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Why do we need to know about our International Officers in DKG? When we learn about the outstanding qualifications of our leaders, we appreciate the worthwhile association with respected professionals from early childhood to university educators. Delta Kappa Gamma has three distinct organizational levels – international, state, and chapter. In this video, we will learn about our leadership at the highest level. The International Administrative Board includes officers, the Executive Director, regional directors, the immediate past president, members-at-large, area representatives, and the parliamentarian. The International Executive Board consists of officers, regional directors, the immediate past president, members-at-large, and state organization presidents. [100 words]

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Installed during the International Convention in New Orleans, our International Society President for the 2022-24 biennium is Dr. Debbie LeBlanc. Debbie has spent her career as a teacher, principal, and Special Education consultant. She now serves as the Director of Student Services for Benjamin School District #25 in suburban Chicago. Her previous DKG work includes Illinois State Organization President, 2020-22 Northeast Regional Director, and co-chair of the 2021 International Conference in San Antonio, Texas. Connie Rensink from Texas serves as the International First Vice President and currently works as the Director of Global Education for iEARN-USA. Most recently, Connie served as an International Member at Large (2018–2022) and brought Maycie K. Southall’s president’s pin to Becky Sadowski at the Administrative Board meeting in Austin in 2018. Our International Second Vice President is Tennessee’s own Dr. Beverly Hall. After a career as principal of the Wayne County Technology High School, Beverly was the 2019-21 Tennessee State Organization President, chaired the International Finance Committee for the 2018-20 biennium, and was honored in 2022 with the Tennessee State Organization Achievement Award. [147 words]

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In addition to the President, First Vice President, and Second Vice President, the International Administrative Board includes the Executive Director, regional directors, the immediate past president, members-at-large, area representatives, and parliamentarian. The Executive Director, Nita Scott, now lives in Texas but joined Tennessee DKG as a member of Beta Sigma Chapter in West Tennessee. We are still proud to claim Nita as a Tennessean. There are five regional directors: Marie-Antoinette Hubers de Wolf representing Europe; Dr. Theresa Cowan representing the Southeast; Susan Perkins representing the Southwest; Carol Herzog representing the Northeast; and Beverly Mantey Van-Cronkhite representing the Northwest. The Immediate PastInternational President is our own Becky Sadowski who was the third Tennessee member to hold the top DKG leadership position. The two members-at-large are Cynthia Moore and Dr. Barbara Baethe. Area Representatives are Lorna Berlinguette from Canada and Dr. Alejandrina Mata-Segreda from Costa Rica. Finally, Dr. Helen Popovich serves as our international parliamentarian and was the International Achievement Award recipient in 2020. [161 words]

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Members may also apply to serve on international committees, and there are four Tennessee members currently serving on the international level. Dr. Linda Eller who has served as a TNSO officer and Leadership Development Committee Chair evaluates submissions to the Arts and Humanities Jury. Dr. Dorrie Powell, the 2015-17 Tennessee State Organization President, serves as an Editorial Board Member for Society publications. Marsha Brewer, TNSO officer and Beginning Leadership Management Seminar Consultant, is a member of the International Educational Excellence Committee, and Nancy Davis, 2007-2009 TNSO president and state treasurer for 10 years, chairs the elected International Finance Committee. [99 words]

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Tennessee is fortunate to have had three members serve as Society President. Dr. Maycie K. Southall was our first Tennessee State president from 1935 until 1938 then our National Society President from 1938 until 1940. DKG did not become an International Society until 1952 when a state organization was established in British Columbia, Canada. Our second Society President was Dr. Jensi Souders who served from 2010 until 2012. Jensi had been the Tennessee State Organization President from 1995 until 1997 and remains an involved DKG member on the chapter, state, and international levels. As mentioned earlier, Becky Sadowski was the third Tennessean to serve as 2020-22 International Society President. Prior to this office, Becky served as both International Second and First Vice Presidents, chaired the Steering Committee for the 2016 International Convention in Nashville, and served on the Administrative Board as the Southeast Regional Director. She has also generously led the TNSO Advanced Leadership Management Seminars several times to share her DKG knowledge with our future leaders. [167 words]

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So what have we learned about our International Officers? We now know the composition of the International Administrative and Executive Boards as well as the four TNSO members currently serving on International Committees and the three Tennesseans who have served as Society Presidents. Complete the five-question activity for module three: “International Officers” and submit to DKG.member.edu@gmail.com for credit. [58 words]