



Wisconsin State Organization

Each local chapter of DKG is required to have chapter rules which are consistent with the DKG *Constitution* and International Standing Rules and its state organization bylaws (*Constitution*, Article V Section B. 3).

The DKG *Constitution* and *International Standing Rules* were revised in July 2022. The *Bylaws and Standing Rules of Wisconsin State Organization* were revised in May 2023 to reflect those changes. Please revise your chapter rules to reflect changes in current International and WSO documents. The specific wording required is highlighted in yellow.

Article III Membership

Section 1. Membership

Membership in the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International shall be by invitation. At the time she joins the society, she becomes a member of the international society, a state organization, and a chapter.

Chapters in the state shall have full power to act in matters of chapter membership, except as restricted by the *Constitution*. An accurate and current membership roster shall be kept by the chapter treasurer. Records for each member should include name, date of induction, reinstatement, and/or termination of membership.

Section 2. Classification

The membership of Wisconsin State Organization shall be composed of active, reserve, collegiate, and honorary members. All membership is in accordance with the *Constitution*, Article III.

- A. An active member shall be a woman who is or has been employed as a professional educator at the time of her election. An active member shall participate in the activities of the society.
- B. Reserve membership shall be granted only to a member who is unable to participate fully in the activities of the chapter because of medical disability, geographic location, and/or no technological connection/skill.
 1. Reserve status shall be granted by a majority vote of the chapter.
 2. A reserve member, so requesting, shall be restored to active membership.
- C. Honorary membership may be awarded to women who have rendered notable service to education or to women.
 1. A chapter 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.
- D. Collegiate members shall be undergraduate or graduate students who meet the following criteria:
 1. Bachelor student collegiate members shall:
 - a. Be enrolled in an institution offering coursework leading to a career in education; and have the intent to continue academically and professionally in the field of education; and

b. Be enrolled within the last two years of their bachelor's education degree.

2. Graduate/Masters/Doctoral student collegiate members shall have Graduate/Masters/Doctoral standing in an institution offering coursework in the field of education; and have the intent to continue academically and professionally in the field of education.

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 as an educator, her membership will expire upon graduation or withdrawal from the education degree program.

Section 3. Election

- A. A candidate for active or collegiate membership shall be selected by the method established by the chapter's rules.
- B. Reserve status shall be granted by a majority vote of the chapter to an active member who requests it.
- C. A candidate for honorary membership at the chapter level shall be elected by the method established by the chapter Executive Board.

Section 4. Transfer

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

Section 5. Termination of Membership

Membership in the society is terminated by non-payment of dues and fees, resignation, or death. The chapter shall enter the date of a termination into its minutes.

Section 6. Reinstatement

A former member shall be reinstated to membership by the chapter receiving the request. The chapter membership chair shall notify the state treasurer when a former member has been reinstated as an active member.

ARTICLE IV Finances

Section 2. Payment of Dues and Fees

- A. The membership year is July 1-June 30. A member shall pay annual dues and fees no later than June 30 for the following fiscal year.
- B. A scholarship fee of \$1 shall be paid annually by each active and reserve member.
- C. New members shall become members when dues are paid. New members who join between July 1 and December 31 shall pay full international dues for the current fiscal year. New members who join between January 1 and March 31 shall pay half dues. New members joining between April 1 and June 30 shall pay full international dues for the ensuing year. Reinstated members shall pay full annual dues whenever reinstated. Chapter dues may be pro-rated as the chapter determines.
- D. Immediately thereafter, the state organization portion of the dues shall be sent to the state organization treasurer and the international portion to the International Headquarters.
- E. A member who fails to complete payment of international dues shall be dropped as of October 1.

F. The inducting unit of Wisconsin State Organization shall pay a lifetime fee in the amount of \$49.50 for each honorary member at the time of induction.

These revisions must be made by all local chapters in Wisconsin State Organization. Thank you for making the necessary changes to your chapter rules.

2023-2025 Wisconsin State Organization Rules Committee:

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