

The ASO Nominations Committee Announces Candidates for State Positions in 2023-2025

The election will be conducted during the 2023 Arkansas State Organization Convention at which time additional candidates may be nominated from the floor. The state organization officers are elected by the convention attendees. The Kappa State Foundation trustees are elected by the Executive Board.

Nomination Committee members are Darlene Emmons, chair; Carolyn McGough, Paula Williams, Patsy Reynolds, Brandy Taylor, and Carolyn Pittman.

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Candidate for ASO President: Cathy Toney

Cathy Toney, nominee for president and 18-year DKG member, has been Theta Chapter president twice and is now second vice president. At the state level Toney has been president (2019-2021), first vice president (2017-2019), second vice president (2015-2017), and chair of ASO Membership, Rules and Bylaws, and Educational Excellence Committees. At the International level, she has been a member of the Non-dues Revenue Committee as well as chair of International Convention Committees (Room Monitor and Convention Minutes), and she attended the Golden Gift Leadership Management Seminar in Austin, Texas. Toney has attended ASO conventions, fall meetings, and area meetings and International conventions and conferences.

She earned her BSE and MSE from University of Central Arkansas and library resource certification from Prairie View A & M. Toney taught kindergarten and first grade and was a long-time library media specialist.

Toney's leadership was recognized with the Herb Lawrence Leadership Award from the Arkansas Association of Instructional Media, the Retta Patrick Award from the Arkansas Library Association, and campus teacher of the year.

In addition to DKG leadership roles and responsibilities, Toney has been president of the Arkansas Association of Instructional Media, chairman of the Arkansas Association of School Librarians, secretary of the Arkansas Library Association, and a member of the Arkansas Teacher Curriculum Council.

Theta Chapter President Wanda Eason recommends her candidacy. "Cathy has proven during her years on the [ASO] executive board as first [and] second vice president and as president that she

is a capable leader...[who] has worked tirelessly and conscientiously in every position she has held."



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“Follow Your Dream With DKG” From ASO President Sue Cook

I know that each of you is glad for the (hopefully) warmer weather and the month of March that is just starting. The month of February has certainly had a variety of unusual weather even for Arkansas. All of Stone County was out of electricity for at least 26 hours and some residents for several days. Luckily I live downtown and we got our power back quickly. We had not only snow but a lot of ice. Today I was out and noticed that my daffodils are coming up all around my house. Perhaps spring is truly on its way after all!

Along with spring it will be time for our state convention soon. ASO Second Vice President Janie Hickman and her committee have been planning this year's convention in my new hometown of Mountain View. The convention will be June 2-4, 2023, at the Ozark Folk Center State Park. The park is located at 1032 Park Avenue, Mountain View, 72560-0500. The phone number for cabin registration is 870-269-3871.

Registration for the ASO Convention will be available on the state website (dkgarkansas.weebly.com) beginning April 1.

The rooms at the Folk Center have been newly renovated and are blocked off for our group. The price range is \$90 (2 queen sized beds or 1 king). Rates are single or double occupancy plus applicable state and local tax. There will be a \$13 charge for each additional person. Reservations should be made soon and guaranteed with a credit card or advance deposit. The group reservation cut-off date is May 19, 2023.



Our International speaker for the convention is Dr. Teresa Cowan from North Carolina. She is the Southeast Regional Director. We are so thankful to have her visit our convention in Arkansas.

A busy convention has been planned but we will have some time here and there to go to the Pickin' Park and Square in downtown Mountain View. You can sit and listen to all kinds of mountain music!! There may also be some time on Saturday afternoon to explore local sites like the Craft Village.

Text or email me if you have any questions about the convention or the area. (575-430-4622 or suecook428@gmail.com)

A tentative convention schedule has been posted on page 6.

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Candidate for ASO First Vice President: Janie Hickman



Janie Hickman, nominee for first vice president and 20-year DKG member, has held Beta Omega Chapter offices including president and secretary multiple times. She has been ASO second vice president, secretary, area 3 leader, and member or chair of several ASO committees including membership and rules.

Hickman has attended International conventions and all ASO conventions and fall meetings.

Her education includes a BSE in elementary and special education and a Masters degree in Administration of Curriculum and Instruction. She taught elementary math, science, social studies; was an elementary science lab and math/science coach; and worked several years with the Arkansas Department of Education.

Recognized for her work in education and her community, Hickman was nominated Teacher of the Year and as Who's Who Teacher of the Year by a student. She also received a math/science grant from Lennox Industries.

She had leadership roles/responsibilities in her school, community and other organizations. Hickman was president several times of the district personnel policy committee. In addition she worked with children and youth church programs including after school program and the handbell choir.

