



U.S. Forum Steering Committee

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

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To: DKG U.S. Forum Members

From: Pat Bennett-Forman, Steering Committee Chair 2024-2026

Date: May 27, 2026

Re: U.S. Forum Financial Status

In the interest of transparency, maintaining and building U.S. Forum momentum, and the hope that as U.S. Forum members you might be willing to help us solve a problem, this letter serves to make you aware of financial circumstances that currently impact the U.S. Forum. In a nutshell, the U.S. Forum is currently in debt to DKG International in the amount of \$12,192.36. The debt is a result of grossly underestimating the audio-visual (AV) costs of the Forum meeting at the New Orleans Conference in 2025 (\$6,100.90) and experiencing a shortfall in registration for the 2026 National Legislative Seminar (\$6,091.46).

To repay the money owed to International, the Steering Committee proposed a three-year repayment plan which has been accepted by the DKG International Administrative Board. The plan calls for reduction of the annual allocation specified in ISR 5.51 from \$10,000 per annum to \$5,935.88 for fiscal years 2026-27, 2027-28, and 2028-29, thereby reimbursing DKG International by \$4,064.12 per year (or 1/3 of the total owed).

There are significant consequences to this plan which our Steering Committee has addressed with state presidents and Forum liaisons. First, this 40% loss in annual revenue will necessitate spending reductions. To that end, the Forum proposes holding its 2027 conference and annual meeting virtually. It is also recommending to the 2026-2028 Forum Steering Committee that while the National Legislative Seminar scheduled for 2028 continue to be held in-person to preserve its impact with legislators, that a change in schedule and venue be investigated for possible cost savings. Finally, the annual spending plan for the U.S. Forum Steering Committee will be reduced while striving to maintain the programs, publications, and services currently provided to members.

Secondly, we have discussed ways to try to increase revenue to the Forum. Specifically, it is recommended that the Steering Committee promote merchandise sales begun in this biennium of U.S. Forum logo wear and supplies, such as the postcards used for advocacy campaigns. The current Steering Committee is also recommending that a proposal be made to the International Finance Committee to increase the annual allocation received from international dues. (The current amount is \$0.23 per U.S. member.)

The third strategy which has been discussed is to try to reduce the debt by obtaining voluntary contributions from our members. Every U.S. DKG member is a member of the U.S. Forum. As of April 2026, that totaled 44,343 members. Even a \$1.00 contribution from each member would not only wipe out the debt but would create a safety net or reserve fund to insure against any similar cost overrides in the future.

We are asking each state president to discuss the U.S. Forum financial situation with her Board and to ask chapters and members to consider making a voluntary contribution to the U.S. Forum. **Contribution checks may be mailed the U.S. Forum treasurer, Linda McCrary at P.O. Box 375, Red Boiling Springs, TN 37150.**

Questions about the debt and proposed avenues for resolving it may be directed to the current Steering Committee chair. Thank you for your support in this unwelcome endeavor.

Sincerely,

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