

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Zeta State Criteria for Honor Chapters

2008-2010

The Zeta State Leadership Development Committee challenges each chapter to become an Honor Chapter during 2008-2010. The criteria are divided into the six areas of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International **Strategic Plan for Renewal**, adopted at the 1994 International Convention and the **Zeta State Strategic Plan for Renewal**, adopted in 1997.

Area I	Membership
Area II	Communications/Publications
Area III	Public Relations
Area IV	Society Structure
Area V	Programs/Projects and Educational Services
Area VI	Society Purposes

Each item counts one point, for a possible total of fifty-three points.

Award Levels:

Honor Chapter **44-53 points**

Honorable Mention **38-43 points**

Deadline for Reporting: **March 1, 2010**

Attainment of Honor Chapter status is the responsibility of ALL chapter members, guided by the chapter president. All officers and committees should refer to relevant sections of the criteria as they plan their activities for the biennium. We wish your chapter success.

Directions for Reporting: Check the box next to each item that has been achieved. Provide explanation if requested. Complete the summary chart Below, sign, and date the report and send the entire form to the chairman of the Zeta State Leadership Development Committee by March 1, 2010.

Summary of Points Earned:

Section	No. of Items Listed	No. of Items Checked
Area I: Membership	18	
Area II: Communications/Publications	13	
Area III: Public Relations	5	
Area IV: Society Structure	3	
Area V: Programs/Projects and Educational Services	11	
Area VI: Society Purposes	3	
TOTALS	53	

Chapter _____ Chapter President's Signature _____

Date _____

Area I Membership

Goal 1: To broaden the membership base

- _____ Our chapter had a net increase in membership of at least one new member per year during the current biennium.
- _____ A planned orientation and welcome program is held for all new chapter members each year.

Goal 2: To retain members

- _____ Outstanding accomplishments of chapter members are recognized at chapter meetings.
- _____ A reorientation for all chapter members is held at least once each year.

Goal 3: To encourage active membership

- _____ A planning meeting for officers and committee chairmen was held by August 15 of each year.
- _____ A planning workshop for new chapter committees was held at the beginning of the biennium.

The chapter president attended:

- _____ Chapter Presidents' Workshop, Lake Tiak O'Khata, June 2008
- _____ International Convention, July 2008, Rosemont, Illinois
- _____ Zeta State Convention, Spring 2009
- _____ Zeta State Leadership/Management Seminar
- _____ Southeast Regional Conference, Little Rock, Arkansas, 2009

Chapter member(s) other than the president attended:

- _____ Workshop for Chapter Leaders, Lake Tiak O'Khata, June 2008
- _____ International Convention, July 2008, Rosemont, Illinois
- _____ Zeta State Convention, Spring 2009
- _____ Zeta State Leadership/Management Seminar, June 2009
- _____ Southeast Regional Conference, Little Rock, Arkansas, 2009
- _____ At least 60 percent of the chapter's **active** membership attended six regularly scheduled chapter meetings during the biennium. (**NOTE:** Members who are unable to attend chapter meetings because of state or international Delta Kappa Gamma responsibilities should be counted as present at the chapter meeting. Exclude reserve and honorary members from total chapter membership when computing attendance percentages.)
- _____ Any chapter member attended Golden Gift Leadership Management Seminar in Austin, TX.

Area II—Communications/Publications

Goal 1: To inform membership at the chapter, state, and international levels

- _____ Each of these Delta Kappa Gamma publications was reviewed at a regular chapter meeting.
Our Heritage
Zeta State History
International Constitution (2006), International Standing Rules, Handbook (2006)
Zeta State Bylaws and Standing Rules; Chapter Rules
- _____ At least one scheduled program during the biennium was conducted by a Zeta State officer or a state committee chairman (**State Officer/Committee Chairman Request Form 21**)
- _____ Short reviews of important articles from the *Bulletin*, *AKΓNEWS*, and *ZETA DATA* are given at chapter meetings
- _____ Educator's Award Books are reviewed at chapter meetings and/or in chapter newsletters.
- _____ Articles about chapter and member activities and accomplishments are sent to *Zeta Data* at least once a year.
- _____ Our chapter keeps up-to-date historical records of the chapter's work.

