Delta Gamma Chapter

Standing Rules

(Approved by chapter vote March 1, 2012)

ARTICLE I: NAME

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

ARTCLE II: PURPOSES

The purpose of Delta Gamma Chapter shall be the seven purposes of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and those of the Eta State Organization.

1. To unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship
2. To honor women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education
3. To advance the professional interest and position of women in education
4. To initiate, endorse, and support desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interests of education and of women educators
5. To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to women educators from other countries
6. To stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action
7. To inform the members of current economic, social, political, and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

A. New Members

1. Members may propose new members by submitting a nomination form to the chair of the Membership Committee between February 1 and February 28. All nomination forms should be mailed and postmarked by the last day of February.

2. The Chapter President and the chairman of the Membership Committee will communicate with the Coordinating Council to eliminate duplication of invitations among local chapters.

3. Candidates for membership will be voted on by chapter members after March 1 and initiated at the annual banquet/luncheon in the spring. Candidates unable to attend the initiation banquet/brunch will be initiated at the first meeting in the fall.

4. An active member shall be a woman who is employed as a professional educator at the time of her election or has been retired from an educational position. An active member shall participate in the activities of the society. (International revision, 2010)

5. An honorary member shall be a woman not eligible for active membership who has rendered notable service to education or to women, and is elected to honorary membership in recognition of such service. (International revision, 2010)

6. Invitations will be delivered to new members personally whenever possible.

7. The Chapter President and the chair of the Membership Committee will work with the Coordinating Council to arrange an orientation session with prospective members.

8. The chapter will pay the state initiation fee ($5.00) for each new member, cover the initiation banquet/brunch costs for new members, and, provide new members with an orientation packet and a yearbook. Each initiate is responsible for purchasing her Delta Kappa Gamma pin.

B. Membership Classifications (International revisions, 2010)

1. Reserve Membership: Reserve membership shall be granted only to a member who is unable to participate fully in the activities of the chapter because of physical disability and/or geographic location. Reserve status shall be granted by a majority vote of the chapter.

2. Transfer: A member in good standing may transfer from one chapter to another upon notification to Society Headquarters.

3. Reinstatement: A former member shall be reinstated to membership by the chapter receiving the request.

C. Member Responsibilities

* + - 1. An active member is expected to attend all regularly scheduled meetings and participate in committee work.
      2. Members will notify designated persons whether or not they will attend the meetings.
      3. A record of attendance at all meetings will be kept by the Membership Chair, Secretary and/or Chapter President.

D. Termination of Membership

Membership in the Society is terminated for non-payment of dues and fees, resignation or death. (International revision, 2010)

ARTICLE IV: FINANCES

A. Resources

Membership dues include designated portions for international and state organizations and local chapter. Membership dues for active members are $79.00.

Membership dues for reserve members are: $34.00.

B. Expenses

* 1. The Finance Committee will prepare an annual budget for the chapter and an explanation of chapter dues allocations.
  2. Money allocated for programs, guest speakers (travel, gifts, etc.) will be in accordance with the budget.
  3. The chapter will pay its share of joint projects with Eta, Beta Iota and Beta Kappa Chapters.
  4. In the event of a member’s death, a red rose will be sent by the chapter to the family of the member. The Membership Committee will assume this responsibility.
  5. Upon the death of a member’s spouse, child, or parent, the chapter will send a red rose to the member. The Membership Committee will assume this responsibility.
  6. Financial assistance for the President and officers attending Delta Kappa Gamma conventions or workshops will be given.

ARTICLE V: ORGANIZATION

A. Officers

1. The slate of officers will be prepared by the Nominating Committee and presented at the January or March meeting each biennium.

2. Officers elected by the chapter include the President, First Vice President handling programs; Second Vice President handling the yearbook and membership; and,

Recording Secretary.

3. The Treasurer is selected by the chapter Executive Board in accordance with International bylaws.

4. The chapter will vote on the slate of officers at the March meeting each biennium.

5. Election of officers; duties of officers and the filling of vacancies is to be in accordance with the Delta Kappa Gamma Constitution, Article VI.

B. Committees

1. Communications & Publicity - Publishes the chapter newsletter; organizes media coverage of members and chapter activities.

2. Educational Excellence - Supervises the Teacher Grants program; informs the chapter of Society educational initiatives (Schools for Africa) and legislative issues.

3. Finance Committee - Prepares the annual budget for the chapter; works with the Treasurer on chapter financial concerns.

4. Membership Committee - Promotes member recognition and biographical updates; promotes and presents new member nominations; participates in the Orientation of new members; sends a rose of remembrance to chapter members or their families as defined in Article IV, #4 & 5.

5. Nominations Committee - Prepares a slate of officers for the new biennium; conducts the installation ceremony; previous chapter President(s) serve as Chair(s).

6. Programs Committee - Arranges and facilitates programs for the chapter; 1st Vice President serves as Chair.

7. Scholarship/World Fellowship - Informs the chapter about Delta Kappa Gamma scholarships available to members; informs the chapter about Society activities and opportunities throughout the world.

ARTICLE VII: AREAS OF ACTIVITY

A. Meetings

1. Regular chapter meetings will be held a minimum of 4 times per year. The final meeting will be a joint meeting with Beta Kappa, Beta Iota, and Eta Chapters to initiate new members.

2. Executive Board meetings will be held as necessary.

3. A newsletter will be prepared by the Communications & Publicity Committee and published four times per year.

B. Teacher Grants

1. The chapter will award annual Teacher Grants to Early Career Educators (teachers in their 1st - 3rd year of teaching). Teacher Grants will support classroom instruction. Full-time K-12 classroom teachers in the Person County Schools and Durham Public Schools are eligible and must complete an application, which will be reviewed by the Educational Excellence/Teacher Grants committee. Grant awards will be presented in December.

2. Funding for Teacher Grants will come from the annual donations of chapter members. Each year the chapter will vote on the amount to be allocated to the Teacher Grants program.

3. Teacher Grants will be administered according to the Guidelines established by the Educational Excellence/Teacher Grants Committee.

C. The President’s Pin

According to International policy, the chapter President’s pin will be presented at the time of her installation. The Treasurer will be responsible for purchasing the President’s pin.

ARTICLE VIII: AMENDMENTS

Rules may be adopted by a majority vote as the need arises. A 2/3 vote is required to amend a rule that has already been adopted. The Secretary will see that actions taken on a current concern are extracted from the minutes and inserted into the proper category in the Standing Rules, recording dates of entry.