

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
NY State PROPOSED BYLAWS AND STANDING RULES CHANGES FOR APRIL 2019
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Proposed BYLAWS CHANGES for 4.27.19

In accordance with ARTICLE XII Section A of the **BYLAWS of New York State of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International**, the BYLAWS & Rules Committee and the Pi State Executive Committee propose the following amendments to the **BYLAWS of New York State of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International** to be voted upon by the NY State Executive Board at the NY State Convention at their meetings April 29, 2017 in Geneva, New York.

In addition to the following proposed changes, the BYLAWS & Rules Committee, in consultation with the NY State Parliamentarian reserves the right to make numbering and wording changes and to update the Table of Contents as is deemed necessary for clarity and ease-of-use.

1. To amend **Article III Membership Section A which reads:**
The membership of Pi State shall be composed of active, reserve, and honorary members of chapters within the state.
To add:
The membership of NY State shall be composed of active, reserve, **collegiate** and honorary members of chapters within the state.
Rationale: This aligns with International Constitution.
2. To amend **Article IV Finances Section A Annual Dues and Fees 2. which reads:**
International, Pi State and chapter annual dues and scholarship fees shall be paid between July 1 and October 31 of each fiscal year. On November 1 members shall be dropped for non-payment of dues and fees and shall be informed of such action by the chapter.
To add:
International, NY State and Chapter annual dues and scholarship fees shall be paid **by June 1** of each fiscal year. **On September 1** members shall be dropped for non-payment of dues and fees and shall be informed of such action by the Chapter.
Rationale: This aligns with International Constitution.
3. To amend **Article IV Finances Section D Financial Accounting 5. which reads:**
The financial records of Pi State organization of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International shall be reviewed or audited by an external certified public accountant at the beginning of the term, or whenever there is a change in the personnel in the office.
To strike “or whenever there is a change in the personnel in the office”
To add:
The financial records of NY State Organization of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International shall be reviewed or audited by an external certified public accountant at the beginning of the term **every four (4) years.**
Rationale: This clarifies external audit procedures to assure security of State finances.
4. To amend **Article IX Committees Section B. General Procedure Number 5. which reads:**
The State President shall serve as an ex-officio member of all Committees except the Nominations Committee.
To read:
The State President shall serve **as a voting member of the Finance Committee to which she is elected** and an ex-officio member of all other Committees except the Nominations Committee.
Rationale: This aligns procedure with NYS BYLAWS & Standing Rules.

5. To amend **ARTICLE IX Section C 1. Society Business d. Finance – elected Number (3) which reads:**
 The term of office for members of the committee is four years with five members to be elected each biennium.
To add:
 The term of office for members of the committee is four years with five members to be elected each biennium. **A member shall serve no more than two consecutive terms.**
Rationale: This enables more members the opportunity to assume leadership roles.

6. To amend **ARTICLE IX Section C 1. Society Business h. Nominations – elected Number (3) which reads:**
 The term of office for members of the committee is four years with five members to be elected each biennium.
To add:
 The term of office for members of the committee is four years with five members to be elected each biennium. **A member shall serve no more than two consecutive terms.**
Rationale: This enables more members the opportunity to assume leadership roles.

7. To amend **ARTICLE IX Section C 2. Society Mission and Purposes a. Awards (1) which reads:**
 The Awards Committee shall consist of the chairs of the **Pi State Achievement Award**, Bea Small Award, Frederica Hollister Professional Educator’s Award, Gladys L. Mersereau Grant(s)-in-Aid, Native American Grants-in-Aid, **Scholarships**, Travel and Study Stipend, and Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award Committees. The Chair of the Communications Committee and the State Editor shall serve as ex-officio members without vote.
Strike “Pi State Achievement Award” and “Scholarships”
To Read:
 The Awards Committee shall consist of the chairs of the Bea Small Award, Frederica Hollister Professional Educator’s Award, Gladys L. Mersereau Grant(s)-in-Aid, Native American Grants-in-Aid, Travel and Study Stipend, and Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award Committees. The Chair of the Communications Committee and the State Editor shall serve as ex-officio members without vote.
Rationale: The Pi State Achievement Award does not confer money to the recipient like all other awards do, and it does not receive money from the Awards Committee. The Pi State Achievement Award is a Pin. Scholarships do not fall under the auspices of the Awards Committee, and don’t receive any money from that Committee.

