



Chapter Presidents: Please print a copy and give to corresponding chapter chairman.

Greetings from the Professional Affairs Chairman **Carolyn Underwood, Ed. D.**

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I am the new Professional Affairs Committee Chairman. This committee is responsible for promoting two of the Society's purposes:

- (3) Advance the professional interest and positions of women in education;
- (4) Initiate, endorse, and support desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interest of education and women educators.

The Professional Affairs Committee provides Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credits at chapter, area and state workshops or programs. These workshops or programs foster professionalism in educators by enhancing their knowledge, instructional strategies, skills as well as proficiencies as teachers. A program or workshop is eligible for CPE credit as long as the workshop or program addresses some content area that will foster development of the educator. Information concerning CPE credit is posted on the Professional Affairs Committee page located on the Texas State Organization website at www.alphastatetexas.org. I know there are talented teachers who are presenting at chapter meetings and giving fantastic programs to enhance teacher skills. Invite prospective members to one of these meetings and so she can see what a fabulous group Delta Kappa Gamma members are. Additionally, your chapter should conduct a follow-up to determine the percentage of your chapter's recruitment grant (grant-in aid) recipients that have entered the teaching profession or, are still studying to become a teacher. Join with me and **Joanne Davis, Alpha State's new president**, to **EXPLORE the Possibilities: Let our VISION LIGHT the Way.**

My goals for the Professional Affairs Committee will be to offer a greater number of Continuing Professional Education (CPE) workshops as well as a more diverse selection of workshops from which to choose at the state convention. So look in your chapter for those who might be interested in presenting a workshop next summer in Irving. Forms for presentation proposals will be posted on the Alpha State Website at a later date. Another goal for our committee will be to work closely with the Legislative Committees to support legislation that effects the teaching profession in a positive way. As the Professional Affairs Committee Chairman of your chapter, communicate with and get to know your state legislators. Encourage chapter members to do the same.

A third goal for the Professional Affairs Committee is to survey chapter members to see what topics

would be of interest. Have the member suggest someone they have heard present on that topic and would be willing to present the program at the state convention.

If you as chairman of this committee need help or wish an answer to a question, please contact the above chairman for advice or answers anytime during the year. Each area has a Professional Affairs committee member. If you have suggestions or ideas that the state committee might implement, please submit them to the chairman named above.

Carolyn Underwood, Ed.D.

Professional Affairs Chairman