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LOCAL EDUCATOR SUBMITS (insert your state)

REVIEW TO INTERNATIONAL

(Type your complete name here) _____, president of (insert name of your state) _____ State

Organization of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, recently reported the successes of (insert state) _____ to the international president. The organization is a professional honor society for women educators with more than 100,000 members. Established in 17 member countries around the world, the Society defines its mission as promoting professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

(Insert state name) _____ has (insert number) _____ members and (insert number) _____ chapters of the international society. According to (insert your last name) _____, her involvement as president of (insert state) _____ organization allows her to (put some of the benefits/reward you feel your presidency provides) _____ . She says, “(Insert a personal quote about your state and its work) _____ .”

During the past year, (insert state name) _____ members were involved in the following projects:

- (list one or two outstanding projects)
- or highlight your major event/community outreach/ etc. in this paragraph).

Other officers of the (insert state) _____ organization are (list your officers' names and titles) _____ .

The state is also involved in (insert other scholarships, grants, special activities of your chapter and add supporting details and quotes if available) _____ . (Insert a quote from another officer or two about your successes.)

Plans for this coming year include (insert one or two of your events you hope the media will cover in the future) _____ . The state convention will be held (insert dates and location) _____ . More than (insert number) _____ are expected to attend the (annual, biennial) _____ event, which features (insert a highlight of your state convention) _____ .

(Name of your state) will join (insert appropriate number 9-EU, 22-NE, 16-NW,11-SE, 21-SW) other state organizations (insert appropriate date and location: EU- August 3- in Baden-Baden, Germany; NE- July 20-23 in Hershey, PA; NW- July 27-30 in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada; SE- July 13-16 in Louisville, KY; SW- June 29-July 2 in Denver, CO) for a biennial Regional Conference. Incoming officers and committee chairs will attend leadership training during this event. Workshops, guest speakers, professional growth opportunities, displays, networking, and other special events are also planned.

A major philanthropic organization, The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International donated more than \$3 million dollars this year for education in various forms. Nearly \$2 million trained more than 6,000 recipients who are both members and non-members. The organization raised more than \$200,000 for the Afghan teacher project in collaboration with U.S. Fund for UNICEF. The group recently adopted Schools for Africa as an international project. Working since 1960 with the Institute of International Education (which administers the student portion of the Fulbright Program) in the United States, the group has helped more than 700 women from 109 countries.

International headquarters are in Austin, Texas, where the Society was founded by Dr. Annie Webb Blanton on May 11, 1929, from a nucleus of 12 founders representing all levels of education, kindergarten through university. A professor of rural education at the University of Texas, Dr. Blanton was elected president of the Texas State Teachers' Association in 1916, the first woman to hold the office. Blanton was also the first woman to serve Texas as State Superintendent of Public Instruction, having been elected to that post in 1918.

Additional items and members/officers you could include are as follows:

- **Include a photo** (with identification) of you and/or your members in action.
- A quote from your program chair about outstanding programs you had this year
- A quote from your scholarship chair about recipients or total \$ awarded
- Explanation of one or two of chapter or state special events, activities or programs