

Welcome to Your New Biennium!

Dear Chapter Leaders,

Thank you for all that you are doing to support DKG in your community and your state by serving as chapter president for the 2026-2028 biennium. You are so appreciated. As the leaders, organizers, idea-generators, and occasional miracle-workers of your DKG chapters, you play a vital role in shaping the strength and future of our Society, and DKG Michigan State Organization appreciates all that you do!

To support you in that important work, the Strategic Planning and Leadership Committees have developed training resources to kick-start your term. On June 15, you will find 15 short videos, handouts, and resources on the state website. Over the next few weeks, please take a little time to watch the videos and explore the materials. Feel free to jot down questions, ideas, or even those “wait, what does that mean?” moments; we welcome it all. Please know that the state officers and committee chairs are here for you. If you need anything, please let us know.

Important Dates:

- **June 15:** Videos go live at www.dkgmichigan.org
- **Late July:** Watch for a Google survey to share your thoughts, questions, and priorities
- **August 22:** Join us for a collaborative meeting to dig into your feedback and connect with fellow officers

We truly hope you can attend in person. It’s always better when great minds gather in one room (and yes, lunch is included, which never hurts). That said, we understand that Michigan geography is no small matter, especially for our Upper Peninsula members, so a Zoom option will be available. An RSVP will be requested for both meetings to help us plan accordingly.

Meeting Details:

Date: August 22, 2026

Location: First United Methodist Church of Howell

Address: 1230 Bowers Street, Howell, MI

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Perk: Lunch is provided—no need to pack a sandwich!

Share this information with the officers in your chapter. The more voices we hear, the stronger our planning will be.

Handouts on the State Website

www.dkgmichigan.org

Password *Alphalota.1938*

- Chapter Officers' Duties
- Chapter Presidents Training Items
- Conducting a Chapter Meeting
- Due Dates
- Ice Breakers
- Words of Wisdom
- Selling Points of DKG, Nurturing Members, Attracting Younger Members, and "I Don't Have Time!"
- 5 Questions for Chapter Presidents
- Sample Chapter Rules

Forms on the State Website

The state webmaster will have a link to all the forms you need.

Resources on the State Website

- DKG International Constitution
- International Standing Rules
- 2025 Handbook of the DKG Society International
- 2025-2027 Michigan Bylaws and Standing Rules

Training Videos on the State Website

There are **15** short training videos for chapter presidents, vice presidents, treasurers, and secretaries. The committee suggests that **all** of your officers watch the videos.

1. *Running an Effective Meeting*, 12:00
2. *Effective Communication*, 6:49
3. *Forms, Forms, Forms*, 7:55
4. *An Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure*, 8:51
5. *Best Practices of Successful Chapters*, 4:71
6. *Recruitment Strategies for New Teachers*, 4:49
7. *Revitalization Strategies for Struggling Chapters*, 5:39
8. *Meaning Projects for Chapters*, 4:09
9. *Creative Ways to Nurture Members*, 4:00
10. *Dissolution*, 5:00
11. *Updating Chapter Rules*, 4:30
12. *DKG Resources*, 6:37
13. *Chapter Vice President*, 6:01
14. *Chapter Recording Secretary*, 4:27
15. *Chapter Treasures*, 5:25

Thank you again for your leadership, your dedication, and all the ways you keep DKG thriving. We're looking forward to learning, laughing, and planning together.

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