



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Europe Forum Committee

Marika Heimbach, chair

Minutes of Europe Forum Committee meeting via Zoom on

August 29, 2023 at 19:00 -21:00 hrs (CET)

Attendees: Marika Heimbach, Marie Antoinette Hubers de Wolf, Pia Nyman,

Helga Skeidsvoll, Reeli Tänävsuu, Carola van Zanen van Rijn

absent: Astrid Bie Skaaland, Evelyn Goodsell, Anita Jonsdottir,

1. Marika welcomed the attendees, thanked Marie-Antoinette for arranging the meeting. She expressed her gratefulness of a very good conference organized by Marie-Antoinette along with the Finnish steering committee and the support of all Finnish members attending the conference.
2. Minutes of meeting on July 10, 2023 were approved. It was agreed that the minutes of the EU Forum meeting (July 29,2023) would be sent to the state presidents for approval before sending the document to Eyglo. Marika emphasized the fact that there were important information for all members, and we should not wait until the next EU Forum meeting in Maryland next year.
Minutes taken by Helga today.
3. Bank account – Carola has been working with the Dutch state treasurer to get a sub-account. She is waiting for bank papers to be verified. Until then she will request 3000 USD from headquarters, indicating that the correct account information will be sent later.
4. Survey - A survey made by the US forum to investigate which issues the members in DKG prefer to work with was sent. Marika had worked on it, and altered it according to European conditions. As the European issues are not the same as in the US there were interesting discussions on each suggested icon. The European Forum survey was agreed upon, and will be

sent to the state presidents who will be asked to forward to their membership asap. Deadline for returning will be October 15.

5. Amendments. The main change in amendments is related to financing. The forums are different, some of the forums have funds that cover the costs for meetings. The suggestion is that the Canadian, the European, and the Latin American Forums shall each be funded 500 dollars per year per country. Marie-Antoinette has been working on the amendment, however the application form needs to be submitted by the chair of the committee. The deadline is October 1, 2023. **The EFC will meet on September 21, 2023** via Zoom to finally agree on the amendments before submitting.
6. A resolution from Norwegian members about the unacceptable situation of women in Afghanistan, especially the women educators, was presented at the conference in Tampere. Marika had sent a draft of a letter (to be sent with the Norwegian statement) to the committee members which was approved including a minor adjustment: **to forward it to state authorities to express our deepest concern for the women.....** We had a discussion about where to address it. It was agreed that the material will be sent to the state presidents; members of the EFC will send it to the respective authorities in their countries: ministry of foreign affairs, ministry of education, social issues etc.