State Name Change Adopted

Members attending the state convention in early May voted to pass all the presented amendments to the state Bylaws and Standing Rules, thus making the name change official—Eta State is now The North Carolina State Organization of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, abbreviated as NC DKG.

The change was part of an alignment of the state documents with the International Constitution and Standing Rules adopted at the convention last summer in Austin.

Highlights of the convention include attendance by International President Cathy Daugherty, chapter and individual awards, workshops, vendors, and the Ceremony of Remembrance. See the Summer Eta State News coming out soon for complete details.

Hints to Editors: There is much news from the convention to share with your members! Feel free to copy and paste all the news! Also remember to change all references in your newsletters from Eta State to NC DKG.

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Fall Executive Board Meeting Date Set

Mark your calendars now for the Fall Executive Board Meeting to be held Saturday, September 14, 2019, at the First Presbyterian Church in Burlington.

Executive Secretary Dr. Barbara Perry-Sheldon reminds presidents and state leaders to watch for the registration form on the NC DKG website soon.
How Amendments Passed at Convention Will Affect Chapters
By: Tammy Cullom, Chair, Rules Committee

The members of The North Carolina State Organization of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International (formerly known as Eta State), abbreviated as NC DKG, voted to pass all presented amendments to the state Bylaws and Standing Rules.

The NC DKG Rules Committee, with the input from convention workshop attendees, will be revising the draft checklist that chapters can use to make updates to their chapter rules based on the 2019 passed amendments. The final checklist will be emailed to chapter presidents and posted on the NC DKG webpage.

One amendment that NC DKG passed said that the state Rules Committee will make immediate changes to state rules following an International DKG Convention where proposed amendments were adopted. This should be a model for your chapter rules, where your chapter will make immediate changes following the International DKG Convention and also after the NC DKG Convention, as needed. This will be stated on the checklist for you.

While you are making these recently adopted changes to your chapter rules, please visit the NC DKG webpage and find the standard chapter rules checklist. Print it and check that all recommended items are part of your chapter rules so they are as up-to-date as they can be. The next official chapter rules review by the state Rules Committee is scheduled for 2020. Chapter Rules are a living, breathing document that may change to meet the needs of the group.

Additional Changes to Bylaws and Standing Rules Adopted

In addition to the changes adopted mentioned above and on page 1, changes to the Bylaws or Standing Rules that aligned NC DKG’s rules to International addressed collegiate membership, payment of dues, induction of members, treasurer roles, chapter meetings, and report formats.

Adopted amendments not related to International changes set collegiate membership dues, clarified the distribution process of the state newsletter, changed the name to Communications and Marketing Committee, and addressed seven proposals related to scholarships. The proposed amendment to Article V Organization, Section 2. New Chapters B was withdrawn before voting.

For more detailed information on each amendment, refer to the 2019 Proposed Amendments document posted on the NC DKG website at [https://www.ncdkg.org/uploads/8/0/8/5/80859646/2019ncproposedbylawrulechanges.pdf](https://www.ncdkg.org/uploads/8/0/8/5/80859646/2019ncproposedbylawrulechanges.pdf). All amendments that were presented for vote were adopted.

Want to Serve on a State Committee?
Apply through the committee interest form on the NC DKG website.

Presidents and Editors: Please share with your members so they will know of this opportunity.
Join Us for NC DKG Friday Night Out
A Unique Experience Just for You
By: Dr. Teresa Cowan, SER Steering Committee Member

Friday will offer an experience you will not want to miss. First is an “Art to Wear” event at Bellagio in Biltmore Village (https://www.bellagioarttowear.com/). Bellagio "showcases exquisite collections of distinctive & artisan-made clothing, jewelry, accessories, and event wear." There will be wine, light refreshments and fashions to enjoy. This event is open to all conference attendees Friday, June 28, 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. DKG members also receive a gift bag and 20% discount coupon from Bellagio! Come anytime then stay for dinner at TGI Friday.

NC DKG members are invited to join fellow sisters for dinner at TGI Friday in Biltmore Village. Reservations are for 7:00 p.m. in a semi-private room that will accommodate up to 45 people. Plenty of additional seating is available outside the semi-private room but the NC DKG reservation for 45 people is set for 7:00 p.m.

If you plan to attend the International conference and/or the NC DKG dinner at TGI Friday, please let Executive Secretary Dr. Barbara Perry-Sheldon know. Email her at etaexecsecretary@gmail.com.

