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DKG: Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide

International Constitution and Standing Rules Amended at Convention

After much lively discussion for and against changing the name of the Society, the name will remain The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Other proposed amendments, however, did pass at the International Convention July 16-20 in Austin.

Among the proposed amendments that passed is to change the name of the state organizations to geographic locations and omit the Greek name references. The proposal retained that states shall name the chapters. Although amendments take effect immediately upon passing at the convention, the name change will be gradual as the International Constitution Committee works through all the changes this month.

Another change is to allow education majors to become collegiate members of DKG. The new addition to the membership section outlines qualifications and dues.

See the DKG website for [all adopted amendments](#).



Hints to Editors: Changes in the *International Constitution and Standing Rules* will impact the state and chapter levels. Share specifics in your newsletter to excite members about the changes.

Registration for Fall Board Meeting Due September 5

Registration for the Eta State NC Fall Executive Board Meeting is due September 5. Mail the [form](#) and \$20 registration fee to Executive Secretary Dr. Barbara Perry-Sheldon at the address on the form.



The board meeting will be held Saturday, September 15, 2018, at Elon Community Church’s Family Life Center, 271 N. Williamson Avenue, Elon.

Check-in begins at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will end by 3:00 p.m.

Mark the Dates

- Sept. 1 Deadline to apply for Lucille Cornetet Individual Professional Development (PD) Award
- Sept. 1 International Speaker’s Form applications due to state president
- Sept. 5 [Registration form](#) for Fall Executive Board Meeting is **due to** Dr. Barbara Perry-Sheldon
- Sept. 5 Deadline for Arts & Humanities Gallery submissions for Fall Gallery
- Sept. 15 Fall Executive Board Meeting, Elon Community Church’s Family Life Center
- Sept. 15 International Speaker recommendation due
- Sept. 30 Deadline for grant applications to the NC DKG Educational Foundation
- Oct. 10 *Eta State News* submission deadline to [Editor Carol Bostian](#)
- Oct. 31 Membership dues due to chapter treasurers
- Oct. 31 Deadline to submit Form 72 Society Website Compliance Assurance form
- Nov. 1 Deadline for Lucille Cornetet Seminar PD Award
- Nov. 10 Chapter dues due to state treasurer
- Nov. 15 Deadline to submit [nomination form](#) for state officers for the 2019-2021 biennium
- Nov. 15 990-N ePostcard due to IRS



Also check the Eta State NC calendar online at <https://www.ncdkg.org/calendar.html>.

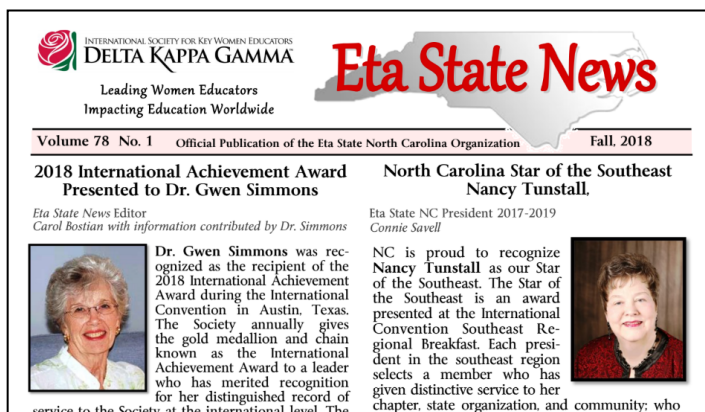
Eta State Vision: "Voices of Influence Empowering NC Women Educators"

Rules Committee to Support Chapters in Making Changes to Rules

Changes to the International *Constitution* and *Standing Rules* voted on at the convention in July will be published for members and a checklist will be provided to each state to ensure universal updates are made. The Eta State Rules Committee, chaired by Tammy Cullom, will help chapters make changes to their rules as needed.

In the meantime, the Rules Committee is accepting proposals to Eta State NC *Bylaws* and *Standing Rules* until December 1, 2018. The Rules Committee will report amendments to the Executive Board and general membership at the 2019 Convention in Hickory.

Send proposed amendments on the [Amendment Form](#) located on the Forms tab on the Eta State NC Website to Tammy Cullom (dkgtammy@gmail.com). Amendments may be submitted by chapters, committees, or individual members. Email Tammy with any questions.



2018 International Achievement Award Presented to Dr. Gwen Simmons

North Carolina Star of the Southeast Nancy Tunstall.

