



## GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR SPRING WORKSHOP

Support the local chapter officers so they will feel knowledgeable, equipped, and supported as they begin the P.E.O. year by:

- Providing updated materials with the latest information available to us
- Identifying key resources and where to find them (online or other reference material)
- Identifying the latest changes in any processes and procedures from Maryland State Chapter and International and keeping changes that resulted from amendments at Convention of International Chapter easily identified in the handouts.

Have the opportunity to come together as a team with the shared goal of providing leadership and guidance to our local chapter members

## CHANGES FROM CONVENTION OF INTERNATIONAL CHAPTER

The annual dues to International Chapter are increased from \$26 to \$36 per active member. Half, \$5, of the increase took effect in 2023-2024 and the remaining \$5 increase will take effect next year, 2024-2025.

The distinction between Resident and Non-Resident Members is removed.

The process to elect officers is streamlined to remove a vote for general consent when there is only one officer nominated for each office.

You have the ability to distribute the minutes by email, if provided for in your chapter bylaws. A draft of the meeting minutes must be reviewed by the president before sending by email or postal service to all chapter members before the next regular or special meeting.

In the Ceremony of Initiation in the Chaplain's part, the wording will be "As a woman thinketh in her heart, so is she."

A Virtual Ceremony of Initiation is allowed.

The Guard no longer has to see that the doors are closed.

## ANNUAL REPORTS

The Annual Reports Process is now electronic, and no paper packet is mailed.

Local chapters will complete their annual report between March 1 and 10. Notification was sent to the chapter President, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer on the afternoon of March 1 that the annual report is available.

Local chapter officers for the next year should not be reported until after your annual report is submitted and must occur after your chapter has completed installation. An online form for reporting local chapter officers will return to the International Website after March 1, 2024.

Reports must be completed, and dues checks postmarked by March 10<sup>th</sup>, though it is extremely helpful for Maryland State Chapter to receive them as early in March as possible.

More detailed information will be covered in the President, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer sessions. If you have any questions, concerns, or need help, contact the Maryland State Treasurer, Secretary or Organizer.

## YEARBOOKS

The Maryland State Bylaws require that you send your chapter yearbook to each of the five state officers. This year you may

- Continue to send a hard copy to the five Maryland State Officers OR
- Send a hard copy to the Maryland State Secretary and send soft copies to the Maryland State President, Vice President, Organizer and Treasurer.
- And reference the **checklist** on the website which lists 12 meetings and the exemplification of initiation.

## OFFICIAL VISITS

The yearly schedule of chapter visits is posted on our P.E.O. Maryland website: <https://peomaryland.org/>

Beginning in the Fall of 2024

- 10 chapters will have an in-person comprehensive Official Visit
- 10 chapters will have a virtual informal Officer Visit
- 10 chapters will have a specialized program based upon their chapter needs.
- 10 chapters will have a year off.

## CONVENTION OF MARYLAND STATE CHAPTER 2024

- Everyone should have received the Call to Convention through their chapter president.
- May 3 & 4th at Turf Valley Resort, Ellicott City.
- Meal reservations deadline is 4/1
- Hotel reservations deadline to receive the preferred rate is 4/1.
- NEW: Chapter Treasurers will fill out a spreadsheet and submit the chapter's registration and meal reservation information electronically.
- Chapter photos wanted for Our Time Together