



First online European Forum Meeting 2025-2026

Thursday, September 3 2025

Agenda

- 1. Welcome – Carola van Zanen-van Rijn, chair EU Forum Committee 2024-2026**
- 2. Minutes June 25 2025. Minute taker Muriel Marsh, Norway.(Thank you)**
- 3. Review Conference at the university in Sussex, Brighton. (Finances and more)**
- 4. Survey**
- 5. Incoming mail and messages.**
 - News from the European Director**
- 6. Educational Topic, Ethics of AI, 14 October 2025**
- 7. Other Educational Topics.**
- 8. St Lucia Day, 11 December 2025**
- 9. Artist in the Spotlight**
- 10. Our in person meeting in Norway, May 2026.**
- 11. Every member reports about their own country and issues they want to address.**
- 12. Other business**



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

**European Forum Committee meeting 3rd September 2025, 19.00-20.30
CET**

Present at the Zoom meeting were Carola van Zanen van Rijn, Marie Antoinette Hubers de Wolf, Muriel Marsh, Viborg Ása Bjarnadottir, Kadri Mettis, Barbara Kern (for Diana Bell), Thi Finkemayer, Henna Perätalo. Ann Katrin Swärd

- 1. Welcome:** Carola welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the “new” year.
- 2. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting of the 25th of June:** The minutes were approved.
- 3. Minutes of the Forum meeting at the Conference in Brighton will be approved at the next Forum meeting in 2026 at the convention.**

4. Review of the Conference, finances and more: Carola informed

- Kathy has sent all members a detailed financial review with the budget and account summary. She has also sent a detailed explanation for quite a few issues and problems along the way.
- Many thanks to Kathy and Diana for their hard work.
- The small profit to be divided between the Forum, GB state and Norway state (in lieu of 2027 Conference). This was a suggestion from MA and the committee agreed.

5. Survey: The survey has been sent to all members, irrespective of being present in Brighton. Not many responses, but on the question of the time of year for the next Conference the consensus was July. Members of the committee are asked to send the holiday dates for 2027! (school summer holiday) to Muriel.

6. Conference in Norway 2027:

The Norwegian board has not met yet but wishes to have the venue and date as early as possible. The Menti-meter response to the Conference in Brighton has given the coming organisers a huge amount of information. In common is a wish to begin the evening prior to the Conference and to have an opportunity to visit places in the town. MA reminded all that as soon as the venue and dates are agreed HQ and Collette tours can arrange a tour either before or after the Conference. This is important thinking of attracting members from the US.

7. Vacant positions: Carola reminded all that positions of Chair and minute-taker as and from next biennium will be vacant. These will be chosen at the in-person meeting in 2026.

MA encouraged members to apply for the RD position for 2026-2028. The deadline is 15th September 2025. There are also vacant positions as committee members. Details at dkg.org.

8. Incoming messages and news from European Director:

Carola informed that she has written a piece for the Collegial Exchange issue of November with a short summary of the Conference. She sent the results of the Menti-meter, the presentation of the member meeting, information about the European Achievement Award to Eyglo and she has posted everything on the website. Also she wrote a piece for Euforia. Articles for Euforia are requested by Kristín Snæland as soon as possible, preferably by the 10th September. Her mail address is ksnaeland@gmail.com

MA informed of the Inside International meeting and reminded all to take part every other month at 19.30. The dates are on the website of dkg.org. The world Fellowship Committee were given time at the last meeting.

She also told us about a wish to connect with Japan and was looking into possibilities. There is also a possibility of reconnecting with the Canadians.

9. Educational topics: The Ethics of AI is the title of the first meeting on the 14th of October.

10. Other educational topics: Other names that have been suggested are Kadri Mettis and Claire Purcell. Kadri's workshop at the Conference was popular and the topic of digital wellbeing very relevant. Kadri was positive to the suggestion and would prefer a date in the New Year.

Claire Purcell from GB had a title "Challenges of running a school". Diana (can provide more details).

Topics to be held every 3 months with a time frame of 45minutes and 15 minutes for questions.

11. The theme or St. Lucia Day, 11th December: Many suggestions, we need to appeal to younger members! The following are a few: cocktails, ugly sweaters, Christmas movies, decorating cookies etc. Members are asked to think of these and other suggestions for the next meeting.

12. Artist in the spotlight: the following order has been agreed upon:

September- Norway (knitting traditions)

December- Germany (quilting)

March – GB

April/May -Iceland

13. In-person meeting: Muriel has agreed with Bjørg Nakling to invite the committee to Norway the weekend 8th-10th May 2026. Bjørg has housed many members through the years. Her house is just a short drive/ bus journey/ train journey from the capital Oslo. Nearest airport is Oslo Gardermoen, a 20-minute train journey north of Oslo. Details in the New Year, but flights can be booked now!

14. Country roundup: All gave feedback from the Conference in Brighton. Many appreciated the networking possibilities and having fun. Finland remarked that having fewer participants was not so negative as it was easier to talk to friends old and new. For most the highlight was Louise Evans' "5chairs, 5 choices". Both Iceland and Estonia have made further contact with Louise since the Conference, and she will be coming to Iceland. Sweden will have a meeting at the end of September to choose their new board. Beverly's participation was much appreciated (International president).

15. Other business: Kadri asked to have the 300€ or part of it as reimbursement for travel costs to the Conference. She could not take part at the face-to-face meeting in March. It was suggested that this be put to the vote in What's App for an anonymous opinion from the committee members. (Carola did this immediately after the meeting).

16. Next meeting: October 1st 19.00 CET

The meeting was adjourned at 20.15 CET

Muriel Marsh (Norway)

10.09. 2025