



June 2018

Dear Chapter and State Leaders,

Congratulations Chapter Presidents for completing your biennium. I have had the pleasure of meeting many of your chapter members this year and I am in awe of your hard work and dedication to your community. Please be sure to share all the great work in your chapter history and submit to Lou Ann Jacobs, Lambda State Historian. She provided you with an easy update at the 2017 Fall Executive Board Meeting. The form is also online for your use.

We are very excited for the Training for Chapter Leaders (TCL) which will be held in Belleville and Ottawa on June 2 and June 9, respectively. We have 222 women registered for the training. We are aware that some of you are repeating your leadership role in the chapter and we promise a new and exciting experience at this training. Each attendee will receive a jump drive with all the information from each committee which should help in understanding the full scope of the committee responsibilities. Professional development hours will be offered for the president and educational excellence sessions. Please be sure to bring your IEIN with you to complete the form.

In this mailing there are three very important files that require attention. The first is the amended *Lambda State Bylaws* and *Standing Rules* that were approved at the April Convention. Please replace these documents on your flash drive and if you are old school, like me, please print these and replace them with what is in your current *Lambda State Standing Rules and Bylaws* binder. File the Chapter Rules Checklist as we will not be using it this Visitation cycle because of so many proposed International changes. Thank you to Britta Peterson and her committee for working on these changes. The second file contains the updated Budget forms for your chapter committee to complete this summer. There will be training for the budget forms at the TCL and I appreciate Teena Zindel-McWilliams and her committee for updating these forms. The third file, prepared by Margaret Trybus with the help of Patricia Gaines and myself, explains the

Chapter Visitation process. This information will be shared at the Presidents training at TCL. There are proposed changes to the process which may allow chapters to work together in their regions with their respective ambassadors to jointly share their goals and activities. Ambassadors will be trained in June and through Go-To-Meetings so they are able to facilitate the chapter work.

I have scheduled a State Planning Committee meeting for June 20, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. at the IEA office in Bloomington. Immediately following will be Ambassador Training from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Please review the Ambassador list and let me know if you are *unable* to attend the training. Committee Chairs please let me know when you want to schedule your summer meeting.

Joan Rog, Membership Chair, offers wise tips for all of us consider, reflect, and act upon as we begin our summer. Please share with your members as you begin planning chapter activities.

I am looking forward to meeting many of you at the Training for Chapter Leaders and working with you in the next year. Do not hesitate to contact me at <a href="mailto:pres.lambda.ilstate@gmail.com">pres.lambda.ilstate@gmail.com</a> or <a href="mailto:dleblancedd@gmail.com">dleblancedd@gmail.com</a> or by telephone, 630-247-2060

Respectfully, Debbie LeBlanc