

DKG Convention amends by-laws



DKG members attending the July 2018 International DKG Convention in Austin, Texas considered 79 Proposed Amendments to the International Constitution and 43 Proposed Amendments to the International Standing Rules. Of this number, 96 Amendments were adopted.

The following are a few highlights that affect us at the Chapter level:

- * The Society name remains the same: Delta Kappa Gamma or DKG.
- * Membership remains by “*invitation*,” not application. “An individual becomes a member when her dues are paid.”
- * A candidate for active membership shall be selected by the method established by the chapter’s rules.
- * “*Initiation*” was changed to “*Induction*,” a more professional term.
- * Candidates for active membership are selected by the method established by the Chapter.
- * Chapters may vote electronically.
- * The membership and fiscal years will be July 1 to June 30. In 2018-2019, dues will be collected in the fall as usual. In 2019-2020 dues will be collected in June and due to State Treasurer July 1st. This will allow Chapters and the State an accurate income projection on which to develop their budgets. It is important to note that this is two separate dues years. Currently members have had 4 months of benefits of membership prior to dues payment.
- * For membership or reinstatement commencing between July 1 and December 31, the member shall pay induction fee (new member only), dues, and scholarship fee for the current year. For membership commencing on or after January 1, the member shall pay one-half the international membership dues. Chapter and state organization dues may be pro-rated as the chapter/ state organization determines.
- * A member who fails to complete payment of international dues shall be dropped as of October 1. The chapter shall record in the chapter minutes the names of members terminated, including the reason and date of termination.
- * The International portion of induction fees was eliminated. The Chapter keeps \$7.00 and sends the State \$2.50.
- * The International portion of the scholarship fees was eliminated. If a Chapter has a Scholarship Fund, 80% is to be retained by Chapter. If the Chapter does not have a Scholarship Fund, 100% of the scholarship fee is sent to the State.
- * Regular meetings of chapters shall be held at least four (4) times per year.
- * All members being notified, chapter meetings may be face-to-face, through electronic communications, or through a combination of the two, as long as members present may simultaneously hear one another and participate during the meeting.
- * All members being notified, matters requiring immediate chapter action may be voted upon by mail (postal or electronic) that provides a valid receipt of each responding chapter member’s vote. A majority vote of chapter members shall be required for action.
- * Ratification of all voting by mail (postal or electronic) must be made at the next face-to-face meeting of the chapter. There shall be no proxy voting.
- * State Organizations will now be named by geographic region e.g., ‘New York’, not ‘Pi’ State.
- * A new classification for membership is “*Collegiate*.” This membership is open to graduate and undergraduate education students in approved colleges or universities who meet specific qualifications. Dues will be \$20.00 to International. Collegiate Members cannot hold Chapter or State offices.

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