



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
European Forum Committee

Minutes of the European Forum Committee meeting (Zoom)

March 7, 2024, at 18.30-19.50 (CET)

Members present: Marie Antoinette Hubers de Wolf (RD), Marika Heimbach, chair, Helga Skeidsvoll, Reeli Tanavsuu, Carola van Zanen van Rijn, Anita Jonsdottir, Pia Nyman, Diana Bell in lieu of Evelyn Goodsell, Muriel Marsh.

1. Marika welcomed everyone to the meeting

“Bursting the Bubble” and “Results and Actions in Consequence of the Survey” are added to the agenda (9 and 10).

Carola agreed to take the minutes.

2. Minutes of last Meeting (Jan 17, 2024)

Marika thanked Muriel for taking the minutes.

Muriel had a comment on EuForia. We were told to send new material by the end of March. The editor got several contributions, she thought deadline was end of February. She sent a reminder. We agreed on the end of March, Marika will inform Kristin Snaeland.

Minutes were accepted.

3. Report of Chair

Website – editorial board meeting end of January; rubric “RD Report” is not necessary, it was agreed to take from website.

Marika apologized for not having sent out a ballot concerning additional financing by the states. Marie Antoinette reported that in a meeting with SOPs it was agreed that travelling costs exceeding 300€ will be covered by the states this year.

Consent on the guidelines regarding the finances is needed, and will be put on the agenda for the convention in the summer.

Joint Meeting of Forums at Convention

US Forum, Canadian Forum, Latin American Forum and European Forum will have a joint meeting. Individual business meetings the first hour and joint meeting second hour with a speaker. Darlene Cook suggested to invite Marion Blumenthal Lazan as speaker on Friday. Marika is in contact with Marion. It is unlikely that she is able to present in person but IF it will happen Marika and her husband have booked car and apartment near the convention hotel. If Marion is even not able to present online, Lorna Berlinguette from Canada will arrange a speaker about climate change. The speaker from Canada will be an online speaker because of the costs for transportation and accommodation which the forums are not able to cover.

4. EFC Members next Biennium

Marika, Reeli, Pia, Anita, Helga and Evelyn are leaving the committee.

The new European Forum Committee will be presented at the convention:

Diana Bell (Great Britain), Muriel Marsh (Norway), Carola van Zanen-van Rijn (Netherlands), Kadri Mettis (Estonia), Vilborg Asa Bjarnadottir (Iceland), Anette Nyberg (Sweden), RD Marie Antoinette Hubers-deWolf, the Finnish and German members will be announced asap.

At the meeting in May the positions of chair and treasurer will be discussed.

All new members will be invited to attend the last ZOOM meeting before the convention.

5. EFC Finances

Marie Antoinette presented the account. 2681 € were transferred from headquarters. There was a negative result from last year. We have spent money for the bank account, zoom account, website. Marika should receive 150 € for her expenses in Spain. She suggested to discuss this at the meeting in May.

Marie Antoinette needs to have all bank account numbers and IBAN numbers ready in Norway from EFC members to get reimbursed for their tickets.

6. EFC Meeting in May

Marika will write the agenda and send to EFC for approval.

Helga wants a note from everybody with the timetables from the flights. Some people need to take a bus from Alesund to Vestnes. Evelyn will be picked up from Alesund. Busses from Alesund go first to Moe. There you change the bus. You go to the center of Vestness not to the Ferry. There you will be picked up. Muriel will take the bus on Friday morning. Pia and Evelyn will leave on Monday.

7. Next Educational Presentation

GB was announced in February/March, Liz Day presented. Diana will send Eyglo the link to the presentation to put on the website. Norway will present on April 18, 2024. Marie Antoinette will send the Zoom link two weeks before, and inform SOPs.

8. Artist of the Month

Elin Mathiesen from Norway is new on the website with her jewelry. Estonia and Sweden will complete the biennium.

9. Bursting the Bubble

Marika had sent the request of the organizing team of this campaign to the EFC. She was contacted by Gitta Franke-Zöllmer whose part is "Networking and

Travel”, and Marika agreed that the EFC contributes. She needs to submit a report until March 25, and asked the members to write two sentences before 22nd of March, explaining personal experience about being a member of this committee. Muriel and Pia agreed to be named to HQ to be interviewed about networking and travel.

10. Ideas with the Outcome of the Survey

Marie Antoinette reported about the survey being discussed at a meeting in the Netherlands. It was agreed to put the outcome of the survey on the agenda for May. There need to follow actions, otherwise such a survey would be a waste of time and useless. Members indicated problems which should be discussed within Europe. Marie Antoinette suggested forming individual groups who could then present the outcome via Zoom to all members. Another thought was to offer workshops about these themes at the next European conference in England in 2025.

Marika will contact Darlene Cook, chair of US Forum, about the outcome of the US survey, and will ask to share it with the EFC.

11. Next meeting.:

It was decided to set a date for a meeting before May, on 11th of April, if necessary.