

Reinstatement of Former Members - HOW?

Reinstatement Plan for the Chapter

Reach out and touch a former member! All members are valued and are important to our Society. DKG has much research to show that members leave this outstanding organization mainly because of other responsibilities. All chapters have experienced members at all ages needing to resign because life situations require all their time. Parents or grandparents have health issues that require members' full-time attention, or their children (ages birth through secondary education) require their full attention, or their jobs plus family are all they can put on their plates. But life changes, as we all know, and the above-mentioned situations may have changed and the time may be right to reinstate their membership.

Finding and Contacting Former Members

- Use the chapter's Form 18 and 18A to compile a list of members who have been dropped over the past three-five years. Form 18 is the form used for payment of dues and Form 18A is the form used for dropped members. The chapter treasurer should have these forms in her records.
- Determine which former members still live in area. Find their addresses and send them a personal note stating they have been missed and, telling them about the new and exciting projects and focus of the Society. Also send an International Membership Brochure that shares how the Society is designing itself for the future. Provide contact information.
- Contact former members who have expressed an interest in being reinstated. Share with them when the next meeting will be and explain how easy it is to be reinstated.
- Offer them a ride to the next chapter meeting.
- When a former member attends, make sure she feels welcomed and get her involved immediately in committee and project work.
- Have reinstatement cards handy for the former member to complete and pay dues.
- Former members being reinstated are not voted on. *Constitution 2010* Article III Membership Section F. Reinstatement. A former member shall be reinstated by the chapter receiving the request.

If You Personally Know Former Members

- Tell them the chapter has missed them and give them an International Membership Brochure to reacquaint them with the Society of today.
- Provide them with the Society's focus on supporting early-career educators and local chapter projects.
- Give them the next chapter meeting date and invite them to ride with you.
- Make them feel welcomed and get them involved immediately in committee and project work.
- Have the reinstatement cards handy for former members to complete and pay dues.

For former members who don't respond, follow up with a note asking them to keep the contact information and when they are able to reunite with the Society just pick up the phone or send us an email. "We value your dedication to education and would delight in having you join us in helping to maintain excellence in education." **Make an effort to contact former members once a year.**