out website cards for chapters in attendance
7. Collected Necrology reports
8. Assisted President Cook in planning State Convention in June 2023

First Vice President / Educational Excellence Report

Arkansas State Organization Convention 2023

Dee Ann Daniel

As the incoming First Vice President of Arkansas State Organization in 2021, I set the following goals for the biennium.

Goal #1

Create criteria for Chapters of Excellence and recognize those chapters at the Fall 2022 Meeting while encouraging these chapters to provide the keynote speaker and lead breakout sessions.

Goal #2

Plan a meaningful fall meeting each year while maintaining total registration and first timer registration from 2019 for the 2021 Fall Meeting and growing total registration and first timer registration by 10% for the 2022 Fall Meeting.

During the DKG International Training session in Atlanta, GA, I spent a day with Educational Excellence Committee Chairs. Each state chair that I discussed "Chapters of Excellence" with, warned me to be very careful with this endeavor. Many states were doing away with their chapter recognitions because they felt that the competition was causing a greater disparity between strong chapters and weaker, struggling chapters. Due to our own decline in chapters and members, I did not pursue Goal 1.

The 2021 Fall Meeting became a virtual meeting shortly before the October 2 meeting date, when our host site, University of Arkansas Pulaski Technical School closed their doors due to the Delta outbreak of COVID 19. We were able to have our Executive Board Meeting and conduct the business of the society as well as words from International. Breakout sessions for officer training for presidents, treasurers and membership chairs were held and other attendees were invited to join brainstorming sessions for growing our organization based on their status as active teachers or retirees. Several prerecorded sessions were also available.

The 2022 Fall Meeting was held at University of Arkansas-Pulaski Tech North Little Rock Campus on October 22 with a theme of "Dream Big". The Executive Board Meeting was presided over by President Sue Cook. The instructor and two students of Sheridan High Schools award winning Robotics team presented the keynote. The students were very knowledgeable and passionate about their work. After a wonderful lunch provided by Pulaski Tech's culinary team, the Revitalization Team gave a brief overview of the work done at the summer Revitalization Meeting. Sheridan Elementary School Leadership team presented their work in the PLC process. Instead of breakout sessions there were two opportunities to network with other attendees. The first networking session was general networking to catch up with old friends and meet new ones. The afternoon networking session was by grade levels to share ideas.