

## **Approved BYLAWS Changes on April 26, 2025**

### **1. To Amend BYLAWS Title which reads**

**BYLAWS**

**of NEW YORK STATE ORGANIZATION**

**~~of THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY~~**

**INTERNATIONAL**

**~~April 29, 2023~~**

**By striking: of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International**

**April 29, 2023**

**To Read:**

**BYLAWS**

**of NEW YORK STATE ORGANIZATION/**

**DKG Society International**

**April 26, 2025**

*Rationale: These changes are in compliance with Constitution Article I.A and International Standing Rule 1.0 at the International Constitutional 2024 Convention.*

### **2. To Amend BYLAWS Article I.A, Name which reads**

**The name of this organization shall be NYSO, of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, hereinafter known as NYSO DKG.**

**By striking: of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International**

**To Read:**

The name of this organization shall be NYSO/DKG Society

International, hereinafter known as NYSO DKG.

*Rationale: This change is in compliance Constitution Article I.A and ISR 1.0 with changes made at the International Constitutional 2024 Convention.*

### **3. To Amend BYLAWS Article II, OBJECT which reads**

The object of NYSO DKG shall be to:

1. Promote the purposes of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International as found in the CONSTITUTION (current edition), Article II.

2. Act as liaison between chapters and the International Organization.

**To Read:**

1. Promote the purposes of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International as found in the CONSTITUTION (current edition), Article II.
2. Act as liaison between chapters and the International Organization.
3. To endow awards to aid members in pursuing personal and professional growth and to provide grants to non-member educators.
4. To stimulate the personal and professional development of members and to encourage their participation in relevant programs of action; and
5. To inform the members of current economic, social, political, and educational issues so that they may participate effectively to support a sustainable world society.

*Rationale: This change is in compliance with Constitution Article II.D. 5-7 with changes made at the International Constitutional 2024 Convention.*

**4. To Amend BYLAW, Article III, Section C, 2 which reads**

Reserve membership shall be granted only to a member who is unable to participate fully in the activities of the chapter because of disability, geographic location and/or no technological connection/skill.

**To Read:**

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.

*Rationale: Compliance directed by International Bylaws and Rules Committee.*

**5. To Amend ARTICLE IV.A.2 Annual Dues and Fees which reads**

3. All dues and ~~scholarship fees~~ shall be collected by the chapter treasurer. International dues shall be paid through the dues portal on the International website. State dues and fees shall be forwarded to the state treasurer along with the information regarding members who were dropped for non-payment of dues and fees.

**To Read:**

3. New members shall become members when dues are paid. New members who join between July 1 and December 31 shall pay full International, state and chapter dues for the current fiscal year. New members who join between January 1 and March 31 shall pay half International and half state dues. New members joining between April 1 and June 30 shall pay full International and state dues for the ensuing year. Reinstated members shall pay full International and state annual dues whenever reinstated.
4. All dues, and chapter scholarship fees shall be collected by the chapter treasurer. International dues shall be paid through the dues portal on the International website. State dues shall be forwarded to the state treasurer along with the information regarding members who were dropped for non-payment of dues and fees.

*Rationale: This change was directed by the International Constitution and Standing Rules Committee.*

**6. To Amend BYLAWS, Article V, Section C which reads**

NYSO DKG is composed of ~~ten~~ areas, namely ~~Northwestern~~ ~~Southwestern~~, West Central, East Central, South Central, North Central, Northern, Capital, Eastern and Southeastern.

**To Read:** Areas

NYSO DKG is composed of **nine** areas, namely **Western**, West Central, East Central, South Central, North Central, Northern, Capital, Eastern and Southeastern.

*Rationale: The two areas are, and have been for awhile, working as a single area.*

**7.To Amend ARTICLE VI. A, OFFICERS AND RELATED PERSONNEL which reads**

1. All officers must be members of the Society.
2. The State elected officers shall be a president, a first vice-president, a second vice-president, and a secretary.
3. An executive secretary and a treasurer shall be selected by the Executive Board from the recommendation of the Personnel Committee.
4. The state officers shall serve in an advisory capacity to the State President.
5. Meetings shall be called at the discretion of the State

**To Read:**

1. All officers must be members of the Society.
2. The State elected officers shall be a president (or co-president), a first vice-president, a second vice-president, and a secretary.
3. In case of co-president, one shall be the designated representative of the state organization for international activities.
4. An executive secretary and a treasurer shall be selected by the Executive Board from the recommendation of the Personnel Committee.
5. The state officers shall serve in an advisory capacity to the State President (co-president).
6. Meetings shall be called at the discretion of the State President, who is the designated representative for international activities.

*Rationale: This change is in compliance with Constitution Article VI.A.2,3, C.1-3 with changes made at the International Constitutional 2024 Convention.*

## **8.To Amend BYLAWS Article VII, MEETINGS by adding**

### Section A

All Meetings of every level of DKG may be held in person, or through electronic communication, or both ways, as long as all members may simultaneously engage in the meeting or business as determined by their situational needs.

*Rationale: This change is in compliance with Constitution Article IX with changes made to Article IX at the International Constitutional 2024 Convention.*

## **9.To Amend BYLAWS, Article IX, Section C. 2.b.8 which reads**

~~The committee shall present a training session for the incoming chapter Educational Excellence chairs at the first Fall Seminar of the chapter biennium.~~

**To Read: delete**

*Rationale: The EEC feels that this is obsolete. Most chapters do not have a designated EEC Chair. Our NYSO DKG EEC can accomplish our goals of helping chapters choose informative programs and keeping them updated on international themes by presenting timely workshops for professional growth, personal growth, and legislative issues, Pi Lights articles and sending them any newsletters from International EEC that also suggest topics of interest.*

## **10.To Insert a new Article XI, Code of Ethics:**

**To Read:**

### Article XI

#### Code of Ethics

The actions of DKG members/leaders convey the honor of a leadership position. Following the DKG Code of Ethics will sustain our reputation as leading women educators impacting education worldwide.

