



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

European Forum Committee

Marika Heimbach, chair

Minutes of the European Forum Committee meeting via Zoom on
Monday, October 30th, 2023 at 18:00 hrs (CET)

Members present: Marie Antoinette Hubers de Wolf (RD), Marika Heimbach, Helga Skeidsvoll, Reeli Tanavsuu, Carol van Zanen van Rijn (treasurer), Anita Jonsdottir, Pia Nyman, Evelyn Goodsell

Absent: Astrid Bie Skaaland

1. Marika welcomed everyone to the meeting
2. The minutes of the Forum Committee meeting, held on August 29th 2023 were approved.
3. Marie Antoinette had received 148 responses to the survey. Members favoured the months of July/August as the best time to hold our conference in 2025. The survey will be put on the website and in EuForia.
4. Before the conference in Tampere Marika had sent the revised European Forum Guidelines to the state presidents for approval. In the document it is proposed that members attending meetings should receive a maximum of 300 Euros for travelling expenses from the committee budget. If anymore is needed they should apply to their boards for the extra. Pia Nyman (Finland) asked that this proposal should be sent out again so that all members are aware of the rule. In January the state presidents will be asked to send a vote on this part of the guidelines.
5. The plight of the unacceptable situation of the women in Afghanistan was raised and it was proposed to send another Resolution to the respective authorities in their countries, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Education and Social Issues, also to put it on Basecamp.
6. The speaker at the next Educational Presentation will be from Estonia. In February the speaker will be from Sweden and in April, from Norway.

7. It is necessary to know who will be a member of the next forum committee so that the chair can be chosen.

8. EuForia has a new editor: Kristin Gudbjörg Snaeland from Iceland.

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9. Marika raised the problem of the name for our Forum-should it be Europe or European? She and Carola had sent in a proposal for changing the terms in the International Constitution because of consistency with "US Forum". There followed a discussion for and against. It was decided that there was no real difference, either was correct. The majority favoured European.

10. Members were reminded to tell their members about St. Lucia's Day on December 13th, and encourage them to take part in creating some form of typical art work for Christmas decoration. Pia assured us that the template of the Ppt which was created by Eija-Liisa Sokka-Meaney could be used. Pia agreed to adapt it with the correct data.

11. It was decided to leave Bettina's art work on the website until the New Year. Estonia, Norway and Sweden will endeavour the final three artists until the end of this biennium.

The meeting closed at 7.20 pm (GMT).

Evelyn Goodsell