Candidate for ASO Second Vice President: Heather Dunn

Heather Dunn, nominee for second vice president, is a member of Grant County Beta Epsilon. She has been chapter president and area 4 leader, as well as working with the ASO Nominations, Personnel, Technology, and Communications Committees. Dunn was a member of 2022 DKGNext, a think tank group selected by the International president, and is currently a member of the International Communications and Marketing Committee. She has attended International conventions and conferences and state and area meetings.

Dunn holds a BSE in Education from Henderson State University and a MSE in Educational Leadership from Harding University. She teaches 6-8 grade science in Sheridan Middle School and previously taught at West Fork Middle School.

Recognition of her service to education includes Teacher of the Month (twice) and the Life Impact Award from former students (three times) in her school district. Dunn's community and school leadership roles include department chair, Sunday school teacher, and secretary of Jacob's Cemetery.

Dunn said, "I am friendly, outgoing, courageous, good with technology, willing, and open-minded."



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Candidate for ASO Secretary: Lindsey Bohler

Lindsey Bohler, nominee for secretary, is a five-year DKG member. She is serving Grant County Beta Epsilon Chapter as president (for the second time) and has been area 4 leader. Bohler has presented at the ASO convention and fall meeting and attended the 2021 ASO convention via Zoom.

Bohler's educational degrees include a Bachelors of Science and Masters of Educational Leadership from University of Arkansas at Monticello. She will complete her doctorate from Arkansas State University in June 2023. She is principal of Sheridan Elementary School, was assistant principal at Crossett Elementary, and taught kindergarten, second grade, and fifth and sixth grade in Cabot, Monticello and Crossett.

Bohler has been recognized as a National Board Certified Teacher, Arkansas Arts Educator of the Year, Master Principal Graduate of the AR Leadership Academy, Best Education Based School Garden, and graduate of the AR Leadership Academy Team Institute.

In service to her community Bohler is current director of the Grant County Imagination Library.

Bohler said that she makes building relationships a priority through team building, having personal conversations, trusting in peers, and building leaders.



Terri Leins and Karen Roe Nominated for Kappa State Education Foundation

Two trustee positions on the Kappa State Education Foundation will be filled by election at the ASO Convention in June 2023. Terri Leins and Karen Roe are recommended by the ASO Nominations Committee. The Education Foundation trustees are elected by the ASO Executive Board.

Kappa State Education Foundation Trustee Nominee: Terri Leins



Nominee Terri Leins has been Eta Chapter president three biennia, area 1 director (1999-2001) and area1 leader (2011-2013). She has been ASO corresponding secretary and recording secretary, currently chairs the Records and Properties Committee, and is completing a six-year term on the Education Foundation. She has chaired or been a member of several state organization committees, graduated from the Kappa State Leadership Seminar, and was named 2016 Arkansas Star of the Southeast.

She has degrees in Secondary Education, with an emphasis in mathematics, science in mathematics, and liberal arts. She taught College Preparatory Mathematics at University of Arkansas/Fort Smith beginning in 1976 and prior to that she taught mathematics/science in Kansas.

Honors for Liens include Who's Who in America, in American Education, among American Women, in Science and Engineering, in the South and Southwest, and among America's Teachers.

She currently serves her church as part time secretary and a member of the Spirit and Truth Gospel Singers Ministry.

Leins said that she will serve DKG in any capacity that the Society offers.

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Kappa State Education Foundation Trustee Nominee: Karen Roe

Karen Roe was appointed to complete a term as member of the Kappa State Education Foundation Board of Directors that expires this year and is recommended for election to the Foundation for 2023-2029. Roe has been chapter president (Beta Delta), parliamentarian, first vice president (Gamma Rho), recording secretary and member/chair of chapter committees. At the state level, she is a graduate (2016) and chair (2017-2021) of the ASO Leadership Seminar, Nominations Committee chair/member, and member of the Ad Hoc History Committee. Roe has attended multiple state and area meetings, presented breakout sessions, installed state organization officers, and provided piano music for the Ceremony of Remembrance.

She holds an Associate of Arts degree in Mathematics from ASU Beebe, a Bachelor of Science and Mathematics, and a Master of Science in Education in Guidance and Counseling from Arkansas State University. She taught high school science, mathematics, and computer science in Paragould, Cross County, Weiner, and Westside (Jonesboro).

She is recognized as Who's Who Among America's Teachers multiple times at Cross County High School and Student Council Teacher of the Year at Westside.

