



P.E.O. Colorado State Chapter February 2024 Newsletter



Yearbook Chapter Budget Inclusion

There have been a number of questions about the new requirement to include a budget in your chapter yearbook. Please remember that a budget is a work in progress and can be adjusted to correspond to your chapter receipts and membership. An example of a chapter budget can be found at the following links:

[Sample budget pdf from the International site](#) and one in a [word document](#).

The International site has so many resources, please check there, in your IOLC (Instructions for Officers of Local Chapters) and in your Constitution for answers to commonly asked questions.

Chapter President's Letter to President of State Chapter (Cori Tanner) should be read at your February meeting and uploaded by March 31st.

Chapter Yearbooks should be uploaded by May 1st.

Instructions for uploading are on the state website and can be found here: [What's new page with links for President's Letter and Yearbook Uploads](#).

Remember to install all chapter officers even if remaining in the same office in March - and please give your President her gavel pin when she is installed. We don't make initiates wait for a year for their emblems, they are a sister from the minute they are initiated. Your Chapter President is a President the minute she is installed.

The Ceremony of Initiation

Virtual Ceremony of Initiation

Instructions for a virtual ceremony of Initiation were mailed to Chapter Presidents in January. This is new for all of us. Your State Officers will be going to virtual training on this procedure in February.

If you have questions feel free to reach out to any of your State Officers.



The new P.E.O. International website launch with Single Sign On (SSO) will be unveiled in early February.

Each P.E.O. member needs a valid email address on file with P.E.O. International and a personal password to log in to the site and have access to member protected content.

The website will direct members to set up a password (must be at least 12 characters in length and contain at least one numeric, one alphabetic and one special character) the first time; each user will retain her own private password. (Hint, this should not be a generic password that you use for all your secure sites. A phrase such as "I love to eat bagels for breakfast at 9 am while reciting the Objects and Aims." is easier to remember.)

The executive office will not know member passwords, but a "Forgot Password" feature will be available if you forget or lose your password.

Remember that you will need to update the year at the end of the password for initial entry into International and our state website.

Local Chapter Annual Report Training is Coming Annual Report Online Processing for Local Chapter Presidents, Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary is approaching!

This training is **highly** recommended for smooth online processing.

Training will cover these important steps:

- Report Dues – Treasurer
- Verify Membership Information – Corresponding
 - Review and Approve – President
 - IRS-LC Form

The training video will be available after February 1 on the International Website.

Local chapter presidents, treasurers and corresponding secretaries will receive an email on March 1 notifying them the annual report system is available.

Local chapters complete annual reports, March 1-10

Need a Chapter Membership Roster? Contact Mary Staples,
Colorado State Secretary at PEOmarystaples@gmail.com.

Welcome to our new initiates

C -Colorado Springs Andrea Gubser
C -Colorado Springs Ellianna Gubser
C -Colorado Springs Joan Hershberger
BN -Brighton Lori Fielding
CJ -Longmont Ann Johnson
CU -Denver Nancy Green
DP -Alamosa Rachel Anne Sucharski
DR -Loveland Dona White
DS -Parker Lisa Meek
EG -Fort Morgan Vicki Wiederspan
FJ -Montrose Diane Bash
FT -Colorado Springs Linda Kaminski
GA -Boulder Jane Wheeler
GG -Fort Collins Eszter Vigh
GU -Loveland Pollyann Leech
HK -Gunnison Collette Perusek
HK -Gunnison Michelle Zadra
HM -Aurora Cindy Stoeber
JB -Monument Rebecca Heinz
JJ -Rifle Christina Maness
JK -Evergreen Lucille Razzano

Welcome to our out of state transfers

DO\CO-Denver Lisa G Jackson from GT\TX
FJ\CO-Montrose Lucretia Sprowell from EV\FL
FP\CO-Wheat Ridge Susan Howard from L\WI
HZ\CO-Estes Park MaryKay Gillam from DC\FL

Are you passionate about our P.E.O. projects?

Would you like to be involved with other Colorado P.E.O.s who share your passion?

Have you considered volunteering to be on a state committee?

