

**Approved Amendments at the 2024 DKG International Convention  
That Most Directly Affect Chapters and State Organizations**

The 2024 international convention adopted many of the amendments listed in March/April issue the *DKG NEWS* located on the DKG Website under the Publications tab. The following table gives the adopted wording of those rules that are most likely to affect state organization bylaws or chapter rules.

| Article or ISR                       | New Wording   | Affects SO Bylaws | Affects Chapter Rules |
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| Article 1 A (PA 62)                  | The official name of this international organization shall be The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, hereinafter also referred to as the Society. The Society shall also be known as DKG Society International.   | X                 | X                     |
| ISR 1.0 (PA 63)                      | The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International may also be known as Delta Kappa Gamma or DKG. (Delete Greek letters.)  | X                 | X                     |
| Article II, D.5 (PA 66)              | To endow awards to aid members in pursuing personal and professional growth and to provide grants to non-member educators.  | X                 | X                     |
| Article II, D. 6 (PA 67)             | To stimulate the personal and professional development of members and to encourage their participation in relevant programs of action; and  | X                 | X                     |
| Article II D.7 (PA 68)               | To inform the members of current economic, social, political, and educational issues so that they may participate effectively to support a sustainable world society.   | X                 | X                     |
| ISR.3.43 (PA 16)                     | A woman's years of membership as a collegiate member will be counted toward the membership requirements for any state organization or international scholarships.   | X                 | X                     |
| Article IV B.1 (PA 70)               | <b>1. Scholarship Fee</b><br>a. State organization scholarship fees, if any, will be paid as determined in accordance with state organization bylaws.<br>b. Chapter scholarship fees, if any, will be paid as determined in accordance with the rules set by the chapter.   | X                 | X                     |
| ISR 4.21                             | Delete  | X                 | X                     |
| Article VI A. 2,3, C.1-3 (PAs 29-32) | <b>2. State organization officers, all of whom must be members of the Society, shall be a president (or co-president), a vice president, a secretary (all elected), a treasurer (selected by the executive board), plus the option of a second vice president and/or corresponding secretary (both elected). In case of co-</b> | X                 | X                     |

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|  | <p>presidents, one shall be the designated representative of the state organization for international activities.</p> <p>3. Chapter officers, all of whom must be members of the Society, shall be a president (or co-president, a vice president, a secretary (all elected,) a treasurer (selected by the executive board). plus the option of a second vice president or a corresponding secretary (both elected).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Under Section C. Duties after 1.a The President (or co-president) shall...</li> <li>• ISR 6.03 Delete</li> </ul> |   |   |
| Article IX (PA 43)                       | All meetings of every level of DKG may be held in person, or through electronic communication, or both ways, as long as all the members may simultaneously engage in the meeting or business as determined by their situational needs.   | X | X |
| Article X B.5.b (PA 45)                  | The state organization president or her official designee shall cast a vote for the state organization, one (1) vote for each five (5) active, reserve, and collegiate members or major fraction thereof within the state organization. The vote may be divided.   |   | X |
| Article XII E.1 (PA 51)                  | <p>1. The Society at all levels may establish and maintain various types of electronic communications to facilitate meetings and to communicate with members.</p> <p>2. (From ISR 12.82) State organizations and chapters that establish methods of electronic communications are encouraged to adhere to the <i>International Policy for Use of Electronic Communications</i> shall be reviewed annually by the Administrative Board. Proposed changes shall be submitted to the International Executive Board for approval.</p>  | X | X |
| Article XX (New Ethics Statement (PA 94) | <p><b>Section A. DKG Position Statement on Ethics</b><br/>The DKG Society International will maintain an ethics policy to uphold their values, maintain trust, make ethical decisions, and foster a culture of integrity. It is an essential component of effective governance for a responsible reputation.</p> <p><b>Section B. Ethics Policy and Violation</b><br/>1. An ethics policy sets clear expectations for behavior within the organization. It defines acceptable and unacceptable conduct and establishes a process for holding individuals</p>                       | X | X |

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|  | <p>accountable for unethical actions. An ethics policy serves as a public statement of the organization's commitment to ethical behavior.</p> <p>2. The Administrative Board should adopt and communicate to members policy and procedures to report misconduct and unethical behavior, including the opportunity to report anonymously. The policy should include the process for reporting an ethical violation, investigating the violation, taking action, and administering reparation and/or apologies if warranted.</p> <p>3. A person determined responsible for violating the adopted rules or ethical policies of the Society may be removed from any international elected or appointed position by the Administrative Board.</p> |  |  |
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There are some amendments that affect state organizations, chapters, and individual members, but do not require amendments to SO Bylaws or chapter rules.

- PAs1-15 Category I were consent items, adopted, and moved to GAPP (Guidelines and Policies/Procedures). PA 17 was withdrawn. These guidelines, policies, and procedures remain in force unless amended by the Executive Board.
- PAs16-61 Category II all consent items, adopted.
- PAs 62-94 Category III proposed amendments were debatable. Listed below are those adopted amendments that have some significance to states and chapters.

PA 26-Article V 6.a. Regions: (1) The state organizations shall be formed into regions for the purposes of rendering better service to the membership.

PA 28-ISR 5.21 Membership of a new state organization should have a diverse representation of the respective geographic area and educational experience.

PA 81- ISR 8.7 modifies the qualifications for international nominees.

PA 7 moves 8.72 to GAPP.

PA 93-Article XVI, Section D clarifies how chapters and state organizations recommend amendments to GAPP.