



Colorado State Chapter Knit Together in Sisterly Love to Promote Educational Opportunities

"The most wasted of days is one without laughter."
E. E. Cummings



How did May arrive so quickly? Where has this year gone? In some respects, it seemed as though it was the longest in history (being holed up in our homes for so long) and in other respects, it went by so very quickly!

We are putting the final touches on our first ever (and

hopefully ONLY) virtual convention. As there have been SO MANY changes this year, a few of us (me being the main "us") misread the fact that voting delegates to state convention must attend the June 2nd or June 3rd practices. You DO NOT have to attend the practice sessions. Hindsight, they say is 2020, but in this case, it truly makes sense now. International just wants to make sure that those of us who are "running this show" know what it will look like and to work out any "bugs". Thank you all for your understanding in this and look at it this way, you have two free afternoons that you may not have had before!

You, as delegates, however, may view an **"Attendee Training Webinar"** that will be provided the week of May 3-7 on the International Website. It will test your Zoom connectivity and help you understand the process. Here is the link for the above-mentioned training: <https://members.peointernational.org/file/video/12798>. You may also click on this link <https://members.peointernational.org/file/video/12653> to view the practice convention to help you understand how the virtual convention will run. Please take some time as a voting delegate to visit this link and you will feel so much more comfortable with this year's virtual convention.

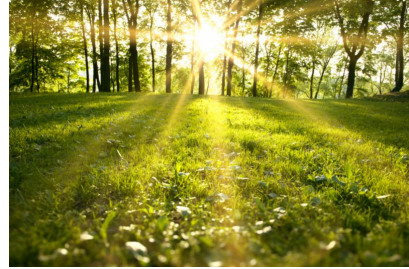
I cannot begin to tell each of my Colorado sisters how very thankful I am for the privilege to have served you these past five years on the Executive Board. Meeting so many of you, I have renewed friendships, met new friends, and have a state full of new sisters to call my own. This has been a wonderful, often fun-filled adventure! What a ride it has been! Thank you all for your love and good wishes and I know that although we have had a most interesting year in P.E.O., we will get through it together.

Thank you to a most amazing group of sisters I have had the fortune to work with these past five years: Dottie Ruth, Jan Kulhanek, L J Van Belkum, Janelle Mendelson,

Lia Christians, Kendy Cusick-Rindone, Paisley Huntoon, Cori Tanner, and Patty Fry. I have learned so very much and I love each of you more than you know. I am forever knit together in sisterly love with these special sisters. Love, Shari

NEWS FROM INTERNATIONAL

A Head's Up! The **Overarching Guidelines for P.E.O. Gatherings** are still in place. The Executive Board of International Chapter (EBIC) continues to review the Overarching Guidelines for P.E.O. Gatherings and reach out for expert advice regarding our COVID-19 pandemic emergency decisions for all our sisters in Canada and the United States.



All P.E.O. meetings and gatherings should follow their local area health authority or government instructions for physical distancing, congregating, and other related actions recommended to reduce the risk of exposure to the virus during in-person events or meetings. A face covering or mask that covers the nose and mouth will be required at all P.E.O. gatherings; a sister medically unable to wear a face covering or mask that covers the nose and mouth may prefer to participate virtually.

Remember that the current modified in-person, virtual and hybrid local chapter meeting procedures are temporary during this COVID-19 pandemic emergency. When restrictions are lifted, these modified meeting procedures will no longer be used. The EBIC is proposing amendments at the upcoming CIC to allow for in-person, virtual and hybrid local chapter meeting formats, along with amendments tied to these formats to the Procedure for P.E.O. Chapter Meeting.



Convention Registration is now OPEN!

Registration is open for P.E.O. Convention of Colorado State Chapter, which will be held online June 4-6, 2021. Convention is free for all attendees, so please attend!

To register, visit <https://cvent.me/0KYn4x> and follow the directions provided on the site. **Registration closes on May 31 at 11:00 a.m.**

This year's convention will follow a different format than previous years, and this affects how you will register. Please keep the following in mind.

- You must have an email address to register--**no exceptions**. It must be unique from other attendees' email addresses.
- You need a Zoom account to attend convention. You can download the software to your computer from <https://zoom.us/download>. If you already have

a Zoom account, please make sure you [update your software before convention](#).

· Everyone who registers through the link above will have access to Friday, June 4 and Sunday, June 6 activities. You will receive links for Friday and Sunday events on May 31 via email.

· If you are a **voting member of convention** (chapter delegate, state committee member, PSP), you will also be asked to sign up for **two additional** Saturday, June 5 sessions as part of the registration process. Once registered through Cvent, you can expect two additional emails with directions for requesting Zoom links from International for Saturday's meetings.

· **You alone are responsible** for keeping track of the links you need to access each part of convention, so **please save your confirmation email(s)** so that you can retrieve the links when they are needed.

· Registration does not include an option for alternate chapter delegates. Alternates, if you would like to attend Friday and Sunday events, please register as an "Active P.E.O. attending convention."

The new convention format has created learning opportunities for all of us.

If you have technical problems or have questions while registering, please reach out to your friendly registration assistant, Clarissa Trapp, at clarissa.trapp@gmail.com.

NEW FACEBOOK PAGE FOR COLORADO P.E.O.'S!

Colorado P.E.O. Facebook Page

By P.E.O. Tech Committee (*Ann Holmes, Bev DeVore-Wedding, and Clarissa Trapp*)



Colorado State Chapter now has a private Facebook group. If you have a Facebook account, you can use the search function to find the group by name, P.E.O. Colorado State Chapter.