8. To amend **ARTICLE IX Section C 2. Society Mission and Purposes a. Awards (2) which reads:**
 The Awards Committee shall designate the distribution of the Awards Fund to benefit our awards, grants **and scholarships**. If a contribution is designated to a particular award, however, the money will be added to that fund alone.
Strike “and Scholarships”
To Read:
 The Awards Committee shall designate the distribution of the Awards Fund to benefit State awards and grants. If a contribution is designated to a particular award, however, the money will be added to that fund alone.
Rationale: The Awards Committee does not designate funds for scholarships.

9. To amend **ARTICLE IX C 2. Society Mission and Purposes e. Scholarship number (3) which reads:**
 The Committee shall administer the A. Evadna Crawford, the Phoebe Mersereau Eldredge, the Georgia I. Hartmann, the Jeanette Johnson, the Edna B. Mack, the Jennie Snapp, and the Ruth E. Williams Scholarship Funds.
To Add:

The Committee shall administer the A. Evadna Crawford, the Phoebe Mersereau Eldredge, the Georgia I. Hartmann, the Jeanette Johnson, **the Iona M. Keeler**, the Edna B. Mack, the Jennie Snapp, and the Ruth E. Williams Scholarships.

Rationale: According to Standing Rule 12.64 the Iona M. Keeler is administered by the Scholarship Committee and so should be included as a scholarship in the BYLAWS.

10. To amend **ARTICLE X Section A Scholarships**

To add #3:

3. The Scholarships include A. Evadna Crawford, Phoebe Mersereau Eldredge, Georgia I. Hartmann, Jeanette Johnson, Edna B. Mack, Jennie F. Snapp, Ruth E. Williams, Iona M. Keeler and Pi State Scholarship.

Rationale: This list clarifies the named scholarships.

11. To amend **ARTICLE X Section C Special Funds 2.** which reads:

The Doris E. Nickerson Leadership Development Fund

To Read:

The Doris E. and Ruth Nickerson Leadership Development Funds

Rationale: This clarifies the named funds for Leadership Development.

12. To amend **ARTICLE X Section C Special Funds 2. b.** which reads:

The Doris E. Nickerson Leadership Development Program for incoming Pi State Committee Chairs began in 1991.

To Read:

The **Ruth Nickerson** Leadership Development Program for incoming NY State Committee Chairs began in 1991.

Rationale: This properly clarifies the Ruth Nickerson Leadership Development is for training of State Committee Chairs.

13. To amend **ARTICLE X Section C Special Funds number 6 The A. Evadna Crawford Scholarship Fund** which reads:

6. The A. Evadna Crawford Scholarship Fund

a) **The A. Evadna Crawford Scholarship Fund was established in 2005 from a bequest by Celeste Crawford, a member of Beta Lambda Chapter.**

b) **The principal amount in the A. Evadna Crawford Scholarship Fund may not be less than \$30,000. Any amount above that, accrued through interest or donations, will be available for scholarships. Preference in the selection of recipients will be given to educators who are working with elementary age children.**

To Strike 6. The A. Evadna Crawford Scholarship Fund

Rationale: The A. Evadna Crawford Scholarship Fund is a Scholarship and does not come under Special Funds.

14. To amend **ARTICLE X Section C Special Funds number 7 The Iona M. Keeler Fund** which reads:

7. The Iona M. Keeler Fund

The Iona M. Keeler Fund was established in 1999 from a bequest by Iona M. Keeler to honor Beta Rho Chapter of which she was a member.

