

THE TURN IN CHAPTER LEADERSHIP

On July 1, 2022, chapters all over the DKG Society will get new leaders. Now it is high time to name the in-coming chapter presidents so they can work hand in hand with out-going chapter presidents. It is time to review the 2020-2022 biennium and make plans to 2022-2024 biennium.

Let's model together a successful chapter. This way we may check how many of these qualifiers hold already true in your chapter and which ones should have more attention to. A successful chapter:

- holds 4-6 well-planned, relatively informal but well-structured, quick-moving business meetings per year
- meets at varied times, days, and places convenient for working members
- focuses on meeting members' social needs (fellowship/camaraderie)
- has open meetings and activities that welcome non-members
- has a wide variety of high-quality, interesting programmes and speakers including those that use members' talents and expertise
- supports a variety of one-time and ongoing projects that actively engage members
- has specific strategies for attracting new members, engaging retired members, and nurturing new chapter leaders

DKG is an investment of many layers. First and foremost, members are investing in themselves. DKG can give us **visible benefits** - scholarships or grants for further education, professional growth as a speaker and a leader, funding for a project. Booker T. Washington has said that if you want to lift yourself up, lift someone else. According to DKG Philanthropy Report 2020-2021 chapters have given out Grants-in-Aid in over 800,000 dollars.

Successful chapter members take time to be with other educators which gives a strong network of professional support and personal fellowship. We may say it is **invisible membership benefit** - to get invisible time and energy to listen and help with advice if needed.

New chapter leaders should remember Audrey Hepburn's words when she said that people have 2 hands – one for helping others and the other for helping oneself. Take care of yourself, a new chapter leader, as if you take care of your best friend – this way you are the most beneficial role-model to your chapter membership.

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