



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Europe Forum Committee

Europe Forum Committee Board Meeting

Date: April 1, 2023

Present: Marie-Antoinette Hubers de Wolf (Regional Director Europe), Marika Heimbach (chair), Carola van Zanen van Rijn (finances) , Pia Nyman (minute-taker), Reeli Tänavsuu, Evelyn Goodsell, Astrid Bie Skaaland, Helga Skeidsvoll

Absent: Anita Jonsdottir

Minutes

1. Meeting was called to order by chair at 10.56.
2. **Minutes of the meeting** on March 8, 2023: approved
3. **Survey EU**, expectations of members:
 - Data review and analysis of the whole DKG organisation coming from Avenue M (a company outside of DKG based in the US), recommendations > changes
 - Do we need a survey of our own? There is one already, which came from the US and was updated by Marika. We agreed that we want to have our own European survey, and decided to send it out after the conference in Tampere.
 - We desperately need new members and help to get them (Germany etc.); the company could provide help in contacting potential new members individually
 - We talked about possible ways to *find* new potential members: increase visibility, issue diplomas, a website with all information that a teacher needs, and a help-line, a teacher-buddy system.
 - in the US: a system for young teachers, to help them with any problems, from financial help to goody bags, but this does not seem to work in Europe

- Our task and aim should be to develop a special European culture, not copy from the American system, but also to learn from them; there are eight member states in Europe, we all have different cultures and different education systems.

- Europe should have (at least one) more representatives with reimbursements on the Administrative Board (now only one).

The Europe Regional Director serves as a member ex-officio at the Europe Forum Committee, it is emphasised that she is a voting member at EFC board meetings.

- We need more visibility on social media (Instagram, Facebook, YouTube), and at universities, where the potential young members are.

- The EU could be a forum to get visibility.

4. Forum meeting in Tampere on Sat 29 July at 9-11 am

- Meeting to initiate collaboration between Europe, Canada, US & Latin America representatives

- Agenda:

1. 9.00-9.45 EF Business Meeting: Guidelines & Finances

2. 9.45-11.00 Theme - Future Workshop *The Well-Being of Students and Educators in the Future*

- a. 9.50-9.55 Welcome: Marika Heimbach

- b. 9.55-10.00 Introduction: Carola van Zanen van Rijn & Pia Nyman

- c. 10.00-10.30

- Questions to help to start the round-table conversations: How can we ensure the well-being of students and educators in the future?

Three things from every table: A HAPPY STUDENT - A HAPPY TEACHER

- 10.30-10.50 Going through the answers together on the screen (Carola&Pia)

- 10.50-11.00 Closing words (Marika Heimbach)

5. EU Achievement Award

The candidates named by the European member states are Margarita Hanschmidt, Eyglo Björnsdottir and Ingibjörg Jonasdottir.

After careful consideration, we decided to give the European Achievement Award 2023 to Eyglo Björnsdottir, webmaster since many years, from Iceland

for all the support, activity and dedication she has given to all countries in the European region.

5. EU Forum guidelines and finances

We went through the European Forum guidelines and had a lengthy discussion about them. The proposed new guidelines will be sent to state presidents to be presented to and discussed with the members of each European member country. To be approved by the membership at the Europe Forum Meeting in Tampere in 2023.

6. Artist of the Month

Great Britain is next and should send photos and a biography by 23 April 2023.

7. EU states' educational presentations

Finland: retake of the conference presentation end of April

Great Britain: 20 May 2023 at 7 pm CET

8. Other business

- We reviewed the Strategic Action Plan to create the SAP 2022-2024. Marika will send it to everyone and expects comments.
- Marika will send the Member Survey to us for review.
- A group photo was taken of the EFC and will be posted on our website.

9. Next meeting

We will decide on the next face-to-face meeting in Ålesund, Norway, at Helga's.

10. The meeting ended at 20.15 (8.15 pm) (with a break for lunch at 14.30 (2.30 pm) and coffee at 18 (6 pm).