To Strike 7. The Iona M. Keeler Fund

Rationale: The Iona M. Keeler Fund is administered by the Scholarship Committee and should be listed under Scholarships and not Special Funds.

15. To amend **ARTICLE X Section A Scholarships by adding number 3. It currently reads:**

1. The number of scholarships and the amount of each shall be determined by the Scholarship Committee in consultation with the State Treasurer and in compliance with the funds' documents.

2. Rules governing the administration of the scholarship program shall be recommended by the

Scholarship Committee and submitted to the Executive Board.

To Add:

1. The number of scholarships and the amount of each shall be determined by the Scholarship Committee in consultation with the State Treasurer and in compliance with the funds' documents.
2. Rules governing the administration of the scholarship program shall be recommended by the Scholarship Committee and submitted to the Executive Board.

3. The A Evadna Crawford Scholarship

- a) **The A. Evadna Crawford Scholarship was established in 2005 from a bequest by Celeste Crawford, a member of Beta Lambda Chapter.**
- b) **The principal amount in the A. Evadna Crawford Scholarship may not be less than \$30,000. Any amount above that, accrued through interest or donations, will be available for scholarships. Preference in the selection of recipients will be given to educators who are working with elementary age children.**

Rationale: The A. Evadna Crawford Scholarship is a scholarship and should be regulated by the Scholarship Committee and should not come under the auspices of Special Funds.

16. To amend ARTICLE X Section A Scholarships by adding number 4. It currently reads:

1. The number of scholarships and the amount of each shall be determined by the Scholarship Committee in consultation with the State Treasurer and in compliance with the funds' documents.
2. Rules governing the administration of the scholarship program shall be recommended by the Scholarship Committee and submitted to the Executive Board.

To Add number 4. The Iona M. Keeler Scholarship after The A. Evadna Crawford Scholarship if it is accepted:

1. The number of scholarships and the amount of each shall be determined by the Scholarship Committee in consultation with the State Treasurer and in compliance with the scholarship's documents.
2. Rules governing the administration of the scholarship program shall be recommended by the Scholarship Committee and submitted to the Executive Board.

4. The Iona M. Keeler Scholarship

The Iona M. Keeler Scholarship was established in 1999 from a bequest by Iona M. Keeler to honor Beta Rho Chapter of which she was a member.

Rationale: The Iona M. Keeler Scholarship should be a scholarship since it is regulated by the Scholarship Committee and, therefore, it should not come under the auspices of Special Funds in the BYLAWS.

17. To amend Article X Section D by striking: Special Awards

To Replace with:

Committees Subject to Endowments

Rationale: This change aligns the section to current terminology.

18. To amend ARTICLE X Section D Special Awards 1 c. which reads:

- c. The income for the award shall be derived from the interest from the Gladys L. Mersereau Fund.

To Add:

- c. The income for the award shall be derived from the interest from the Gladys L. Mersereau Fund **and monies from Awards Fund as needed.**

Rationale: This will provide needed monies to help the person awarded further her education and also clarifies that some money is coming from the Awards Fund.

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NY State PROPOSED BYLAWS and STANDING RULES CHANGES for 4.29.17
Donna Yerdon, Rho, Chair

