

United States Forum Operational Guidelines

I. Name

The official name of this forum is "The U. S. Forum."

II. Goals

The purpose of the Forum is to identify major issues affecting women, children and education upon which the U.S. Members may take action. The mission of the Forum is to serve the interests and concerns of members. The emphasis is on sharing information and ideas and exploring solutions to identified problems.

III. Membership

Membership in the U. S. Forum is automatic for all Delta Kappa Gamma Society International members from the 50 states of the United States of America, the District of Columbia, and the unincorporated territory of Puerto Rico.

IV. Financing for the U.S. Forum is from a \$12,000/year allotment from the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International in addition to monies generated from registration fees for the National Legislative Seminar, which is held in even numbered years, and sale items. Any remaining funds at the end of the biennium are transferred to the newly elected Chair for the succeeding biennium for the use of the U.S. Forum Committee in the following biennium. The U.S. Forum Committee makes out a budget at the beginning of a biennium.

V. Organizational Structure

The U. S. Forum has a chair and four regional representatives who work with state organization U.S. Forum representatives.

VI. Officers

The Committee consists of a Chair, Northeast Regional Representative, Northwest Regional Representative, Southeast Regional Representative and Southwest Regional Representative all of whom are elected. Additionally an e-newsletter editor and a web master are appointed positions.

VII. Leaders are chosen by election of the members attending the U. S. Forum Session at the International Convention.

VIII. How are vacancies filled?

There is currently no stated method for filling vacancies on the committee.

IX. Areas of Activity consist of Committee meetings, the National Legislative Seminar, Regional Conferences, International Conventions, Web Site, and the U.S. Forum Connection e-newsletter on legislative information;