She served her school and community as senior sponsor in the four schools where she taught, sponsored Thunderbirds Against Drugs for several years, presented at faculty and team meetings, and worked with the AWANA kids program at her church for several years and is currently pianist for the music ministry at her church.

Roe said she enjoys tasks dealing with organization and detail, along with helping, teaching, and encouraging others.



More from the ASO Nominations Committee

The Arkansas State Organization Nominations Committee is responsible for advertising and gathering nominees for the election process for the new biennium. They also conduct the elections which are held during the ASO State Convention.

One of the final duties of the current committee is to propose a new chairperson and two at-large members for the ASO Nominations Committee to be voted on at the upcoming 2023 ASO State Convention. The committee chairman proposed for the new term is Dr. Paula Williams, Zeta Chapter. The members-at-large chosen for consideration are Hannah Rosson, Chi Chapter, and Melinda Bittle, Beta Xi Chapter.

The other four members of the committee will be elected as specified in the ASO Bylaws and Standing Rules during area meetings in the spring of 2024.

**ASO Rules
Committee Chair
Karen Kordsmeier
requests that members:**

**Please submit
any proposed
changes to the
ASO Bylaws
by**

April 1, 2023

send submissions to:
karen.kordsmeier@russellevilleschools.net



**Arkansas State
Organization
Convention**
June 2-4, 2023
Ozark Folk Center
Mountain View



Tentative Schedule
Arkansas State Organization Convention
June 2-4, 2023, at The Ozark Folk Center

Friday June 2:

- 4:00pm -- 6:30pm Registration (in the Rec Room at check-in building)
- 5:00pm -- 6:00pm Executive Committee in largest officer cabin
- Evening meal on your own
- 6:30pm -- 8:30pm Sue's Surprise in the Rec Room (You won't want to miss it!)

Saturday June 3:

- 8:00am -- 9:30am Registration in the lobby of the Visitors Center
- 8:00am -- 9:30am Breakfast at the Skillet (Buffet)
- 8:00am -- 9:00am Past Presidents Breakfast
- 9:30am -- 12:pm Business Meeting: Visitors Center Auditorium (head table on stage)
- 9:30am-10:00am Executive Board Meeting
- 10:00am-10:15am Break
- 10:15am-12:30pm Convention Business Meeting and election of officers
- 1:00pm-2:00pm Luncheon at the Skillet (Buffet) with a speaker
- 2:00pm-5:00pm Breakout Sessions in the Visitors Center:
 - 2:00pm -2:50pm Presentation by Park Specialist – All participants
 - 3:00pm-3:50pm Presidents Round Table
 - Treasurers Round Table
 - Secretaries Round Table
 - Guest Presenter from the Craft School
- 3:00pm-3:50pm or 4:00pm –4:50pm Explore Craft Village (limited seating in 1-hour classes (TBD) in the Village first come first served!) \$10 per class includes entrance to the Craft Village or \$10 to enter the Craft Village to explore. This is a discounted price for our Convention attendees.
- 4:00pm-4:50pm Tour the Craft School downtown.
- 5:00pm Leadership Seminar Reunion 2014, 2016, 2018, 2022 in the Visitors Center Auditorium.
- 7:00pm-9:00pm Banquet with guest speaker Dr. Teresa Cowan, Southeast Regional Director



Sunday June 4:

- 8:30am-9:15am Ceremony of Remembrance with special celebration for Past Presidents Ella Reese and Wanda Roe (in the Rec Room)
- Breakfast on your own
- Check out

Dr. Teresa Cowan will be the International Guest at the ASO Convention



Teresa H. Cowan has over 30 years of educational experience working with students and teachers K-12 through college as a classroom teacher, director and instructor at a residential outdoor education facility, adjunct college professor, and off campus faculty with North Carolina State University. She is a National Board Certified Teacher, has a Bachelors of Art in Biology, a Masters in Middle Grade Education, and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership. Dr. Cowan has been recognized at the national, state, and local levels for her service to education.

Dr. Cowan is a member of the North Carolina DKG state organization and has served at the chapter, state, and international levels in numerous positions. Teresa currently serves as a member of the DKG Administrative Board as the DKG Southeast Regional Director.

