

New Website Compliance Process Begins: Assurance Forms Due October 31, 2016

Webmasters of all websites currently linked to dkg.org, the international website, have until October 31st to submit the new Form 72, *Society Website Compliance Assurance*. Submission of the form indicates the site has been reviewed and is in compliance with international standards.

A checklist for the standards and Form 72 can be found in the Forms section of dkg.org. Be sure to complete both pages and sign the form. Submit the completed form to compliance@dkg.org to receive the 2016-2018 seal. If a compliance form is not received by the deadline, the site will be unlinked from the international website.

Submit compliance forms for **first-time** websites any time during the biennium. The

DKG Communities: Connect!

One DKG benefit is the members-only social network called **DKG Communities**. This area of the DKG website allows members from all segments of the Society to discuss common issues. For example, two questions that have been discussed in the Communities are *What does your chapter do to help retain new members?* and *How are you publicizing DKG in your communities?* The social network is a great place to post questions and receive wonderful answers!

But the social network is not just for asking DKG questions. In the *DKG Book Club Community* members share reviews; in the *Home Life Community*, members share recipes, do-it-yourself projects, home design, and gardening ideas; and in the *Travels Community*, members share travel experiences and opportunities. Several fledgling groups in the *DKG Collaborative Communities* are dedicated to professional sharing, allowing educators to collaborate on ideas, strategies, research, and best practices in their teaching areas.

Besides participating in groups, members can blog, store resources in a resource library, and upload documents on a wiki. State organizations around the world might want to establish specialized DKG Communities for their particular area. For example, Canada has *DKG in Canada Communities* for their members. If you are interested in starting a Community on a specific topic, contact nitas@dkg.org for your state or local contact.

To access DKG Communities: Sign in to the DKG website with your membership number and username; the default password is available from your chapter or state president. Go to the **Communities** tab. Look for and click the **Communities** tab on the new page, you will be taken **here to join Communities**. On the new page, you will see the communities that interest you and click **subscribe** to any that you are interested in joining. A "Get connected" new

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