1. Impartiality: Members will avoid conflicts of interest that interfere with the exercise of professional discretion and impartial judgement.

2. Honesty: Members will create and maintain a foundation of honesty, trust, and integrity in all deliberations.
3. Confidentiality: Members will honor confidentiality and will protect all information obtained during the course of service to the Society.
4. Respect: Members will respect individuals and their ideas through the lens of equity and impartiality without favoritism or discrimination.
5. All DKG leaders will know the Code of Conduct at the beginning of their service.
6. This code will be recognized at both the Chapter and State levels of DKG/NYSO.

*Rationale: This change is in compliance with Constitution Article XX with changes made to Article XX at the International Constitutional 2024 Convention.*

wording changes and to update the Table of Contents as is deemed necessary for clarity and ease-of-use.

## **Approved Standing Rule Changes April 26, 2025**

1. **To Amend Standing Rules Title which reads**  
**Standing Rules**  
**of NEW YORK STATE ORGANIZATION**  
**~~of THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY~~**  
**~~INTERNATIONAL~~**  
**~~April 29, 2023~~**

**To Read:**

**Standing Rules**  
**of NEW YORK STATE ORGANIZATION/**  
**DKG Society International**  
**April 26, 2025**

*Rationale: These changes are in compliance with Constitution Article I.A and International Standing Rule 1.0 with changes made at the International Constitutional 2024 Convention.*

## **2.To Amend Standing Rule Section 1, Membership, 1.01**

### **To Read:**

Each chapter president shall include reorientation for members during year one of her biennium. GUIDELINES FOR CHAPTER LEADERS (current edition)

*Rationale: This was directed by the International Bylaws and Rules Committee.*

## **3.To Amend Standing Rule Section 1, Membership, 1.11**

### **To Read:**

The chair of the NYSO DKG Membership Committee shall request written nominations from the chapters by October 15. GUIDELINES FOR CHAPTER LEADERS (current edition)

*Rationale: This is directed by the International Bylaws and Rules Committee.*

## **4.To Amend Standing Rule Section 4, Areas, 4.01**

### **To Read:**

NYSO DKG is divided into **nine (9)** Areas which include the chapters as determined by the Executive Board.

*Rationale: The two areas are, and have been for a while, working as a single area.*

## **5.To Amend Standing Rule Section 5, Officers and Related Personnel**

### **By Adding:**

5.1 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.

*Rationale: This change is in compliance with Constitution Article X.B.5.b with changes made at the International Constitutional 2024 Convention. Standing Rules 5.14-5.19 will be renumbered as 5.15-5.20.*

## **6.To Amend Standing Rule Section 6, Meetings 6.22**

### **To Read:**

NYSO DKG funds not to exceed **twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2500)** shall be gifted to the hostess chapter(s) or area council upon request to the NYSO DKG Treasurer. This money is to be used to offset the cost of convention registration for attending members.

*Rationale: The sum has not been increased in many years, and inflation has increased costs for all areas of the event. It would also defray some of the amount charged to individuals who attend the convention and may encourage attendance at the event.*

### **7.To Amend Standing Rule Section 8, Committees, 8.03**

#### **To Read:**

Reports of work accomplished will be prepared in the format specified by Society Headquarters.

*Rationale: This is directed by the International Bylaws and Rules Committee.*

### **8.To Amend Standing Rule Section 8, Committees, 8.22**

#### **To Read:**

The term of office is four years; five members to be elected every two years. (Capital, Eastern, North Central, Northern and South Central Area representatives 4-year terms start in 1997 and East Central, Southeastern, **Western** and West Central Area representatives 4-year terms start in 1999.) A member shall serve no more than two consecutive terms.

*Rationale: The two areas are, and have been for a while, working as a single area.*

### **9.To Amend Standing Rule 9, Scholarships**

#### **By Adding:**

9.12 A woman's years of membership as a collegiate member will be counted toward the membership requirements for any state organization or international scholarships.



*Rationale: The change is in compliance with International Standing Rule 3.43 with changes made at the International Constitutional 2024 Convention.*

### **10.To Amend Standing Rule Section 9, Scholarships, 9.12**

#### **By Striking:**

9.12 ~~Each applicant must include a letter of recommendation from one of her chapter officers.~~

*Rationale: This is included in a change to Standing Rule 9.22.*

### **11.To Amend Standing Rule Section 9, Scholarships, 9.22**

#### **To Read:**

Applications and **two** letters of recommendation, one from an officer of her chapter, must be emailed or postmarked no later than February 15 and sent to NYSO DKG Scholarship Committee Chair.

*This is a recommendation from the NYSO DKG Scholarship Committee.*

*Rationale: This will make the process more manageable and to encourage more applications.*

### **12.To Amend Standing Rule 10, Communications**

#### **By Adding:**

10.02. The Society at all levels may establish and maintain various types of electronic communications to facilitate meetings and to communicate with members.

10.03 State organizations and chapters that establish methods of electronic communications are encouraged to adhere to the

*International Policy for Use of Electronic Communications.*

*Rationale: These changes are in compliance with changes made at the International Constitutional 2024 Convention.*

### **13. To Amend Standing Rule 11.54, Frederica Hollister**

**To Read:** Nomination forms for the award may be obtained from the Chair of the Board of Trustees. The nominator must submit the nomination forms, a letter of support for the nominee, and the documentation (print and/or digital) not to exceed ten (10) single-sided pages.

*Rationale: Documentation for the award may often be in digital format instead of print.*