

## Inside International Summation Notes

May 5, 2026

The May 2026 Inside International focused on “Frequently Asked Questions” regarding the proposed revision of the governing documents:

**Q:** Are males allowed to be global members if the global membership classification is adopted?

**A:** No. Global membership is for women educators who meet the requirements for membership but do not reside in an area where a chapter or state organization exists. If there is a state organization available, then the member would join the chapter and state organization. Global members may vote. They may serve on an international committee and be elected to member-at-large.

**Q:** Are males allowed to be affiliate members if the affiliate membership classification is adopted?

**A:** Yes. However, affiliate members may attend meetings but may not speak from the floor, may not vote, may not hold office, and may only have guest privileges to the website. An affiliate member is an individual with a strong interest in education who supports the mission, vision, and purposes of DKG but does not meet the qualifications of membership. Affiliate members demonstrate a clear commitment to advancing education and furthering the Society’s goals. They contribute by paying international dues and are welcomed as valued supporters. Affiliate members may attend meetings but cannot speak from the floor, hold office, or vote.

Allowing males to serve as affiliate members would be especially beneficial in collegiate chapters, where institutional requirements often mandate that student organizations be open to all genders in order to be officially recognized. By including male affiliate members, chapters can meet these requirements while still maintaining their core mission and identity. This flexibility not only supports compliance with campus policies but also enables chapters to establish and sustain a presence on college campuses.

**Q:** Are transgenders allowed to be members?

**A:** The DKG executive board voted to adopt the inclusivity statement in December 2025. The role of DKG is to support women and education; it does not define or determine gender identity.

**Q:** Is the constitution being replaced by the bylaws; yes, or no?

**A:** In essence, yes - if adopted. The Revision Task Force started with a blank page and studied the Constitution and International Standing Rules to determine what is structural and what is procedural. Structural items are proposed to move to the Bylaws. Procedure items are proposed to move to GAPP.

Some items in the proposed bylaws are from the Constitution and some are from the International Standing Rules. Some items from the Constitution and International Standing Rules are proposed to move to the revised GAPP.

**Q:** Is GAPP replacing the ISR; yes, or no?

**A:** In essence, yes - if the proposed bylaws are adopted. Some items in the revised GAPP are from the Constitution, and some are from the International Standing Rules.

**Q:** Is the revision voted on as an entire document?

**A:** The proposed revision will be reviewed article by article and will be open for amendment and discussion. Once all articles have been reviewed, amended as desired, the full document will be brought forward for a vote.

**Q:** What if I want to bring forward an amendment to the proposed revision?

**A:** Any member in attendance at the international convention may move to amend the proposed revision. Form 119 will be available at registration, the Question & Answer Session, on the convention floor, or available in advance to be completed and brought to the convention. One may prepare and submit in advance or prepare in advance and submit at convention.

Providing amendment forms in advance of the convention allows members who intend to propose changes to prepare thoughtfully and thoroughly. With time to draft their amendments ahead of the event, members can ensure clarity of language, accuracy of proposed amendments, as well as attention to spelling and penmanship.

**Q:** Who votes for the proposed revision and who votes on GAPP?

**A:** Members in attendance at the international convention may vote on the proposed revision.

The executive board votes on the revised GAPP. The voting members of the executive board are the international president, first and second international vice presidents, regional directors, past international presidents, members-at-large, area representatives, and state organization presidents. Hopefully, voting on the revised GAPP can be done following the adoption of the proposed revision of the governing documents at convention. All members of the executive board are encouraged to review the revised GAPP.

**Q:** During which general sessions will the voting on the proposed revision take place?

**A:** There are six general sessions scheduled for the international convention, with presentation of the proposed revision beginning during the second general session. In addition, two optional evening sessions have been scheduled from 8:00–10:00 PM on

Wednesday and Friday, should additional time be needed for discussion. It is hoped that these extra sessions will not be necessary, allowing members to use that time to enjoy local sights and connect with one another.

**Q:** What will the adoption of the proposed revision look like for state organization and chapter governing documents?

**A:** State organization and chapter governing documents will need to be in compliance with both the adopted international bylaws and GAPP. GAPP consists of over 100 pages, but only a few of its sections affect state organization and chapter governing documents.

**Q:** Do state organization governing documents have a GAPP or do we keep our bylaws and standing rules?

**A:** Either one. The only requirement is that state organization bylaws be in compliance with the international governing documents and that chapter rules be in compliance with both the international governing documents and their state organization governing documents.

The major difference between the international bylaws and GAPP is that the bylaws may be amended only once every two years by the members at an international convention, whereas GAPP may be amended at any time by the international executive board.

**Q:** Are state organization appendices like GAPP?

**A:** Appendices are similar to GAPP in that they include detailed procedures. For clarity and consistency, the governing documents of a state organization should clearly specify when and by whom the appendices may be amended.

**Q:** Will there be guidelines forthcoming on how to update state organization governing documents to align with the newly revised international governing documents?

**A:** Yes. The Bylaws & Policies Committee will provide relevant information to state organizations and chapters as soon as possible following the convention, once it is determined whether if and how the proposed revision has been amended or adopted.

**Q:** How does the no-half dues payment work?

**A:** Dues will be the same amount regardless of which time of year a member joins. The iMIS Dues Structure Task Force envisions a future in which dues can be paid online and new members are enrolled on a calendar-year membership basis, allowing them to pay for one full year from their date of joining. While this is not expected to be implemented immediately following the adoption of the bylaws—given that it would coincide with an active dues season—it represents the intended direction for a more streamlined and member-friendly system going forward.

