

New Rules Affecting Members and Chapters

Items noted from 2010 International Convention

Constitution Article/Section/#	ISR #	New Rule	Implication
III.B.1 Membership		An active member shall be a woman who is employed as a professional educator or has been retired from an educational position. An active member shall participate in the activities of the Society.	Chapters continue to have full authority when deciding whom to invite to membership. The new rule includes no requirement for amount of service as a professional educator in advance of the invitation, nor does it eliminate retired educators from the pool of eligible candidates.
III.B.2.b Membership		A reserve member, so requesting, shall be restored to active membership.	Once an educator is initiated, the only membership related vote that is taken for her is one granting reserve status. "Restore to Membership," Restore to Active Membership," Reinstatement to Membership," and "Transfer to Another Chapter" are clerical actions completed at the request of the member.
III.F. Membership		A former member shall be reinstated to membership by the chapter receiving the request.	An educator who allowed her membership to be terminated (due to non-payment of dues or resignation) may be reinstated to membership by contacting a chapter and paying current dues and fees. The chapter treasurer processes the reinstatement. No chapter vote is taken.
II.C. Vision		Section C. Vision Statement Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide.	A succinct statement expressing who we are as members and what we do as an organization. Use on all chapter communications to members and to the public.
	1.02 Name	The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International may also be known as the Society, Delta Kappa Gamma, ΔΚΓ, or DKG.	Delta Kappa Gamma may be known as DKG . Each member, chapter and state organization will decide its preference.
	1.16 Pin Etiquette	The official jewelry may be worn on a ribbon or other manner as desired by the member.	Members are expected to wear Society jewelry in ways that demonstrate the respect and honor they have for their membership.
VI.B.3 Meetings		Chapter personnel, all of whom must be members of the Society, shall be defined in the chapter rules. It is desired that the appointed parliamentarian be a member.	Chapters with need for a specially trained parliamentarian may utilize the service of a non-member who has the desired skills.
IX.A.2.c Meetings		The chapter executive board may meet through electronic communication as long as all the members may simultaneously hear one another and participate during the meeting.	The rule defines the requirement for an "electronic meeting." Simultaneously hearing one another and the ability to respond is a must.
	9.11 Meetings	Regular meetings are meetings where chapter business is conducted.	Chapters are required to hold at least four regular meetings annually. Business is to be conducted at each of these meetings. If no business is conducted, the meeting does not count as one of the four. Chapters may hold as many additional meetings as desired.

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VIII.A.2.b Program of Work		State organization and chapters may fulfill their constitutional responsibilities by establishing committees as needed.	Each chapter decides how it will organize in order to accomplish its constitutional responsibilities. Establishment of committees to do the work is one such choice.
XIII.B.5.a Scholarships/Grants		The Society offers up to twenty-nine (29) annual international scholarships for graduate study:	Members applying for international scholarships may pursue any field of graduate study.
13.62.b-c Scholarships/Grants		The applicant is required to: b. have completed a bachelor's degree or c. be accepted and enrolled in a graduate program of a nationally accredited institution of higher education, preferably pursuing a doctoral degree;	International scholarships may be granted for pursuing a first masters.
XIII.C.2.a Scholarships/Grants and Money Matters		The term <i>grant-in-aid</i> shall represent the general category of awards granted by state organizations and chapters that are supported by funds other than the scholarship fee.	This recognizes the use of the term <i>grant-in-aid</i> for monies awarded to non-members and for monies awarded to members for purposes other than academic scholarships. State and chapter fees collected for scholarships to members cannot be disbursed for grants.*
VI.C.9.a.(3) Money Matters		The chapter treasurer shall maintain a record of receipts, bills, and bank statements;	New rule clarifies the financial records chapters are to keep.
IV.A.1 Money Matters		International Dues shall be an amount recommended by the Executive Board and approved by the international convention.	Although the Executive Board recommends the amount of international dues, only members attending the international convention can approve the amount. The amount approved by the convention can be the same as recommended by the Executive Board or less, but not greater.
4.11 Money Matters		International active dues shall be U.S. Forty and No/100 Dollars (\$40.00) and international reserve dues shall be U.S. Twenty and No/100 Dollars (\$20.00). Beginning in 2012 international active and international reserve dues may be adjusted each biennium based on the United States of America Social Security Administration's Cost Of Living Adjustment (COLA) average for the previous two (2) years, rounded up to the nearest whole dollar.	Recommendations for international dues increases, beginning in 2010, will be based on COLA. The increase is not automatic. The convention body must agree to any raise of the dues.
4.12 Money Matters		The amount of international dues shall be set biennially by the executive board and approved by the convention.	Amount of international dues will be considered each biennium. The maximum recommended increase couldn't exceed COLA. The amount adopted may be equal to that amount or less. The amount cannot be greater.
4.41 Money Matters		Chapter members may vote to pay an amount in addition to dues and fees for the support of a chapter or state organization project.	A chapter cannot be assessed by another level of the Society. Only the chapter can assess itself to support projects of its choice. Agreement to financially support chapter or state organization projects should be recorded in chapter minutes.

* Statement developed by MI Strategic Planning Committee.