We Reached Our Membership Goal for FY 2021!

It must be said that predicting any outcome for this fiscal year was a gamble. We knew that circles were struggling to hold meetings, create programs, and recruit members during the uncertainty of the pandemic. Well, beyond all expectations, we have surpassed our original membership goal of 5,500 paid members. As of the release of this email, our circles have welcomed 6,765 paid members and 43 advisors or honorary members. That is simply amazing, and we cannot thank you enough for your persistence to keep your circle and our organization moving forward during the year. We still have a long way to go to achieve to our ultimate goal of 8,000 new members per year, but with your dedication and leadership, we are certain that we will reach new heights in the coming years.

Thank you!!!

Institutional Membership Fees

Just as an initiate pays a lifetime membership fee to become a member, circles (institutions really) must pay the annual institutional dues to maintain affiliation and be considered active. The institutional membership fee is the only continuing fee we charge. Membership has its obligations as well as its privileges.

The deadline for the FY 2020-21 Institutional Membership Fees is May 31, 2021. Because of the pandemic and the difficulty many circles have had accessing accounts, we have extended the deadline to June 15, 2021. If your circle has not paid the FY 2021 OΔK Institutional Membership Fee ($115), please do so as quickly as possible.

If you do not believe your circle will be able to pay the fees this year because of campus financial or other restrictions, please contact Tim Reed (tim@odk.org, 540-458-5345).

Thank you!
Circle Annual Report for FY 2020-21

The FY 2021 Circle Annual Report form is now open.

The OΔK Policies and Procedures Handbook requires all circles to complete the Circle Annual Report. The Circle Annual Report is not just a formality to give circle advisors more work to do. It is a critical information-gathering tool for the Society.

In FY 2020, we had 127 (48%) of active circles submit an annual report. That was an improvement of 4% over FY 2019, but we should have 100% since the annual report is required. Our goal for FY 2021 is at least 75%.

The deadline for Circle Annual Reports is Wednesday, June 30, 2021

Circle Officer Requirements

The OΔK Policies and Procedures Handbook requires that every circle must have five active officers: circle coordinator, faculty advisor, student president, student vice president, and treasurer. At this time, less than 20% of active circles have all five listed with the National Headquarters. Just under 77% do not have student officers listed at all.

This is a reminder that OΔK is a multi-generational society that requires active engagement from student officers, as well as faculty/staff officers and members. To be a truly successful circle, it must meet the basic minimum standards for officers.

OΔK National Headquarters staff updates the circle page on the national website and the MMS as quickly as possible when officer updates are submitted. Please check the circle directory. If you do not have an officer listed or if the list is incorrect, you should update your leadership. The forms for student officers and circle assistants is different from that for circle coordinators and faculty advisors. Links to the forms can be found below. To qualify for Circle Recognition Awards, all officer updates must be received by June 30, 2021.

Circle Advisors Agreement

Student Officer Update

Summer Hours

We will be open regular hours 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Eastern except for the following days.

- Friday, May 28 - Closed 12:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
- Monday, May 31 - Memorial Day, Closed
- Thursday, June 10 - Staff Retreat, Closed 12:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
- Friday, June 18 - Closed
- Friday, July 2 - Closed
- Monday, July 5 - US Independence Day, Closed
Questions?

For questions or information on anything in the Officer Updates, contact Tim Reed, vice president for membership and operations, tim@odk.org, (540) 458-5345.