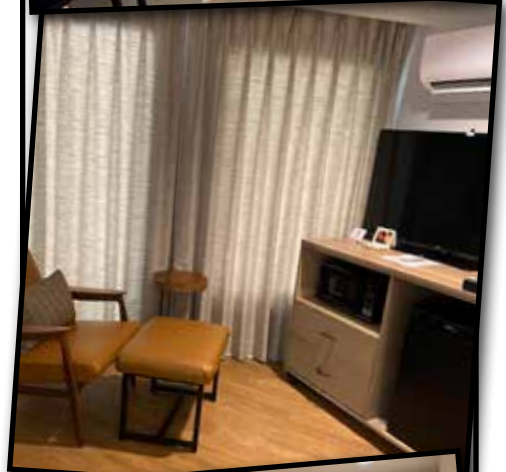
In retirement, Teresa continues to act as an advocate for education as she coordinates a program at the local veterans' hospital for patients with dementia, volunteers as an educator at the Carolina Coastal Museum, and is an active participant in the Ocean Isle Beach Sea Turtle Protection Program.

Apply to Serve on an Arkansas State Organization Committee

Have you ever wanted to serve on a state committee? Do you know how much you are valued and needed to serve on one? ASO is taking applications for committee members for the 2023-2025 biennium. ASO needs your talents to help make our state organization the best that it can be. The application is a short Google form that you can access by the link below:

<https://forms.gle/1JrAf6eMbKiHydJf6>
(Copy and paste this link into your internet browser)

If you are not sure what the committees do or where you will best fit, go to the link above to see a description of each committee's work. Every ASO member has much to offer and should consider applying. You will not regret it.



Guest cabin accommodations at the Ozark Folk Center have been renovated and are ready for the ASO Convention.

From the International Nominating Committee (INC):

Building the Next DKG Slate of Nominees Begins With YOU

Your invitation to DKG membership highlighted your leadership. Are you ready to apply for an elected position at the international level, or can you encourage another member to do so?

Applications will be accepted by the International Nominating Committee (INC) in summer 2023. The time to plan and recruit is now! You, as a DKG member, may self-nominate or nominate another DKG member. Leadership in our organization is key to our future, so please give careful consideration to this important task.

All qualifications and recommendations for applicants for each position are listed in the International Standing Rules (ISR) 8.82.f. These are the only qualifications considered when the INC evaluates the applications.

Please ignore commonly assumed rumors.

Applicants need **NOT** have. . .

- ✓ Earned a doctorate
- ✓ Attended Leadership Management Seminar (Ignite)
- ✓ Participated in a prescribed number of international conferences/conventions
- ✓ Held a certain number of specific state positions
- ✓ Been a member for a minimum number of years

The duties and responsibilities of the elected INC members are outlined in the Constitution Article VIII Section B.8.b.

INC members **MAY NOT**...

- ✓ Recruit applicants
- ✓ Assist applicants in any way with the application process
- ✓ Discuss any application with anyone other than another INC member
- ✓ Support or advocate for any nominee in any way

Act now! Evaluate your interests and skills with the qualifications listed in SR 8.82.f noted above.

Guidelines and applications will be posted on the DKG website in May 2023.

The DKG International State Organization Leaders Training:

This training will take place June 23-25, 2023, in Irving, Texas. The training is planned for state organization presidents, treasurers, membership committee chairs, educational excellence committee chairs and executive secretaries. All these state officers are invited as specified in the International Constitution.

**2023
International
Conferences**



**Detroit,
Michigan
July 11-16,
2023**



**Phoenix,
Arizona
July 18-22,
2023**



**Tampere,
Finland
July 26-29,
2023**

**See More Information:
dkg.org**



Things Your Chapter Should Save:

Helpful Hints from the Records and Properties Committee

Presidents, you are well into the first full year of your biennium and I know it will be a successful one. The ASO Convention coming in June will have new and supporting information that you will use to enhance and encourage your chapter. As you elect new officers in 2024 for the next biennium, and prepare to pass along the materials and records of your chapter to the incoming president, you might find this list helpful.

Things your chapter should save:

- File of all chapter minutes (recording secretary may have those files)
- Financial records (seven years: may be in the treasurer's materials)
- Current membership rolls (provided by DKG International)
- Chapter Bylaws, current edition
- Chapter Standing Rules, current edition
- Chapter yearbook, current edition
- Chapter inventory, current (this should include all initiation and installation materials and any thing you have traditionally used in the course of encouraging and enhancing your chapter meetings)
- Chapter history
- Copies of all previous Presidents' Reports
- Copies of reports for the previous biennium
- Communication from the International and State for the previous biennium
- Significant correspondence of a permanent nature (this may include letters and e-mails of resignation and reinstatement, nomination letters and forms for a chapter honorary member, or anything from a project or activity that is ongoing and supported by the chapter)
- Records of scholarship recipients if your chapter gives a scholarship
- Items required by state documents and chapter rules
- A recognized manual of parliamentary procedures. (Robert's Rules of Order, most recent edition)

If you need help with deciding what other items and records to keep, ask the following questions:

- Is this critical to our chapter's history, communication, and service?
- Does this reflect or enhance one of the seven purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma?
- Does this encourage our members to commit to serving the chapter and the organization?