Now is your opportunity to share your passion, your interest, your time and talent.

Each year, one member from of each of our state committees rotates off their committee and a new committee member is appointed. This year we are looking for **seventeen** (17) Colorado P.E.O. sisters who would like the opportunity to serve our State Chapter by serving on a state committee.

Are **YOU** that sister?

Which committee are you most interested in?

Is it one of the International Project committees – ELF, IPS, PCE, PSA or STAR? What about our State Project Committees – Colorado State Scholarship or the Colorado Cottey Scholarship?

Other committees include the Marguerite Fund and Chapter House Trustees.

The application and complete list of all committees can be found here: [Application](#)

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please feel free to contact Patty Fry, Vice President

email: patty_peo@yahoo.com or call: 970-390-8398



Will you be a new chapter officer or one that has served before?

Thank you for your willingness to serve your chapter.

You are a Wonder Woman!!

Whether you are a new officer or one who has served for a while, these workshops should be very informative.

This year we will have two in-person meetings and three that are virtual.

Put one or more onto your calendars and RSVP in March.

April 5 1:30-3:30pm LINC library - 501 8th Ave, Greeley

April 11 5:30-7:00pm Zoom

April 13 1:30-3:00pm Phillip & Jerry Miller Library, 100 S Wilcox, Castle Rock

April 16 5:30-7:00pm Zoom

April 24 5:30-7:00pm Zoom

Links to sign up will be available in our March newsletter.

Join us!

Kathy Pirie, State Organizer

Exemplary P.E.O. of Colorado 2024

Last year, the Colorado State Executive Board had a Leadership Goal to recognize P.E.O. sisters who exemplified our Objects and Aims in their communities. It was such a success that we're doing it again.

Three of the nominees will receive free registration to the 2024 State Convention of Colorado where they will be recognized. Talk with your chapter sisters and nominate the sister who best exemplifies our Objects & Aims, in your chapter, your community... within the state of Colorado.

- The candidate must be an active P.E.O. in Colorado.
- She should be nominated by a local Colorado P.E.O. chapter.
- Nominations should be emailed to costatechapter@gmail.com no later than **March 15, 2024**.
- The nomination must include the following information:
 - o Nominating chapter letters/city
 - o Nominating chapter contact information
 - o Name of nominee
 - o Nominee's mailing address
 - o Nominee's phone number
 - o Nominee's email address
- Please answer the following questions about your nominee.
 - o How is your nominee active in the community?
 - o Is she active with another non-profit organization?
 - o If yes, in a paid or unpaid capacity? What is her role?
 - o How long has she been involved in this way?
 - o What part of our Objects & Aims does your nominee exemplify?
 - o Why did your chapter choose to nominate this sister?

All applications become the property of Colorado State Executive Board.



As seen on Facebook some of our Founder's Day celebrations.

Above: V & HQ Celebration

Near Above: Mountain Area Celebration

Below: IB & FU Celebration

Far Below: Arapahoe Douglas Reciprocity Celebration

Check out our Facebook page for so many fun photos and see how we share our sisterhood!





Mark your calendars!

You're Invited to a

Recruiting and Finding P.E.O. Project Recipients Workshop

Save the date

Saturday, February 17, 2024 at 10:30am

**We are having a workshop for all chapter members.
The presenters are sisters with great success at
recruiting and finding Project recipients.**

**Hear tips and techniques that will increase your
chapter's recipient sponsorships.
And, there will be question and answer session
with the Project Committees.**

You won't want to miss this workshop.

Here's the Zoom link

**[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89833326016?
pwd=bGQ4SnVKVWZS0C9Ya3dVbDhxSHFkQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89833326016?pwd=bGQ4SnVKVWZS0C9Ya3dVbDhxSHFkQT09)**

Meeting ID

898 3332 6016

Passcode167516

Your Colorado State Executive Board worked hard at our January board meeting and practiced walking up and down steps in preparation for convention.

R-L: Cori Tanner President, Patty Fry Vice President, Kathy Pirie Organizer, Mary Kay Tomlinson Treasurer and Mary Staples Secretary.



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