Eta State News Editor
Carol Bostian with information contributed by Dr. Simmons

Eta State NC President 2017-2019
Connie Savell

Dr. Gwen Simmons was recognized as the recipient of the 2018 International Achievement Award during the International Convention in Austin, Texas. The Society annually gives the gold medallion and chain known as the International Achievement Award to a leader who has merited recognition for her distinguished record of service to the Society at the international level. The

NC is proud to recognize Nancy Tunstall as our Star of the Southeast. The Star of the Southeast is an award presented at the International Convention Southeast Regional Breakfast. Each president in the southeast region selects a member who has given distinctive service to her chapter, state organization, and community; who

Congratulations to Dr. Gwen Simmons on being awarded the International Achievement Award, DKG's highest honor, and to Nancy Tunstall on being awarded the NC Star of the Southeast. Read more about both honorees and their awards in the [Fall Eta State News](#) now on the Eta State NC website under News -> Publications.



The Membership Committee reminds presidents to submit [Form 6](#) upon the death of a member.

Thank you, Eta State NC, for making Headquarters' Brick Project a Success!

One hundred twenty bricks were ordered to pave the sidewalk at Headquarters and raise funds for the support of Headquarters! The Headquarters Committee thanks all who ordered.

The committee also sends a big thank you to Eta State NC Treasurer Ruth Jones for handling donations and getting the second phase of the project started by placing the brick order. President Connie and past and present Headquarters Committee members met with a recommended brick mason to share ideas, concerns, and make decisions.

Committee Chairs and others with Headquarters keys are again asked to make contact with Mary Beth White, local Headquarters contact, (mbwhite@triad.rr.com or 336-629-5327) when interested in using Headquarters for safety reasons and to avoid overbookings. Headquarters is checked often and lights are being left on and the temperature is not being re-adjusted when users leave.



Thank you for friendship, loyalty and helpfulness in keeping Headquarters safe and organized for all to use.



Hints to Editors:
Please share this good news so all members may see the Thank You from the Headquarters Committee!

Educational Foundation Available for Chapter Programs

The NC DKG Educational Foundation wants to help members learn more about endowments and planned giving opportunities. Contact Foundation Board Chair Dr. Judith Carlson, judithb125@gmail.com, for information. Board members are available to speak with chapters about establishing a limited endowment and can meet with individuals to discuss planned giving.

Board members are also excited to share ways chapters might collaborate with the Foundation in planning community fundraisers to support local educational endeavors. The Foundation, with members' support, can provide funding for innovative programs and pave the way for excellence in education throughout North Carolina.



New Forms Online

Webmaster Beth Winstead has been busy updating the Eta State NC website and helping committees make their forms into fillable documents. These interactive forms are now available online:

- [To propose amendments](#) to the Eta State NC *Bylaws* or *Standing Rules*
- [To nominate someone](#) for a 2019-2021 Eta State NC office
- [To download an updated](#) Chapter Achievement Form
- [To apply](#) for the 2019 Leadership Seminar

Remember to download and save the form, then save again after completing it. Attach the saved form to an email to the person designated on the form.


Apply for a Foundation Grant

The application window is now open for grants from the Educational Foundation. The application is available under the [Grants tab](#) on the Foundation website, www.ncdkgef.org.



Grants up to \$500 each will be offered in the literacy/learning projects and the continuing education categories. Read about past awardees and their projects in the [brochure on the Giving page](#).

Applications are due **September 30, 2018**.

 **Hints to Editors:** Please share information about the Foundation grants with your members and encourage them to apply!

Schools for Africa: Empower, Engage and Create

By: *Dr. Teresa Cowan, Eta State First VP, Chair, EEC*

The Educational Excellence Committee (EEC) at the chapter, state and international level is committed to promoting long-term and short-term programs and projects for excellence in education that focus upon topics adopted by the Society. Programs of action that promote personal well-being and global awareness are two areas that EEC works to address. The current Eta State Wellness Initiative is an example of a local, short-term EEC project that addresses personal well-being. An example of a long-term EEC project is Schools for Africa (SFA), which became the Society's first official international project in 2010.

DKG aligns its efforts with UNICEF to work with governments, local authorities, communities, and other partners to address educational, environmental, and health related needs in areas of Africa.

Chapters are encouraged to participate in the SFA project as they Empower, Engage and Create throughout the year. Here are a few tips to help plan EEC activities:

- Visit http://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Schools_for_Africa_SD.aspx for resources
- Use the SFA Newsletters to share at meetings or in your chapter newsletters
- Use the SFA PowerPoints for chapter meetings or features on your websites
- Print a copy of the SFA donation form or provide the link in your newsletter
- Call members' attention to the DKG SFA page on the UNICEF website

Remember, visit <https://www.dkg.org/> - Programs/Projects - Schools for Africa to empower, engage and create your EEC- SFA project into action! And, as always, if you have questions or successes, contact Dr. Teresa H. Cowan, Eta State NC First VP, EEC Chair, drthcowan@gmail.com.

