

Retired is not Reserved

What begins with “re” and ends in “ed”? Well, in Delta Kappa Gamma “reserved” comes to mind, as in a member who is no longer on the active list. Some members confuse it with “retired”. The words do begin and end the same. But that is where the similarities end. Some of our most active and involved members are retired.

An active member may request reserve membership for only two reasons:

- (1) Physical disability, which makes it impossible for her to attend a meeting
- (2) Geographical location, again which makes it impossible for her to attend a meeting

Snowbirds are not eligible for reserve status.

Retired, of course, merely means you are not working any longer. A member who is participating actively in educational work is not eligible for reserve membership. Reserve status is granted only by a majority vote of the membership when the above criteria are met. Likewise, a reserve member can be restored to active membership by a chapter vote when circumstances change.

Now that we have “Reviewed” what “Reserved” membership means, the confusion should be “Retired.”

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