

# *The U. S. Forum Steering Committee*

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## ***U. S. Forum Website***

**<http://www.deltakappagamma.org/US-Forum>**

***Become an Active Member!***

***All U.S. members of  
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
are members of the US Forum!***

***Let Your Opinion Be Heard!***

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**1.866.327.8670**

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***Join in U.S. Forum Programs!***

**Attend Regional Conferences**

**Attend National Conventions**

**The National Legislative Seminar**

**March 14-17, 2010**

**Washington, DC**

**The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International**

***2010-2012***

***Key Women Educators***

***“From Vision to Action:***

***Advancing the Society***

## ***History of The U.S. Forum***

On August 9, 1986, members attending the International Convention of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International approved that a United States Forum be established. An ad hoc committee appointed by the international president studied proposals submitted by the states and in 1988, the US Forum Ad Hoc Committee recommended the U.S. Forum be established with an elected chairman and four elected regional representatives to plan and coordinate the activities of the U.S. Forum for each biennium.

## ***Purpose of the U.S. Forum***

The purpose of the U.S. Forum is to identify and select major educational issues affecting women, children, and education upon which the U.S. members of the Society may take action. At the national, state, and chapter levels, it serves as a viable vehicle through which members may participate in efforts to make the purposes of the Society come to fruition through action.

## ***Mission Statement***

The mission of the U.S. Forum is to serve the interests of members that reflect the purposes and mission of the Society. The emphasis is placed on sharing information and ideas that explore solutions to common problems.

## ***U.S. Forum Action Plan***

- \* Investigate educational issues of expressed concern***
  - \* Survey existing programs and legislation***
    - \* Collect data from states regarding issues***
- \* Compile data for study and national action***

## ***Priority Issues Addressed by The U.S. Forum***

- \* Funding for Education***
- \* National Education Goals***
  - \* Multiculturalism***

*\* Elimination of Discrimination  
Against Women (CEDAW a UN  
treaty not yet ratified by the  
United States)*

*\* Insurance Funding for  
Neurobiological Disorders*

*\* Rights of Children*

*\* Daycare and Pre-School Programs*

*\* Repeal (GPO/WEP) - Social Security  
Fairness Act H.R. 235, S.484*

*\* Pass the Paycheck Fairness Act (H.R.12, S.182)*

### ***Responsibilities of the U.S. Forum Steering Committee***

- 1. To establish consistent communication  
With states regarding issues and  
events by FAX, e-mail, and U.S. mail.**
- 2. To provide information to state liaisons  
on pending legislation pertaining to children, women, and education.**
- 3. To survey states regarding issues  
and advocacy activities and report results to members.**
- 4. To attend and participate in U.S. Forum  
Steering Committee meetings in order to plan and evaluate processes and  
progress of the U.S. Forum.**
- 5. To conduct a National Legislative Seminar in even-numbered years and present  
workshops for key women educators to become advocates of effective legislation  
that impacts education at the local, state and federal levels.**

***REVIEW, RESEARCH, RESPOND***

***2010-2012***

***International President  
Dr. Carolyn J. Rants***