As You Plan Your Programs for 2018-2019...

By: *Susan Phipps, Chair, ELP Committee*

Since summertime is when many chapters schedule their meetings and programs for the upcoming year, the Educational Law & Policy Committee encourages chapters to invite a Senator or an NC House Representative to come speak about new laws that affect schools and to answer questions that members may have about improving NC's public schools, K through Post-Graduate. To find out who represents your chapter, go to www.ncleg.net and click on "Who Represents Me?" on the upper right side of the homepage.



Furthermore, since important midterm elections will take place this November, now is the time to begin to educate yourself about who is running for your local Board of Education, your Board of County Commissioners, the NC House of Representatives, the NC Senate, and the US House of Representatives. Find out what their ideas are to promote strong public schools and to support children in their formative years. Then volunteer to help those candidates whose values match your own to win in November. Remember, you are working for your students, who would otherwise have no voice in what happens in November!



Let's SPARKLE!

Goals:

- Encourage **S**avvy leadership
- Inspire **P**assion, meaningful programs and projects
- Analyze and **A**rticulate current educational issues
- Further **R**espect for diversity in membership
- Promote **K**nowledge through lifelong learning
- Establish and **L**aunch a member wellness initiative
- Advocate **E**xcellence in education

Our Fall Executive Board meeting will be at Elon on September 15, 2018. This meeting is for chapter presidents, officers, past presidents, regional directors, and committee chairs so please make plans to represent your chapter at this important meeting! Tracy Collier of Tennessee will be sharing information from DKGNext. Regional Directors will meet with you in the afternoon.

The Eta State NC goals are the same for the rest of the biennium. The state Wellness Initiative continues to focus on exercise, eating right, and taking care of ourselves. Wellness is a very broad topic and chapters are encouraged to focus on a topic appealing to your members.

Eta State will be 85 years old in 2019! Help us grow Eta State North Carolina by inviting new members to join your chapter.

The *DKG NEWS* will be available **online only** starting with the July/August 2018 issue. Please share this with your members.

Wishing you a Sparkling Year in DKG!

Let's Sparkle!

Connie

Connie Phifer Savell
Eta State NC President
2017-2019

Convention Dates

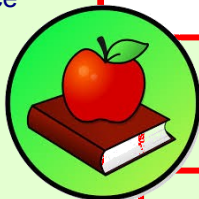
March 22 - 23, 2019 — Eta State NC Leadership Development Seminar, Caraway Conference Center, Asheboro

May 3 - 5, 2019 — Eta State NC Convention, Crowne Plaza, Hickory, Region X

June 27 - 29, 2019 — Southeast Regional Conference, Crowne Plaza, Asheville, NC

May 1 - 3, 2020 — Eta State NC Convention, Embassy Suites, Greensboro, Region VII

July, 2020 — International Convention, Philadelphia, PA



Cathy Daugherty Elected International President



Cathy Daugherty of Virginia was installed as 2018-2020 International President at the convention in Austin.

Serving with her will be Becky Sadowski, First Vice-President, of Tennessee and Dr. Lace Marie Brogden, Second Vice-President, of Canada. Elaine Warwick of Tennessee is the Southeast Regional Director.

See the other members of the new Administrative Board on the DKG website under the [About Us tab](#).

DKG Sponsors Icelandic Tour

“Inhale fresh Icelandic air, tap into the country’s natural restorative powers, and discover geysers and waterfalls on this adventure.” So begins the tour information about a six-day, DKG-sponsored event in July, 2019.

The information continues, “From your home base in progressive Reykjavik, set out to see the inspiring Golden Circle, the other-worldly beauty of South Iceland, and the world-famous Blue Lagoon.”



The tour has been so popular that a second tour date has been added. Read more information, including tour itinerary and costs, on the DKG website under the [Events tab](#).

85th Birthday Celebration to Honor Members



President Take Note: Be thinking about who your chapter can nominate for recognition during the 85th Birthday Celebration for Eta State NC. Read more about the qualities state leaders are looking for in the [Fall issue of Eta State News](#) and watch next month's *Eta Data* for more information.

International Website: <https://www.dkg.org>
Eta State NC Website: www.ncdkg.org

For comments or questions regarding *Eta Data*, please contact Editor [Susan Kuenzel](#) or Eta State NC President [Connie Savell](#)