Goal 2: To promote cohesiveness among the three levels of the Society

- _____ The names and addresses of each chapter committee chairman were sent to the Zeta State Corresponding Secretary by August 15, 2008 (**Form 2**)
- _____ Four copies of the chapter yearbook were mailed by December 15 of each year as follows: State President (**1**); State First Vice-President (**1** [**Include completed Form 23**]); State Executive Secretary (**1**); *your* District Director (**1**)
- _____ The chapter president's annual report was sent to the state president **on time** (See International forms online for deadline date).

Goal 3: To create quality Society publications at all levels

- _____ Our chapter yearbook reflects the chapter's program of work and is reviewed with members at the first regular meeting of each year
- _____ A chapter newsletter is sent to each member at least two times each year

Goal 4: To utilize technology at all levels

- _____ One chapter program during the biennium dealt with or utilized some form of technology, e.g., interactive television, computer applications, etc.
- _____ At least some of the chapter records and publications are computerized—financial records, membership records, yearbook, newsletter, etc.

Area III—Public Relations

Goal 1: To identify the Society as an organization of key women educators who represent all ages and areas of educational work and who are committed to the improvement of education

- _____ During the current biennium our chapter is participating in the Zeta State Woman of Distinction program (**Form 22**)
- _____ Our chapter honored outstanding women educators and local women of distinction through participation in the Red Rose Award program during the year of the district meetings (**Form 19**)
- _____ During the biennium a member of our chapter served on a public service committee, task force, or board (e.g., United Way, Red Cross, Chamber of Commerce, church board, Boys and Girls Clubs, etc.)

Goal 2: To increase awareness of the Society locally, regionally, and globally

- _____ Our chapter awards a Grant-in-Aid annually
- _____ The chapter participated in a program of public outreach, such as attending Zeta State Legislative Day or providing educational assistance and/or volunteer service to the community

Explain: _____

Area IV: Society Structure

Goal 1: To examine structural components of the Society at all levels with regard to relevance, complexity, and financial ramifications

- _____ One program during the biennium has informed members about Society structure: e.g., headquarters, boards, regions, committees
- _____ Chapter members have assessed the effectiveness of chapter and/or state organizational structures (officers, committees, districts, traditions, rules) and made appropriate changes and recommendations
- _____ Our chapter has explored the possibility of beginning a new chapter in our area

Area V—Programs/Projects and Educational Services

Goal 1: To maximize each member's involvement in programs, projects, and educational services at all levels

- _____ Chapter programs for the biennium have been planned by members of the Program Committee to include projects, activities, and programs related to the total Program Committee—Personal Growth and Services, Professional Affairs, Research, and Music
- _____ One or more chapter members have presented the program at a minimum of two chapter meetings each year of the biennium
- _____ Music is included as a part of each chapter program
- _____ Our chapter learns at least one new Delta Kappa Gamma song each year from **Song Book VI**
- _____ Chapter members are offered opportunities at meetings to share innovative ideas, to display projects and to demonstrate skills
- _____ Our chapter contributes each year to at least one of the **International** Funds:
 - _____ World Fellowship Fund _____ Golden Gift Fund _____ Emergency Fund
 - _____ Educational Foundation Fund _____ International Speaker's Fund
- _____ Our chapter contributes each year to at least one of the **state** funds: _____ Emergency Fund (**Form 7**)
_____ Grant-in-Aid (**Form 4**) _____ Scholarship Fund (**Form 5**) _____ Share the Future (**Form 6**)

Goal 2: To encourage member study and/or research relating to innovations in education, technology, and other areas of specialization

- _____ At least one-half or more of the 2008-2010 chapter programs have been planned using the 2006-2010 International Program Theme
- _____ Members are informed about the availability of and application deadlines for state and international scholarships, study stipends, seminars, and other enrichment programs

Goal 3: To promote leadership through information exchange

- _____ Members are encouraged to apply for the Zeta State and/or the International Leadership/Management Seminar **(Form 11)**
- _____ During the biennium our chapter recommended a qualified member for a Society leadership position (including committee member position) at the state or international level **(Forms 17 and 18)**

Area VI—Society Purposes

Goal 1: To inspire each member to renew her commitment to the purposes of the Society

- _____ One of the Seven Purposes is spotlighted at each chapter meeting
- _____ A recommitment ceremony for all members is held at least once a year
- _____ The chapter has sponsored at least one specific project during the biennium relating to one or more of the Seven Purposes

Explain: _____

<p>The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.</p>
