



TO: Lambda State Chapter Legislation Chairs  
FROM: Lou Ann Jacobs, Legislation Committee  
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Thank you for serving as Legislative Chair for your Lambda State Chapter. I look forward to working with you this year. Please feel free to contact any of our committee members listed in this letter with your suggestions and concerns. Our committee met on August 5, 2011 to establish goals and plan activities for the upcoming year.

Mark your calendar now for the upcoming **Lambda State Legislative** seminar which is scheduled for **Saturday, November 5, 2011**, from 10 a.m.-3:00 p.m. in Springfield, IL, at the Springfield Public Library. This event is for all members. As legislative chairs please consider this part of your duty to attend to keep your members informed. Cost is \$28.00 to cover coffee, tea and rolls in the morning, lunch, and all materials. Make checks payable to Lambda State, DKG. The registration form is on the Lambda State Web site. So, make this the social event of the season and load up a van full of your DKG sisters. (The seminar will end in time for you to tour Lincoln's home just a block away.)

We will continue to utilize [www.deltakappagamma.org/IL](http://www.deltakappagamma.org/IL) to disseminate legislative information. You can also get the Web sites for federal and state government and organizations that track our issues. When key issues arise, talking points will be on the Web site to help you when you contact your legislators. Check the site often for the latest information. The Legislation Committee has divided the list of chapter chairs and will be your personal contact to this committee. If there is any information that cannot wait for inclusion on the Web site, your committee contact will e-mail you with the details.

Please let your Legislation Committee member know of any e-mail changes so that you will continue to receive messages. I would suggest that if your chapter does not have a membership e-mail list for distribution of messages between chapter meetings that you help develop one. This could come in very handy if the legislature attempts to "fast track" legislation that impacts education and women's issues.

The forms for the **Legislative Certificates of Appreciation** are now available on the Web site. No legislators were recognized this past year. One legislator was nominated but his sponsorship of the voucher legislation deemed him not acceptable for a certificate. We encourage chapters to consider nominating noteworthy legislators. Members will be able to get guidelines, criteria, and forms for the Certificates of Appreciation at the Lambda State Web page. Nominators should fill out the application themselves--they **should not** be sent to the nominee to be filled out. Voting records can be accessed by going to the Illinois General Assembly Web site on the Lambda State Legislative Committee site, or by calling the legislator's office and talking with a staff member. Please send nominations and supporting evidence via e-mail no later than the deadline of February 1, 2012, to: [ljacobs363@aol.com](mailto:ljacobs363@aol.com)

It is more important than ever to stay informed and respond to legislation at both the state and federal levels. Unfinished business from the spring session of the Illinois General Assembly will be addressed in the Veto Session (Oct. 25-27 and Nov. 8-10) There is still talk about changing state pension plans and

the FY2012 budget may be amended again. It is possible for other issues and bills that were considered finished to suddenly appear on the agenda. Information and action on these issues may become critical with a very short response time.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your chapter's legislative chair.

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