

RECENT INTERNATIONAL CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT CHANGES

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- Added Arts and Humanities Jury as a standing committee under Society Mission and Purposes with four appointed members.
- Expansion Committee, responsible for establishing state organization(s) in new countries, merged into Membership and Expansion Committee composed of six members and a chair. The committee is to assist state organizations with membership growth and expansion of chapters and assist with expansion into other countries when requested by the Administrative Board.
- The Golden Gift Fund Committee was reassigned to Leadership Development Committee and will administer a Leadership Management Seminar as well as promote leadership at all levels of the Society.
- The Scholarship Committee offers 30 named scholarships based on available funding. The names of the scholarships and their criteria are listed in Guidelines and Policies/Procedures (GAPP).
- Name of Nominations Committee changed to Nominating Committee to conform to Roberts Rules of Order.
- Proposal to include U.S. Forum chairman and regional representatives and Europe Forum chair in the nominee and election process with other nominees failed.
- The Delta Kappa Gamma Society Educational Foundation Enabling Act was deleted from the Constitution.
- Modification made to wording of collegiate membership as Europeans do not refer to undergraduate or graduate levels of schooling.
- Reserve membership shall be granted only to a member who is unable to participate fully in the activities of the chapter because of medical disability, geographic location, and/or no technological connection/skill.
- A new member no longer pays an induction fee.
- New members become members when dues are paid: July 1 - December 31 pay full International dues; January 1 - March 31 pay half dues; April 1 - June 30 pay full International dues for the ensuing year. Reinstated members pay full annual International dues whenever reinstated. Chapter and state organization dues may be pro-rated as chapter/state organization determines.

(These are just a few of the recent changes made at the DKG International Convention. A more in depth article will be provided by the OSO Bylaws/Standing Rules Committee in a future issue.)