Proposed STANDING RULES CHANGES for 4.27.19

1. To amend **Section 5.68 Pi State Treasurer which reads:**
She shall keep a permanent file on membership and shall serve as consultant to Pi State Membership/Expansion Committee.
To add:
She shall keep a permanent file on membership, **including terminations, inductees and reinstatements**, and shall serve as consultant to NY State Membership & Expansion Committee.
Rationale: This aligns to the International Constitution.
2. To amend **Section 8. COMMITTEES Finance 8.22 which reads:**
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, Northwestern, Southeastern, Southwestern and West Central Area representatives 4 year terms start in 1999.)
To add:
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, Northwestern, Southeastern, Southwestern and West Central Area representatives 4 year terms start in 1999.) **A member shall serve no more than two consecutive terms.**
Rationale: This enables more members the opportunity to assume leadership roles.
3. To amend **Section 8 COMMITTEES Nominations 8.49 b. which reads:**
The term of office is four years; five members to be elected every two years. (East Central, Northwestern, Southeastern, Southwestern and West Central Area representatives 4 year terms start in 1997 and Capital, Eastern, North Central, Northern and South Central Area representatives 4 year terms start in 1999.)
To add:
The term of office is four years; five members to be elected every two years. (East Central, Northwestern, Southeastern, Southwestern and West Central Area representatives 4 year terms start in 1997 and Capital, Eastern, North Central, Northern and South Central Area representatives 4 year terms start in 1999.) **A member shall serve no more than two consecutive terms.**
Rationale: This enables more members the opportunity to assume leadership roles.
4. To amend **Section 8 COMMITTEES Scholarships 8.51 which reads:**
The Scholarship Committee shall finance scholarships from monies in the A. Evadna Crawford, Phoebe Mersereau Eldredge, Georgia I. Hartmann, Jeanette Johnson, Edna B. Mack, Jennie F. Snapp, Ruth E. Williams and the Pi State Scholarship Funds as stated in their endowment documents.
To add:
The Scholarship Committee shall finance scholarships from monies in the A. Evadna Crawford, Phoebe Mersereau Eldredge, Georgia I. Hartmann, Jeanette Johnson, Edna B. Mack, Jennie F. Snapp, Ruth E. Williams, **Iona M. Keeler** and the NY State Scholarship Funds as stated in their endowment documents.
Rationale: This now aligns to State BYLAWS.
5. To amend **Section 9 SCHOLARSHIPS 9.02 which reads:**
Unless otherwise provided for in the scholarship's governing documents:
The Pi State Scholarship Committee is empowered to offer scholarships up to the amount recommended by the Pi State Treasurer with no one scholarship to exceed the amount of two thousand dollars (\$2000).
To add:

Unless otherwise provided for in the scholarship's governing documents:
The NY State Scholarship Committee is empowered to offer scholarships **in consultation with** the Pi State Treasurer with no one scholarship to exceed the amount of **three thousand dollars (\$3000)**.

Rationale: The costs of college credits and certifications have risen and so the cap on the amount of any one scholarship should rise as well.

6. To amend **Section 9 Scholarships 9.1 Minimum Requirements 9.11 which reads:**
Applicants must be active members in good standing in the Society and must have held membership for at least three years with initiation prior to April 1st of the year of the applicant's initiation.

To read:

Applicants must be active members in good standing in the Society and must have held membership for at least **two years** with **induction** prior to April 1st of the year of the applicant's induction.

Rationale: New members or new teachers must begin professional development and perhaps finish a degree or certification early in their career. It would benefit our membership to have to wait only 2 years instead of 3 to apply for scholarship assistance.

7. **To add Section 12 SPECIAL FUNDS 12.5 – 12.52**
12.5 The Ruth Nickerson Leadership Development Fund for Incoming State Chairs
12.51 The Leadership Development Seminar shall be held in the off-numbered years to provide orientation and leadership training for all incoming State Chairs.
12.52 The place and date for the Leadership Development Seminar shall be determined by the NY State President and the Executive Committee with notification given to all members of the Executive Board.

Rationale: This aligns current practice.

Please note: Section 12 SPECIAL FUNDS 12.5-12.56 The Bea Small Leadership Speakers Fund will be renumbered 12.6-12.66. Section 12 SPECIAL FUNDS 12.6-12.64 Iona M. Keeler will be renumbered 12.7-12.74.

8. To amend **Section 12 SPECIAL FUNDS 12.61 which reads:**
The Iona M. Keeler Award is given to recipients, who are early career educators or recipients who wish to become teachers, with special consideration given to Native American applicants.

To Add:

The Iona M. Keeler Award is given to recipients, who are early career educators or recipients who wish to become teachers, with special consideration given to Native American applicants **who wish to become teachers or work in the field of education.**

Rationale: It better defines the Native American applicant's goal.