



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

European Forum Committee

Marika Heimbach, chair

Minutes of the European Forum Committee meeting (Zoom)

Wednesday, January 17th, 2024, at 18.30-19.30 (CET)

Members present: Marie Antoinette Hubers de Wolf (RD), Marika Heimbach, Helga Skeidsvoll, Reeli Tanavsuu, Carol van Zanen van Rijn (treasurer), Aníta Jónsdóttir, Pia Nyman, Evelyn Goodsell, Muriel Marsh.

Guest: Diana Bell (GB)

1. ***Marika welcomed*** everyone to the meeting, wishing all a happy new year!
2. The ***minutes*** of the Forum Committee meeting, held October 30th, 2023, were approved. Muriel was chosen to write the minutes at the present meeting.

3. Marika's report:

*Marika reported on the work done by her and Carola concerning amendments presented to the Constitution Committee. The amendment will be voted upon at the Convention in July.

*She was pleased with the Lucia Day Zoom celebration. Problems with sound will be fixed for the next year's meeting! Marie Antoinette received thanks for hosting and organising the event.

* Marika informed that Carola is looking for her replacement as treasurer. Marie Antoinette has volunteered to step in until the end of the biennium. The new EFC must then appoint her successor.

* There are no European members suggested for the Nominating Committee. Jeannine de Jong from the Netherlands hopes to be voted in from the floor. The Finance Committee is in the same situation: it is hoped that a nominee voted from the floor for this position will respond to the request!

* Marika attended the Zoom meeting on the 16th of January for European feedback regarding the training for Officers in Dallas TX, June 2023. The comments were somewhat critical of the Leadership content of the training.

*The next European Conference in 2025 will be held in southern England in 2025. Diana gave the following dates 18th -20th July 2025.

* **Marion Blumenthal Lazan** will give her lecture at the next European Educational Presentation. The date is 24th January at 19.00 CET. Marie Antoinette has already sent the Zoom link. The presentation is the same as was given a year ago, but the link has been lost. Marika emphasised the educational importance of the message and stressed informing members of the event. The presentation will be recorded and placed on the EF Website.

4. EF Guidelines:

* Members of the EFC are members of their state boards. The individual states must decide if the member has a vote. Marika asked those present at the meeting to discuss at the next meeting the following: *is it wise that the SOP is also a member of the EFC?* This will be the case for two of the incoming members.

* *How long should the member stay in the EFC?* The position of Chair must be held by a member who has been on the committee for at least a year. It is important that there is a good rotation of members, but that there always is a mix of old and new, especially as the EFC will be the organisers of the European Conference in 2025 and need experienced members! Marie Antoinette suggested that three of the outgoing members could stay for another biennium, and the Chair be chosen from one of them. This matter will be addressed at the next meeting and be resolved prior to the Convention in July.

**EFC Finances.* All States must have a discussion with their respective boards. A ballot is to be sent out to the SOPs at the end of January, with a prompt return date.

5. Euforia: The new editor, Kristin, did a great job of getting the November issue of the newsletter published. The spring issue will come in May. Contributions must be sent to her by the middle of April.

6. The EF Website: The editorial board will meet on the 31st of January. The survey that was conducted in the autumn will be published on the EF website.

7. Next Educational Presentation: GB possibly in February/March, Norway in April.

8. Artist of the month: It was decided to leave Bettina's artwork on the website until a new artist has been accepted. Norway will try to find a suitable member. Estonia and Sweden will complete the biennium.

9. *A joint meeting* of the EFC, US Forum, Canada Forum and Latin American Forum will be held at the next convention. Members were asked to think of a theme that would be interesting for others. Ideas can be sent to Marika before the 29th of January.

10. *The next meeting*: Thursday March 7th at 18.30 CET.

The meeting closed at 19.30 (CET).

Muriel Marsh

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