

First Vice President and EEC Report for 2025-2026

Co-First Vice Presidents and EEC chairs, Connie Higgs and Karen Stear started the 2025-2027 Biennium off with a bang by attending State Officer Leadership Training in July in New Orleans, LA. Connie attended Presidents' Training for Idaho and Karen attended First Vice Presidents' Training. Then they attended International Conference following training.

In August, we began planning for chapter visits with ISO Presidents, and connecting with our committee chairs, providing information, job descriptions, and program guidance. We connected with all chapter First Vice Presidents and Educational Excellence Committee members through regular emails.

We submitted an Alpha Nus article for each of the four editions through the year, which were published by Sally Glasgow, Alpha Nus Editor. Committee chairs were encouraged to submit at least one article during the year, according to committee policies.

All state chapters submitted their annual chapter program books to us for review. We read, responded, and recognized each chapter for specific components of their books.

It was very interesting to see the various and often stellar ways our ISO DKG Sisters are working together to promote the purposes of DKG in their local chapters and communities.

Together, we visited a three-chapter Chi, Eta, and Kappa combined meeting on November 8, 2025, to present the "Garden of Roses" purposeful recruiting program. We were so warmly welcomed and enjoyed wonderful fellowship with the 39 members who joined together in Caldwell for this event.

Your Co-First Vice Presidents attended the Spring Luncheon of the Boise Area chapters, Alpha, Omicron, and Phi, and presented the "Garden of Roses" purposeful recruiting program to the 54 members in attendance, as well as providing updates on our UNICEF and GIRLS Fund programs.

We attended the meetings of the DKG International EEC via Zoom and were able to share information gained with our ISO sisters through our program presentations and the articles in Alpha Nus. We also attended each of the four executive board meetings with ISO officers during the year.

Currently, we are planning our First Vice President Officer Training session to be held on Tuesday evening, June 9, 2026 in Ketchum at the 2026 Idaho State Convention. We hope to see all newly installed officers (or a representative) at convention. This is a great opportunity to find out just exactly what that officer position entails and make connections with ISO DKG sisters, who can help new officers manage their positions well. If newly installed officers have previously held this post, there are

always new ideas and changes to learn about. Reconnection strengthens chapter and state leadership and growth, too.

Respectfully submitted, Connie Higgs and Karen Stear