Hints to Editors: Please share in your newsletters. Members attending the convention will enjoy the time of fellowship and shopping.

The NC DKG Chapter Visit Request Form is available at https://www.ncdkg.org/uploads/8/0/8/5/80859646/2019-20chaptervisitrequestform.pdf Send the form to Dr. Barbara Perry-Sheldon at etaexecsecretary@gmail.com.

Chapter Dues Deadline is June 30
The new dues process is in full swing, with chapters collecting dues now for the 2019-2020 year. Chapter dues are due to the treasurer by June 30.

Ruth Jones, NC DKG Treasurer, reminds chapters that inductees in April and May should be paying the full amount of dues along with the induction fee. These dues will be for the 2019-2020 year. This is the time when payment is being made by other members, and all dues will be sent to NC DKG and International in July.

Dues reports will go to the incoming treasurer Leslie Black. Watch for more information next month.

It's Now or Never... for this Go 'Round
By: Susan Phipps, Chair, ELP Committee

Right now in Raleigh legislators on both sides of the aisle in both the House of Representatives and the Senate are wrestling with the state budget that will guide state funding for the next two years. This means NOW is the time to contact your senator and your representative to urge greater support for public education. NC still lags behind the national average in teacher salaries, ranking 34th in the nation. Adjusted for inflation, NC teacher salaries are currently 10.5% lower than they were 10 years ago in the midst of the great recession.

Likewise, NC spending is $2,957 less per student than the national average, with a ranking of 42nd in the nation. One flawed bill being considered takes away $37 million from local school districts and gives it directly to classroom teachers to buy supplies on a designated website. This leaves the local school systems with no funding to provide commonly used materials and equipment such as copiers and maintenance of such items.

Finally, please speak up for more school psychologists, social workers, counselors, nurses, and librarians and object to a virtual (computer-based) preschool program.

Go to www.ncleg.gov to find contact information for all senators and representatives. Your students are depending on you!
International Conference Kicks Off with Fun Activities

Fun on the Lawn
The Arts & Humanities International Conference in Asheville kicks off on Thursday June 27, 5:00-6:30 p.m., with Fun on the Lawn. Join DKG members and friends on the green space outside the Expo Center. Gather together in the fresh mountain air for conversation, artisans, musicians, and games! Up for a little friendly state rivalry? Start a game of corn hole, Frisbee toss, or checkers. Be sure to take part in the Collaborative Weaving project that will grow throughout the weekend. Choose from a variety of locally gathered materials provided for all of us to weave into this unique work of art. Remember sun hats or visors, comfy clothes, and maybe a little insect repellent to make this time outside more enjoyable. Cookies and lemonade are waiting for you in the Expo building, courtesy of NC DKG.

NC Theme Night
The first General Session begins at 7:00 p.m. and is immediately followed by entertainment as the FUN continues with more local artists. Traditional music and dance entertainers, The Whitewater Bluegrass Co. and the J. Creek Cloggers, will perform. Use your Theme Night ticket to claim a small pottery piece handmade by local DKG members with assistance from artist Sarah Anne Eller.

Volunteers Still Needed
NC DKG members are encouraged to volunteer to help at the conference in Asheville. Let Tobey Worthington know if you are available, especially to help coordinate technology during the workshops. Also let Tobey know if you have outdoor games or pop-up tents you will share.

Hints to Editors: Please continue to share information about the International Conference so NC DKG members are informed and excited about hosting this major event. Let’s show NC’s Sparkle!

Convention Dates
June 27 - 29, 2019 — International Conference, Crowne Plaza, Asheville, NC
May 1 - 3, 2020 — NC DKG Convention, Embassy Suites, Greensboro, Region VII
July 7 - 11, 2020 — International Convention, Philadelphia, PA
April 23 - 25, 2021 — NC DKG Convention, Asheville Crowne Plaza and Resort

International Website: https://www.dkg.org
NC DKG Website: https://www.ncdkg.org

For comments or questions regarding Eta Data, please contact Editor Susan Kuenzel or NC DKG President Connie Savell.

Early Bird Registration Ends May 30
Early bird registration for the Arts & Humanities Conference to be held in Asheville, June 27-29, 2019, will end May 30. Log in to the member side of the DKG website, click on the Events tab, next on the Asheville photo, and then on the Register button (left one). Specific steps will guide you through the registration process.