The Records and Properties Committee is here to help you. Please feel free to ask any questions. Chairman Terri Leins is available by email: tleins@cox.net or phone: 479-783-0876.

If you should have materials that reflect the honors of your chapter, or information about members that have contributed to ASO in a way that celebrates Delta Kappa Gamma that you wish to share with the ASO Archive, please let me know and I will arrange to collect the information and items to place in the archive.

Terri Leins,
Chairman of ASO Records and Properties Committee

Gamma Chi Chapter

Gamma Chi Chapter, Texarkana, recently hosted their annual Bi-State Brunch with their DKG sisters from Alpha Pi Chapter, Texarkana, Texas. Also in attendance was a special guest-sister from Louisiana, Mitzi Quinn. The guest speaker was Miller County Tax Assessor, Joyce Dennington.

Below left, Gamma Chi (Arkansas) and Alpha Pi (Texas) are shown at their Bi-State Brunch.

Chapter Presidents Audrey Wright (Gamma Chi) and Jessica Bilbo (Alpha Pi) pause for a photo during their brunch.

Below right, shown in the photo are door prize winner, Sara Barnett (DKG, Alpha Pi, Texas) and Speaker Joyce Dennington.

Members of Gamma Chi are featured together in this photo.





Beta Lambda Chapter

Beta Lambda Chapter in North Little Rock met on February 6, 2023, at the home of a member. The guest speaker for the program was Mary Alice Hughes of Insurance Advantage and LMA Financial Services. She shared news about some of the insurance changes and offered advice about retirement and other financial considerations for teachers.

The chapter also welcomed Area 2 Leader Darlene Emmons and ASO Editor Linda Davidson as guests for the meeting.

All the photos featured were taken during the February meeting.





DKG is accepting ads for the 2023 summer conferences. State organizations, chapters, members, vendors, and more are invited to place an ad in the conference program book of your choice. Submission details are included on the DKG Ad Form.

- Detroit, Michigan - July 11-16, 2023
- Phoenix, Arizona - July 18-22, 2023
- Tampere, Finland - July 26-29, 2023

Ad Deadline: April 15, 2023

Agatha Prator Grant Opportunity Available

As an organization, we have a unique opportunity in 2023 to award the Agatha Prator Grant. The competitive grant provides \$2,500 to support a pre-service teacher who is a resident of Arkansas during the semester she is enrolled in the student teaching experience.

We need your help to find excellent candidates for this grant. Please share the information with members of your chapters, leaders in your community, and/or candidates with strong credentials. Let's work together to find a well qualified and highly deserving individual for this grant.

Information for applicants is available on the state organization website; completed applications (including letters of reference) must be received by April 1 for those who will be enrolled in student teaching during the fall semester of 2023.

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Kappa State Education Foundation

Memorials:

Gloria Jean Love,
mother of Kim Wyborny, Beta Nu Chapter
by Beta Nu Chapter

Juanita Crawford,
mother of Paula Williams, Zeta Chapter
by ASO Executive Committee

Juanita Crawford,
mother of Paula Williams, Zeta Chapter
by Kathryn Dickinson, Alpha Delta Chapter

Juanita Crawford,
mother of Paula Williams, Zeta Chapter
by Terri Leins, Alpha Pi Chapter

Juanita Crawford,
mother of Paula Williams, Zeta Chapter
by Cathy Long, Gamma Eta Chapter

Past Kappa State President Ella Reese,
Theta Chapter
by Rosalie Patton

Norman Mason,
husband of Margaret Mason, Gamma Eta Chapter
by Cathy Long, Gamma Eta Chapter

Sue Moore,
Omega Chapter
by Elizabeth Waldrip, Mu Chapter

Dates to Remember and Deadlines:

- * **April 1, November 1** Annual deadlines for submitting applications for the Agatha Prator Grant
- * **May 1, September 1 February 1,** Applications for Cornet Professional Development Award deadlines (dkgef.org)
- * **June 2-4, 2023** Arkansas State Organization Convention in Mountain View at the Ozark Folk Center/State Park
- * **June 23-25, 2023** DKG State Organization Leaders Training, Irving, Texas
- * **June 30, December 1** Annual deadlines for submitting applications for the Arkansas State Organization Scholarship
- * **July 11-16, 2023** DKG International Conference, Detroit, MI, see International website dkg.org for more information
- * **July 18-22, 2023** DKG International Conference, Phoenix, AZ, see International website dkg.org for more information