

Minutes of the European Forum Committee Meeting
4th – 5th November 2016
Bjorg Nakling's House, Oslo

Members present: Kathrin Hodgson (Chair), Daniela von Essen, Ann-Katrin Swärd, Iida Hyvönen, Lillia Oberg, Kristín Jónsdóttir, Ria Logtenberg, Anne Marie Solstad, Bjørg Nakling (Regional Director)

Friday 4th November

19:45 Kathrin opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Introduction of the Committee Members 2016-2018

Organization of Secretary –Iida /Treasurer –Anne Marie and Ria

Previous Minutes:

- EF meeting in Stockholm 2015 – looked through, accepted discussion about visiting each other in the annual meetings, should we have annual meetings in English? Can it be partly in English and in our native language? How is the program put together?
Conclusion: the main goal is to get to know each others cultures, the program could be partly in English and partly in our native language, home-stay
- EF meeting in Nashville 2016 – looked through, accepted

European Forum Goals

- discussed
- remove: “in an open situation”→to give opportunities to discuss issues of educational importance
- remove: “activities” replaced by “action”
- add: to strengthen the link between the European Forum and the European Regional Director

Finished Friday's meeting, continued with Saturday's

EF Operational Guidelines

- discussion
- Kathrin changed some parts

Meeting closed 22:05

Saturday 5th November

Meeting began at 08:45

Financial Affairs

2016-2017 Budget

Kathrin explained the Budget 2016-2017

We received \$3000 from Headquarters which is €2592

Left over from last year: €100

What should be kept, what isn't necessary?

If we plan a Pre-conference we need money for a room (perhaps at a school nearby).

Regional Director's expenses

Discussion about travel costs for European Regional Director.

In order to support our Regional Director: If we are inviting one member from the Admin Board to come to the state meeting, we should consider asking our Regional Director.

Funding of the Achievement Award

We collected €25 from each country. Daniela and Anna Marie are going to investigate somebody who can create a piece of jewellery.

European Website

Upgrade: Hosting - €607, Domain cost - €350 each year

After discussion the EF committee recommends to use a free website like Weebly for example. Any reasonable costs for that will be divided equally between the 8 countries.

Euforia

Thanks to Riet that EuForia is continuing.

Sending a reminder two weeks before deadline (1st September and 1st February) would be helpful.

The State President decides who writes for EuForia for their country.

European Achievement Award

Criteria: The recipient will be someone who **from among the following has**:

1. **worked** on expansion in her own State Organization (e.g. new chapter)
2. **improved** public relations and visibility of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
3. **increased** membership (e.g. new members in a chapter)
4. **given lectures and/or workshops** at Delta Kappa Gamma meetings
5. **supported and mentored** other members of Delta Kappa Gamma
6. **been active** in the development of the European Region.

Four members were nominated - based on criteria and a long discussion, we made a decision to be announced at the European Regional Conference in Tallinn.

Daniela asked for changing the Recommendation Form to get more structure and make the decision easier. Daniela will create a draft of an updated form and sent it to the other EF committee members to give further suggestions.

SAP

Worked on the SAP and updated it.

Planning the forum meeting in 2017

(Leading women educators, impacting education worldwide)

Informal meeting at the Regional conference for all 18 European members of international committees by invitation only. Iida and Ann-Katrin will contact the European committee members and lead the meeting.

Business meeting

Possible topics:

Welcome and introductions	Daniela	3 min
Reporters (minutes)	Iida	
Timekeepers	Lavinia Soul (GB) and Unity Harvey (GB)	
Attendance sheets	Kristin	

Words of Inspiration: Barbara Carlsen (NOR) 3min

In Memoriam. Led by Marianne Skardéus 3min

Minutes of Nashville 2016 2min

Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda	3min	
EF Operational Guidelines, update	6min	
Financial Review	3min	
Proposals ???	5min	Kathrin writes mail to state presidents
European Website: report from Eygló B. (Iceland)	3min	Kathrin writes mail to state presidents
EuForia: report from Riet Smit (NL)	3min	
Membership: young members	5min	
		Members <35 years asked to write 5 sentences about why they joined DKG and what they expect
Any other business		

The European Achievement Award. Presented by Kathrin Hodgson (GB)

Close the business meeting.

Speaker

??? Iida will ask Gamma Chapter (Finland) if they perhaps can speak about their project with immigrant women.
All committee members will investigate for possible speakers.

Introduced by: ??? Depends on who is the speaker.

Questions discussion and thanks led by: Anne Marie (NOR)

Planning the Pre-Conference in 2017 – should we have one?

If we can find a speaker, we would like to do a Pre-conference

Possible topic:

Refugees < 18 years (being on their own) and their Integration in School

All committee members will investigate for possible speakers until 9th Dec.

Discussions and proposals for the future

Continuity of committee members between biennia

Great Britain, Germany, Finland and The Netherlands plan to stay for 2 Biennia (4 years).

In November 2019 the Committee makes sure that there are at least 3 countries that continue the work for another 2 biennium (2 years).

Decided date and venue for 2017 EF meeting

03. Nov – 05. Nov. 2017 Helsinki

The meeting ended at 18:15