



Seventh European Forum Meeting

Thursday, April 24st 2025

Time 19:00 hours-20:00 hours (Amsterdam time).

Agenda

1. Welcome – Carola van Zanen-van Rijn, chair EU Forum Committee 2024-2026
2. Minutes of our March 22nd meeting 2025. Minute taker Muriel Marsh, Norway.(Thank you)
3. Conference at the university in Sussex, Brighton. Update, to do list, website, important dates.(booklet), workshops.
4. Forum meeting at the conference.
5. Incoming mail and messages.
- News from the European Director
6. Other business



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

European Forum Committee meeting 24th April 2025, 19.00-20.00 CET

Present at the Zoom meeting were Carola van Zanen van Rijn, Marie Antoinette Hubers de Wolf, Muriel Marsh, Henna Perätalo, Viborg Ása Bjarnadottir, Diana Bell, Thi Finkemayer, Anette Nyberg, Kadri Mettis. Kathrin Hodgson as treasurer of the Conference from GB took part at agenda point 3.

1. Welcome: Carola welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting in March: The minutes were approved, with some small adjustments and spelling mistakes!

3. Update of the Conference in Brighton: The numbers are still very low, less than 60 have registered. Diana is very worried about this and the consequences for the budget of the Conference. The newest poster is very positive, but the Conference does not get the publicity on the DKG.org site as it is the EFC that organise it. It is hoped that many more members will register in May, as many hold their yearly

meetings then. Very few members from USA have said they are coming; the Conference is very close up to the Conference in New Orleans. Diana thanked Anette for the help she received in making the cover for the Conference booklet. She will start on writing the content and will leave space for items from Carola, Marie Antoinette and Beverley.

- There are now plenty of songs suggested for the sing-along.
- Insurance issue is also OK!
- Diana is still working on sponsor issue.
- Bags are too expensive at present
- Signage on site will be simple posters
- Health and Safety has been addressed
- Roses: paper roses for everyone! We can still produce some more, and Thi will ensure that the ones made in Oldenburg will be driven to Brighton!
- Muriel will be the minute-taker at the Forum meeting
- There was a request for the newest poster to be visible at the teacher training facility at the University. Non -members and students are welcome to join the conference. There will be two students speaking.
- The newest poster is now on the website. Members asked to promote the Conference on all media outlets
- There are 20 workshops now, with good speakers
- Marie Antoinette will promote the Conference at the Inside International Zoom meeting on the 6th of June.

4. Forum meeting at the Conference:

- So far there is a Thai Chi session to be held by Barbara from GB,
- A question to Finland about the Mentimeter session results from the previous conference in Tampere- can these still be made available since the subject matter was well-being? (Happy Teachers, happy students). Henna was asked to contact Marit from Finland.
- 1 hour business meeting. Agenda items must be sent in preferably by the deadline 9th June.
- The EFC will approve the agenda for the meeting in Brighton at the next EFC meeting in May.
- Carola asked the members if we need a speaker at the meeting. Members to consider this prior to next meeting.

Diana and Kathrin left the EFC meeting after this item.

5. Incoming mail and messages:

Marie Antoinette and Carola have written a letter that was sent to all SOP members in Europe for distribution. MA has also spoken of the concerns in Europe at a committee meeting. She informed us that the Dept. of Education in the USA was a relatively new department. In the US, states have a large degree of autonomy.

There were questions concerning how new US policy will affect stipends and scholarships given by DKG. MA asked Muriel to address the issue with an e-mail to her directly.

MA also informed that the American Forum is very active in its outreach to all teachers. They are equally distressed by developments but are very clear about the non-political role DKG has on the issue.

The next ***Inside International*** at 19.30 CET 6th May. The Nominating Committee has responsibility for this meeting. The meeting will be entirely devoted to the application procedures when applying for international positions, committees and not least, the **RD of Europe!!** Applications must be at HQ by the 15th of September. MA reminded us that her position is vacant as and from 2026 and that applications will be accepted between May and September.

MA hoped that there will be applications from Europeans to committee positions. It is hoped to have a European member in all international committees.

NB!Reminder!! Conference raffle prior to the Grand Dinner: All countries are encouraged to bring small items as prizes for the attendees. The main prize will be a voucher for the conference to be held in Norway in 2027.

6.Other business: Finances: Henna had some questions about the financial report she will present at the Conference. MA informed that she would assist and give advice.

7. Reports from member countries: Sweden is still trying to get an executive board in place for the coming biennium. MA will attend the Biennial meeting in Uppsala, Sweden on the 10th of May.

8. Next meeting: 5th June 2025 (Thursday) at 19.00 CET.

The meeting was adjourned at 20.00 CET

Muriel Marsh (Norway)

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