

The proposed revised
CONSTITUTION
– An opportunity to make your vote count!

The Proposed Constitution(C) and International Standing Rules (ISR) have a modernized language and have been reorganized in a logical order. Both C and ISR will make our Governing documents easier to use. The structure is based on Roberts Rules of Order. The DKG *NEWS of the March/April 2010* issue contains a detailed list of the proposed changes of the governing documents. I will point out some changes (line numbers in brackets).

- Article II A vision statement has been added to Mission and Purposes (52).
- Article III Professional educators could be initiated directly after their graduation - earlier 3 years of service in teaching was required - (81) and as long as 5 years after retirement (82)
- Article IV All statements concerning Dues, Fees, Payment of Dues and Fees and Financial Accounting are collected in this Article. Article IV also gives a brief description of Funds. More information about Funds is available in ISR (141 and forward).
- Article V Contains a description of the three decisive levels of the organization: Chapter, state and international. Please observe that region and forum are components of the international level.
- Article VI A proposal has been made that the first vice president (341) should be replaced by a president-elect – meaning that that person is predetermined as international president during the following biennium. And beyond that there should also be a vice-president. The duties of the regional directors have been elucidated (429-434).
- Article VIII From the numbers of proposals and amendments it is clear that our different committees have been a hot topic. In this revised version the purposes of the committees are more distinctly described.
- A new structure of the committees, Society Business (757) as well as Society Mission and Purposes Committees (872) should make it somewhat easier to have an overview. The purposes of some committees are to administrate different funds like scholarships etc.
- Two new committees have been suggested: A Non-Dues Revenue Committee (864) and an Educational Excellence Committee (873). Three former committees have been suggested to be cancelled: Professional Affairs, Personal Growth and Service and Research.
- Article XIII Awards – this article is new and describes the different awards for members and non-members (1297).
- Article XIX Rules for the dissolution of a chapter, a state or the international society have been added (1538).

In ISR is suggested that each individual member make the decision as to how to wear the Society jewelry (25). Information on the membership dues of today and how the raise of it will be decided in the future is to find on line 82-87.

In this presentation I have chosen to highlight changes that I have founded of most interest. When you once start to read an article or section it is easy to move on in the proposed revision of the Constitution.

You will find a useful summary of the proposed changes on one of the first pages in NEWS March/April 2010. The decisions made in Spokane will go into effect at the close of the 2010 Convention and then be incorporated in the State Bylaws.

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