

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Vermont State Organization
Gamma Chapter
Standing Rules
2021

Article I Name

The name of this chapter shall be Gamma Chapter, Vermont State Organization, The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

Article II Purposes

The object of the chapter shall be to promote the seven purposes of Vermont State Organization and the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

Article III Membership

Membership is in accordance with the Vermont State Organization bylaws (active, reserve, collegiate, honorary).

Membership application forms must be completed and may be mailed or given to the membership chair (second vice president). Recommendations for membership may be submitted by any DKG member.

Recommendations shall be reviewed by the Membership committee.

The membership committee shall present a list of proposed members with attached biographical information to the chapter members at a regular meeting or by electronic publication.

A motion to invite the list of candidates to membership shall be made, seconded and voted on by those members present

An individual becomes a member of the Society when she pays her dues.

Orientation by the Membership committee and the treasurer may take place prior to the induction.

Induction shall be held at a chapter or state meeting.

Changes in membership at the chapter level shall be reported to the state Membership chair, State treasurer, and recorded in the chapter minutes.

Article IV Finances

The treasurer shall be appointed by the president and length of service shall not be limited.

Changes in chapter dues and speakers' honoraria shall be determined annually by chapter vote.

Stipends for speakers shall be limited to a monetary honorarium and cost of refreshments for speaker and one guest.

Annual Chapter, State, and International dues and fees shall be collected by the chapter treasurer by June 30. On October 1st members shall be removed from membership for non-payment of dues.

Annual budget is prepared and presented to the membership by the treasurer with the help of the finance committee consisting of the auditor and one member at the March meeting.

An Audit is performed once a year.

All monies raised by the membership shall be placed in the treasury.

All expenditures for projects shall be voted on by the membership.

There is no reinstatement fee.

Reserve membership shall be granted only to a member who is unable to participate fully in the activities of the chapter because of physical limitations and/or geographic location.

Changes in membership at the chapter level shall be reported to the State treasurer, State membership chair, and recorded in the chapter minutes.

Article V Organization

Gamma chapter shall govern the conduct of its business in a manner consistent with the Constitution, International Standing Rules, Vermont State Organization Bylaws, and Gamma Chapter Standing Rules.

Chapter president is a representative on the State Organization executive board.

Article VI Officers

The elected Gamma Chapter officers shall be president, first vice president, second vice president, recording secretary, and corresponding secretary.

A treasurer and parliamentarian shall be approved by the executive board upon the recommendation of the president. Collegiate and honorary members may serve as parliamentarian.

All officers must be active members of the society.

The nominating committee shall be appointed by the president at a regular meeting. The nominations are presented by the nominating committee to the membership with any others accepted from the floor. Voting is by ballot unless only one name per office is presented, in which case voting is done by voice vote.

Each term for officers shall be limited to two years. Officers shall take office on July 1 following their election. Elections are held in even-numbered years.

Installation shall be at the last spring meeting, whereby the president will be presented with the insignia of the president.

Article VII Boards

The executive board consists of the elected officers of the chapter and the immediate past president. The treasurer and the parliamentarian shall serve as ex officio, the parliamentarian without vote, and the treasurer without vote if under remunerative contract for her services.

The executive board may meet at the suggestion of the president or any officer in the absence of the president. The executive board meets at least twice each year.

A quorum of the executive board is a majority of the (7) voting members.

Article VIII Committees

Committee chairs shall be appointed by the president. They may serve two consecutive biennia.

Ad hoc committee shall be formed by appointment of the president. Ad hoc committee may be formed for immediate issue resolution. President may take volunteers or appoint members.

Chapter president serves as member ex-officio on committees other than nominations.

Gamma Chapter has the following standing committees:

Society Business:

1. Standing Rules
2. Communication
 - a. Yearbook (first vice president)
 - b. Online
 - c. Publicity
3. Membership (second vice president)
 - a. Records (treasurer)
 - b. Recruitment, Orientation, and Induction

The Membership Committee shall be chaired by the Second Vice President. The President shall appoint at least two and no more than four additional members to the Committee.

4. Member Awards
5. Finance
 - a. treasurer
 - b. auditor
6. Chapter History
7. Nominations

Society Mission and Purposes

1. Educational Excellence (first vice president)
 - a. Programs
 - b. Fine Arts
 - c. Legislation
2. Music
3. World Fellowship

Service:

1. Social Concerns
 - a. Future educator award committee

- b. Soup Bowls for Hunger committee
- c. Passion projects

Article IX Meetings

Gamma Chapter shall have a minimum of four meetings annually.

Parliamentary Authority shall be Roberts' Rules of Order Newly Revised.

A quorum shall consist of one third (1/3) of the membership.

Vote shall be by simple majority.

Issues needing immediate chapter action may be handled by the executive board.

Article X Communications/Publications

Chapter president approves publications.

Chapter may meet through electronic communication as long as all the members may simultaneously hear one another and participate during the meeting.

Article XI Parliamentary Authority

The parliamentary authority is not to be inconsistent with the International Constitution or other adopted Society Rules.

Article XII Amendments

Amendments shall be submitted in writing to the president. Amendments shall be presented to the standing rules committee. Proposed amendments shall be published to members thirty (30) days prior to a meeting. A successful amendment must be approved by three fourths (3/4) of those present at the vote held at a regularly scheduled meeting as long as a quorum is present.

The standing rules committee shall update chapter rules to align with changes made to the International Constitution and Standing Rules every two years. Changes to chapter rules shall be published to members thirty (30) days prior to a meeting. Approval of three fourths (3/4) of those members present at the regularly scheduled meeting is needed to approve the updated document.

Article XIII Dissolution

In the event of chapter dissolution, Epsilon Chapter will follow the procedures listed in Delta Kappa Gamma International's *Constitution*, Article XIX.

Date of last amendment_____

Date of last revision_____ Fall, 2017

October 2019