As a private group, you will need to request to become a member by answering one question, "What are your Colorado Chapter Letters?" You might receive an invitation from another member, and when you accept the invitation, one of the administrators will accept you as a member.

International P.E.O. has guidelines for chapters, local, and state, for using social media. The short version of rules, shown below, is posted in the group, but there is a two-page social media guideline that you can find on the International website, <https://www.peointernational.org/>.

The main rules and etiquette are as follows:

P.E.O. International encourages members to come prepared to share successes, challenges, provide constructive feedback, bring questions, and provide perspective in all manners related to chapter life. Members must agree to follow the Rules and

Etiquette to ensure the group remains an open space to discuss issues and topics related to P.E.O. chapters.

Promotional messages are not permitted in P.E.O. groups.

- Uphold the P.E.O. brand and our Objects and Aims.
- Do not attack others. The discussions on social media are meant to stimulate conversation not to create contention. Let others have their say, just as you may.
- Do not post commercial messages.
- Group posts should not contain promotional material, special offers, job offers, product announcements or solicitation for services.
- Fundraising posts – please see **Instructions to Officers of Local Chapters Fundraising Policy***.
- All defamatory, abusive, profane, threatening, offensive language or illegal materials are strictly prohibited and will be removed.

*This information is found on International's website, <https://www.peointernational.org/> Rules governing fundraising and circularization will be followed as well. One of my own pet peeves when I find a spelling, grammar, or other writing error is that I will edit my post. You can do this in any of your posts after you have submitted them. There are three little dots (an ellipsis) to the right of your post that clicked on gives you the opportunity to edit or delete your post. I will edit posts from 11 years ago when I catch them! If you are using a handheld device-phone or tablet, you hold your finger on your post and a menu will come up that allows you to edit.



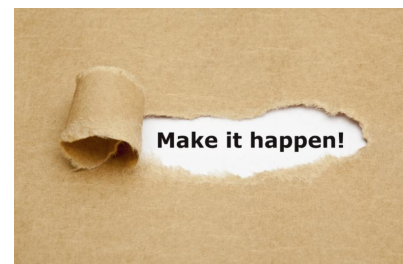
Did you know? Chapter Officer Training's were held on April 15, 16, 21 and 24 virtually (via Zoom) and an in-person training was held on April 30th. There was a total of 603 local chapter officers trained.

We are so thankful for all who participated and thank them for their willingness to take time out of their busy schedules to be trained in their respective office.

Cascading SMARTI Goals –

Goals must be:

- Specific
- Attainable
- Relevant
- Time Bound
- and Inspiring!!



International Chapter has created specific Goals and the Executive Board created Cascading Goals. Local Chapters are encouraged to create their own Cascading Goals.

Leadership, Membership & Philanthropic are the 3 areas of concentration.

Watch for more details during the CSC Convention.

The SMARTI Goal templates will be sent out late June for Chapters to add their Cascading SMARTI Goals.

Think about what your chapter Goals should be!!



Melba has been instrumental in the development of many organizations.. She is the co-founder of the first service club in Montrose known as Altrusa International. She served as area representative of Stonecroft Ministries-Christian

Women's Club, now known as Women's Connection. She organized Good Morning Montrose Breakfast.. Many townspeople would gather to hear community speakers, Melba has supported Missions of all types through the United Methodist Women's Organization, serving on most board positions and past President. Melba has been a devoted member of her family, successful business woman and active volunteer in her community.

Melba was awarded \$1000.00 which she donated to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). Melba Teague has given so much of herself for others.
Congratulations to our Chapter BL Sister



Please do not forget to sign up for the last Q & A with a state officer!

Friday, May 21st at 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 22nd at 10:00 a.m. are the times to “chat” with Colorado State President, Shari Fox.

If you would like to sign up for the Zoom link, please email Shari at: sistersoflove5@gmail.com



Can you guess whose feet belong to whom?



Are you ready to have a Fundraiser? Does your chapter host a Tea or Luncheon? These fundraisers and many others are great ways to Promote P.E.O. Projects and the P.E.O. Sisterhood.

As you plan your event, make sure all you I's are dotted and your T's are crossed. Does your date conflict with Colorado State Convention or Convention of International Chapter? Could

it potentially conflict with a State Workshop? Ask a Board Member!!

Before you begin to advertise your fundraiser, please send your flyer or brochure to the Colorado State Executive Board for approval. International Standing Rule #2 requires approval of the State Executive Board for circularization among members, local chapters, reciprocity groups, P.E.O. Groups, or hostess groups.

· Circularization is defined as the circulation of letters, leaflets or canvassing by any other means (including social media, electronic or verbal communication) to other chapters and/or individual members of other chapters. This Standing Rule also includes social correspondence such as fundraising flyers which is not considered circularization but requires approval.

Fundraising advertising needs to be consistent with the P.E.O. standards. All advertising needs to include the following phrase:

"P.E.O. chapters support the educational and charitable funds of the P.E.O. Sisterhood but are not classified as charitable by the IRS. Therefore, donations to individual chapters do not meet the IRS requirements for a charitable income tax deduction. P.E.O. shall not be liable in any way for any goods and services supplied by third-party vendors or public establishments."

Please send all fundraising advertising flyers to the Executive Board for prior approval. The EB will reply within 3 days. Email to: costatechapter@gmail.com

The Executive Board met for their Spring meeting at the home of Shari Fox. Shari and her husband have sheep and it was lambing season....so, the board decided to take a picture with a baby lamb...You can see Shari holding a baby lamb.



**Knit Together in Sisterly Love,
Shari, Kendy, Paisley, Cori,
and Patty**
