

# Important Information for Sharing With Members

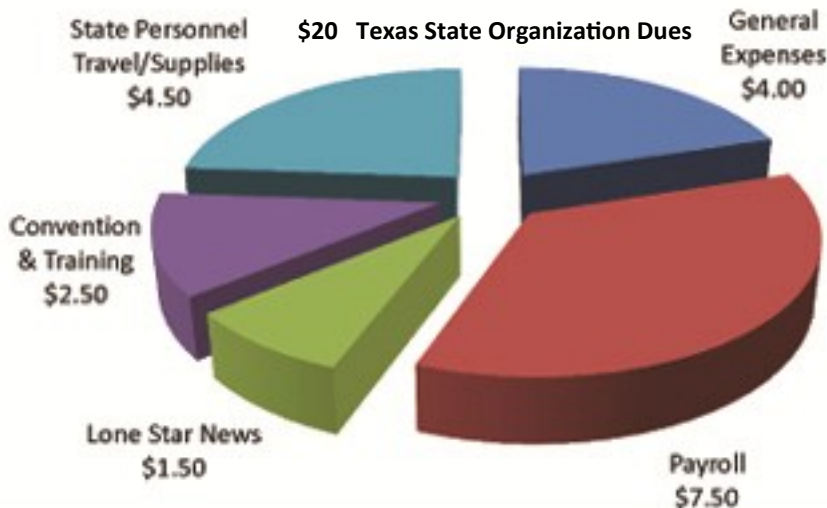
## From: Texas State Organization

**UNTIL 2011**  
*In 28 Years*



*In the past 28 years, Texas State Organization dues have only risen \$5 while membership in the organization has dropped 58%. Past budgets have drawn upon savings to balance the budget, a practice that cannot continue.*

### Distribution of State Dues



*No one wants a dues increase, but the cost of doing business requires it at this point. The state finance committee is committed to using Texas funds prudently and making decisions that are in the best interest of all members of Texas State Organization.*

## Increase Explained

Texas State Organization dues were increased from \$12 to \$20 at the state convention in McAllen this summer. This is the first dues increase for Texas since the dues went from \$10 to \$12 six years ago.

Even with the increase the state finance committee presented a budget that cuts reimbursement of meal expenses of state personnel but adds paying the chapter president's registration fee the second year of the biennium to encourage attendance at Leadership Development update and Executive Board meeting during convention. Since many chapters pay this expense, this was an added benefit for chapters.

The new budget trimmed state committee budgets significantly, but maintained expenditures that were felt to be beneficial to chapters. Cuts were made in printing and postage as it was felt using electronic communication was more cost effective.

The approval of the new foundation, Alpha State Texas Educational Foundation (ASTEF) is expected to generate funds that can be accessed by chapters to fund projects.

To keep the dues increase to just \$8, the budget was balanced with some savings. It was the intent of the committee that if membership stabilizes that no further dues increase would be necessary for at least two bienniums.

The Budget for 2011-2013 is posted online at [www.alphastatetexas.org](http://www.alphastatetexas.org) >committees>finance>proposed budget for 2011-2013. August 1 the Finance Committee report and explanation with script will be available online also.

## Why I Treasure My Membership in Delta Kappa Gamma



- I believe in and support the purposes of the Society.
- I enjoy being needed; it is good to know that my talents and contributions are valued and necessary.
- I keep pace with current educational issues and research.
- I have the opportunity to know educators outside my own workplace.
- I find it a safe environment to practice leadership skills.
- I can get involved in community projects and philanthropic endeavors.
- I have access to continuing education opportunities.
- I can network and make new contacts.
- I can maintain friendships in an ever changing world.
- If I relocate to a new community, I have an automatic circle of friends.
- I enjoy being associated with a professional organization.



## Exciting Opportunities of Today



- Chapters and areas offer Continuing Professional Education Credits for qualifying programs.
- Alpha State Texas Educational Foundation (ASTE) will offer opportunities for individuals and chapters to seek funding for projects in the community and statewide.
- State Headquarters technology and personnel offer quick feedback for answers to questions from members.
- The state Web site [www.alphastatetexas.org](http://www.alphastatetexas.org) has a multitude of information on programs, technology development and projects to assist chapters in planning.
- A new monthly e-publication "Technology Tips and Treats" begins in August that provides members with up-to-date technology information to assist members.
- State officers and committee chairman are an email away to assist members with concerns. (See listing on state Web site.)

**The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International**  
**Texas State Organization Annual Dues and Fees Chart**

| Membership Classification | Total Dues/Fees | State Dues/Fees | International Dues/Fees | Chapter Dues/Fees  |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Active                    | \$60.00         | \$20.00         | \$40.00                 | Determined Locally |
| Reserve                   | \$27.00         | \$7.00          | \$20.00                 | Determined Locally |
| Scholarship Fee           | \$1.00 or \$.40 | \$.80 or \$.20  | \$.20                   | Local              |
| Initiation Fees           | \$10.00         | \$2.50          | \$2.50                  | \$5.00             |
| Honorary Initiation Fee   | \$50.00         |                 | \$50.00                 |                    |
| Reinstatement             | -0-             | -0-             | -0-                     | -0-                |

**DEADLINES FOR REPORTS TO STATE TREASURER**

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|-------------|--|
| July 15     | Form 15 – Annual Report of Chapter Treasurers  |
| November 10 | Form 18 – Dues and Fees<br>Form 18-A – Report of Members Dropped   |
| APRIL 1     | Contributions to ALL Funds for Convention Recognition<br>State Scholarship Fund, Eula Lee Carter Memorial Fund, ASTEF, and Leadership Seminar Fund |

Mail all International and State dues and fees to the following address:

Executive Secretary/Treasurer, Texas State Organization  
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
P.O. Box 797787

Dallas, Texas 75379- 7787

Location of Headquarters: 6220 Campbell Road, Suite 204  
Dallas, Texas 75248

Contact Information: Phone: 972-930-9945 or 1-800-305-3525

Fax: 972-447-0471

Contributions to the funds listed below should be sent to the above address and postmarked by APRIL 1.,  
ASTEF, Scholarship, Leadership Seminar, Eula Lee Carter

When contributing to more than one fund at the same time, separate checks are necessary, but they may be mailed in the same envelope.

Contributions to International funds should be sent directly to the International office in Austin.

**Presidents Kit**

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