**Q:** When will the revised GAPP be available for review?

**A:** GAPP is available for review on the [dkg.org](http://dkg.org) website under Events, International Convention, Aurora, Bylaws Revision, GAPP. Remember that it has not been formatted by headquarters staff, but if there are items that would change the *intent* of the document, you may submit that info through the following link:

<https://forms.gle/GkZGhpW8cCFGrKBj6>

**Additional Questions:**

Following the review of frequently asked questions, participants asked the following questions:

**Q.** Will a template be available to aid state organizations in revising their state organization governing documents?

**A.** The recommendation to provide a template to state organizations has been made. President Hall-Maughan called upon Constitution Committee Chair Donnis Poe, who included this in the 2024–2026 biennium report as a formal recommendation from the Constitution Committee to the 2026–2028 Bylaws and Policies Committee.

**Q.** Can a corporation become an Affiliate member?

**A.** Affiliate membership is intended for individuals who support the DKG mission and purposes. An individual from a corporation will be allowed to hold Affiliate membership. Other examples include spouses, family members, and friends.

**Q.** Will Affiliate members pay dues?

**A.** Yes, it is proposed that Affiliate members pay \$50 (USD) international dues.

**Q.** Will Affiliate members who are males and part of a collegiate chapter pay full affiliate dues or half dues like collegiate members?

**A.** Presently, Collegiate members pay half international dues (\$20), half state, and half chapter dues. If a college or university has a collegiate chapter, that chapter sets their own dues. The dues for an affiliate member (male) of a collegiate chapter shall be the same as those of a collegiate chapter member.

**Q.** What privileges would a male affiliate member have?

**A.** A male affiliate member would have the same privileges as a female affiliate member: Affiliate members may attend all meetings of the Society but may not speak from the floor, hold office, or vote at any level of the Society. They are eligible for member rates at international convention and have public access to the Society website.

**Q.** What benefits will Global, Affiliate, and Collegiate members have?

A. Global members may vote, be appointed to international committees, and hold the position of international member-at-large. Global members are part of DKG at the international level and are encouraged to participate fully in Society programs, initiatives, and events.

[An attendee pointed out that if a state organization dissolves, then former members may become global members.]

Affiliate membership is designed to support and advance the Society's mission. Affiliate members may attend all Society meetings and have public access to the Society's website. However, they are not permitted to speak from the floor, hold office, or vote at any level, and are not eligible for member benefits except for member rates at the international convention.

Collegiate members may vote at all levels of the Society and hold office within a collegiate chapter. Collegiate members are encouraged to participate in meetings with their sponsoring chapter. Collegiate members may serve as parliamentarian of the sponsoring chapter, as the position is not an elected office.

**Q:** How will we know if we need to stay for the Wednesday evening session from 8:00 PM to 10 PM?

**A:** The decision will be determined based on the progress of the proposed revision to the governing documents by the conclusion of the 3rd General Session, scheduled from 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM on Wednesday, July 1, 2026. If progression is slow with several amendments and much discussion, then the additional evening session/s will be needed.

#### **Summation Regarding Member Benefit Questions:**

- The Cornet Individual Professional Development Award is designed for educators who are currently employed, thereby excluding collegiate members.
- International Scholarships are awarded to active members of the Society who have maintained membership for at least three (3) years for doctoral study or at least one (1) year at the time of application for other graduate study, and who hold a bachelor's degree or its equivalent.

Collegiate members are therefore ineligible for these scholarships.

Global members are eligible for international scholarships if they have the required years of service.

Affiliate members are not eligible for international scholarships.

- Emergency Funds may not be awarded to Affiliate members.

#### **International Convention KNOW BEFORE YOU GO:**

**BYOB:** Bring Your Own toteBag. There will not be a convention bag given at registration

**NewBee Sponsorship:** Sponsor a first-time attendee by helping pay registration (details available on the registration site).

**Volunteer:** Volunteers are needed to help work various tables/activities at convention.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/tabs/13573DD03A7CAEAC1AA3-2026convention#/>

**DKG ‘Wear’ You Belong:** Opening night of convention on Tuesday June 30, wear your DKG attire or colors.

**Emergency Fund:** At the Friday, July 3rd luncheon, a collection will be taken for the Emergency Fund.

**Open Seats, Open Hearts:** You will be hearing more about this opportunity to sit with someone you do not know.

**Washing Away Barriers:** The convention community project is the East Middle School Community Closet and Family Laundry Room in Aurora. Members may purchase items from the wish list and have them shipped to East Middle School using the following link:

[https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/1UXZXRNVAQWS?ref=cm\\_sw\\_r\\_cp\\_ud\\_ggr-subnav-share\\_5SWZNRZFZ82NC6SBRW0X0](https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/1UXZXRNVAQWS?ref=cm_sw_r_cp_ud_ggr-subnav-share_5SWZNRZFZ82NC6SBRW0X0)

#### **Announcements:**

Joanne Gregory, Nominating Committee Chair, would appreciate any comments about the recent *Meet the Candidate: Your Voice, Your Choice* virtual event.

May 12—Inside Connection @ 5:30 Central

May 14—Inside Impact @ 12:30 Central

May 15—Submissions due for the *DKG Journal*

May 15—Form 110 Chapter Officer Report Form due

May 21—Inside Leadership @ 5:30 Central

May 31--Registration increases after midnight Central

June 2—Inside International @ 5:30 Central