

Chapter Rules: Discussion Guide for Checklist

Editorial and conforming changes to align chapter rules with Constitution from the 2018 International

Name of State Organization

State organizations must be known by their geographical name:

The North Carolina State Organization of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, abbreviated NC DKG

Collegiate Membership

1. Add "Collegiate Members" to the types of membership.
 - Collegiate members must be in last two years of undergraduate work or have graduate standing.
 - Graduate Assistants who are paid to teach do not fall in the category of Collegiate Members because they are paid educator. These women would be eligible for Active Membership.
 - When a collegiate member starts her career as a paid educator, she will pay active member dues and become an active member. If a collegiate member does not pursue a career in education or drops from an educational degree program, her membership expires.
 - Dues for Collegiate members:
 - International dues are \$20.00.
 - NC DKG dues will be \$5.00.
 - Each chapter determines dues for collegiate membership, if any.
 - A collegiate member may participate in all activities of the Society except holding an elected office.

Membership

1. Membership is open not only to active and retired educators but also to anyone who has ever been employed as a professional educator.
 - Ex. A high school biology teacher resigns and is now working with the NC Water Quality Control office in Beaufort County. She is eligible to become a member because she once worked as a teacher.
2. An individual becomes a member of the Society when she pays her dues rather than when she is inducted.
3. Chapters may select candidates for members by the method determined by the chapter. The method must be stated in the chapter rules.
4. We now use the word "induct" rather than the word "initiate."
5. Chapter minutes must include the names of members terminated, including the reason and date of termination.
6. The membership year is July 1 - June 30.
7. Each chapter will decide if and when to have an induction ceremony.

Dues and Fees

1. *(Reminder)* The membership year is July 1 - June 30.
2. A member shall pay annual dues and fees to the chapter treasurer no later than June 30 for the following fiscal year.
3. Non-payment of dues will result in termination of membership.
4. For membership or reinstatement between July 1 and December 31, the member shall pay dues and scholarship fee for the current year. New members shall also pay the induction fee. On and after January 1, the member shall pay one-half the international

and state membership dues and full scholarship fee. New members shall pay the induction fee. Chapter dues may also be pro-rated as determined by the chapter.

5. Chapter retains induction fee of \$7.50

Treasure's Duties

1. Treasurers shall maintain an accurate and current membership roster.
2. Date of leaving, reason for leaving and names of terminated members shall be recorded in chapter minutes.
 - Termination will result from non-payment of dues.

International Committee Reports

Reports requested from state organizations and chapters shall be submitted in the format specified by Society Headquarters.

Chapter Meetings ***Reminders from prior changes.

1. ***Regular Meetings of Chapters shall be held at least four (4) times per year.
2. All members being notified, chapter meetings may be face to-face, through electronic communications, or through a combination of the two, as long as members present may simultaneously hear one another and participate during the meeting.
3. ***A quorum (number) for chapter business shall be determined by the chapter.
4. All members being notified, matters requiring immediate chapter action may be voted upon by mail (postal or electronic) that provides a valid receipt of each responding chapter member's vote. A majority vote of chapter members shall be required for action.
5. Ratification of all voting by mail (postal or electronic) must be made at the next face-to-face meeting of the chapter.
6. ***There shall be no proxy voting.

Chapter Membership Vote at next chapter Business Meeting

Requires a vote of the chapter membership.

1. Include statement of automatic update. "_____ Chapter rules shall be amended automatically by the _____ (insert the group responsible for making these changes in your chapter: chapter rules committee, executive committee, etc.) to comply with the *Constitution*, International Standing Rules, and the *NC State Organization Bylaws and Standing Rules*. Notice of automatic updates shall be published in the Fall Chapter Newsletter (or in other chapter publication)."
2. Include amount of chapter dues for collegiate members. The dues amount for all membership types must be stated in Chapter Rules.
3. Society Business: may consider changing Communications and Publicity to Communications and Marketing

Miscellaneous

- Membership (Form 11) is now Chapter Member Application.
- DKG HANDBOOK is now call the Go-To Guide.