



Great Britain

State Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 10.30am

By Zoom

**Present:** D. Bell, J. Carroll, A. Dickson, A. Goldstein, E. Goodsell, K. Hodgson, B. Kern,  
S. Roberts. M.A. ???

**Apologies:** D. Billam, D. Blacker

No.	Title	Content
1.	<b>President's Welcome:</b>	Diana welcomed everyone, especially our Regional Director Marie Antoinette, to this important Executive committee meeting.
2.	<b>Minutes:</b>	The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 20 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 had been previously circulated. There being no objections they were agreed and accepted as accurate.
3.	<b>Matters Arising:</b>	There were no issues outstanding that were not being dealt with in today's agenda.
4.	<b>Correspondence:</b>	Diana had received correspondence from HQ asking if GB members would be willing to serve on an International committee. Evie and Kathy have agreed to consider putting their names forward. Joan reported she has written to reserve member Judith Sutton about renewing her membership. Judith is our oldest member and now unable to travel but has enjoyed keeping in touch with DKG members and activities.
4.	<b>Treasurer's Report:</b>	Kathy reported that though there are now fewer Members it is possible the accounts would show a small profit. Two or three members had not responded about remaining as full members, opting for reserve membership or resigning. The combined funds of the Community account, the Available Fund and the Canterbury Fund therefore currently stand at £3,796.72.
5.	<b>State President's Report:</b>	Diana commented that, as she had stated in her written Report, she wanted to thank the Planning Group for organising an attractive programme of Zoom meetings, visits and events. She also wanted to thank Claire for hosting our excellent State Conference and A.G.M in April and today she wanted to thank Marie Antoinette for coming to view our proposed 2025

		conference venue and for joining this meeting.	
6.	<b>Chapter Presidents' Report:</b>	Barbara commented that most of the events involving both Chapters were already detailed in the Planning Group already circulated with the other documents for this meeting. She was unable to comment on the Rye visit but the visit to the Great Exhibition Road Festival had been very successful and enjoyable. Currently details for future events for this summer are being sorted out. These will be posted on our website and remind emails sent in advance of the events.	
7.	<b>Planning Group Report:</b>	Joan stressed that what the group had aimed to provide for members was a wide range of visits, events and Zoom meetings, some on Saturdays, others on weekdays. We hope that every member will have an opportunity to participate in at least one of these occasions. Our Zoom meetings are recorded by Anne so anyone who is unable to attend has a chance to catch up. We now have a very widely scattered membership geographically but Sheila has already organised events in Kent and Evie and Sandra will be assisting with possible outings late this summer or autumn. There are already several visits planned for the Greater London area. The weather so far this year has no visits out attractive but we hope this may improve. Our aim is to give our members as many opportunities to be involved with DKG as possible. It does not matter if only a small group attends an event, it is maintaining our links with one another that is important.	
8.	<b>Membership Revitalisation:</b>	Sheila reported Gamma suspended trips during last winter. The first visit of this year to Rye had only a very small group attend but it was a very interesting tour and very enjoyable. The proposed visit to Margate's Turner gallery has had to be postponed but more visits will be planned from October. It would be good if it were possible to hold a face to face meeting with a speaker at some time in the future.	
9.	<b>G.B. News In Brief:</b>	Diana was pleased to report lots of people send in reports and photographs on visits, events and meetings. She would welcome input from any member on their current activities. Sheila had confirmed she would be submitting a report update on Revitalisation and that she and Sandra would be sending in an account and photographs of their Rye visit. News in Brief is popular and members do access it.	
10.	<b>Website:</b>	Members present commented that the website	

		<p>is looking brilliant. It is open to everyone, not just GB members and much easier to access than the Society's main website At the last Exec. meeting the question of the website's cost had been raised and Diana reported that currently the cost is £250 over two years. She was concerned that a suggested transfer to Weebly might be too difficult. Marie Antoinette advised that such a transfer should not be too difficult and could be much cheaper. A website will have to be set up for the 2025 conference so this issue could be revisited then.</p>	
<b>11.</b>	<b>G.B. 2024 State Conference:</b>	<p>Diana said she agreed with everyone that this year's conference had been first class. Claire had organised an excellent day. Dulwich Hamlet Junior School was a model of what a well run state school with a history of good leadership could offer. Her presentations on the current situation in schools in her area of London and her school's recent Ofsted experience was very revealing and gave cause for concern in some instances. The follow up feedback Zoom meeting in May for those who were unable to attend the conference in April provided much lively discussion and possible ideas for future meetings.</p>	
<b>12.</b>	<b>European 2025 Conference:</b>	<p>Marie Antoinette began by confirming that the Official title for this year's conference will be the "European Forum Conference". She then explained some recent DKG history and possible future changes The last International Convention in 2022 lost money Too few members attended, probably because of higher costs. Certainly it is now too expensive for Europeans to travel to U.S.A. and the future of the International Convention may now be in doubt. In 2023 there were three regional conferences but the Latin Americans and the Canadians now want to hold their own conferences at a time in the year of their choice. This would mean training sessions would take place after conferences, also any benefits from the conference would stay in Europe. Marie Antoinette went on to confirm that the theme for this year's conference is "The Wellbeing of Education". She also confirmed That she was satisfied with the chosen venue She will be returning in September and will attend our next Exec. meeting. We now have to make arrangements for a Conference Treasurer to set up a bank account. Kathy said could be possible to add an account along With existing DKG ones with Barclays. We will also need to arrange a conference website. The conference facilities are</p>	

		<p>good. Rooms are comfortable en suite with a nearby kitchen. Conference rooms are close by free parking ,a pharmacy, post office and Co-op are on site. We will now need to research hotels for those who would prefer them, liaise with the Brighton tourist rep. for help with possible tours, events etc. Marie Antoinette will look for a Forum member to draft a conference booklet. This can be sent to G.B. for printing. Forum members could also work on forms, e.g. for workshop application etc. The flags will have to be brought to conference, Marie Antoinette said she may travel by car and transport them. These issues can be dealt with at September's Forum meeting. Diana said we need to be researching possible speakers. Aileen asked Diana to let her know if they wanted her choir to perform a.s.a.p. as they have a busy schedule. Marie Antoinette also suggested a buffet banquet as a served one is usually more expensive. This had worked very well in Finland last year.</p>	
<b>13.</b>	<b>International Convention 2024:</b>	<p>Diana thanked Kathy, State Vice President, for Volunteering to attend the Convention in her place as she is unable to go. Kathy will be the only representative from G.B. as it is too expensive expensive. The room rate per night is \$177 +\$20 tax. And flights at this time of year are at their highest.</p>	
<b>14.</b>	<b>European Forum:</b>	<p>Evie Said that as she had already circulated her very detailed report to committee prior to this meeting. She did explain that the for the length of the Meeting from 10.30.a.m.to 7.p.m. was because they spent the whole day studying the results of the survey sent to members after their last meeting. It was from the issues of concern raised by these results that the theme for next year's conference was chosen, "Wellbeing of Teachers" .The issues raised such concern that the Forum recommended That each country should draft a letter to its Minister for Education. Evie said she wishes to express her grateful thanks to the Forum for all their help and kindness during her stay. It was a lovely meeting in a super setting in Norway..</p>	-
<b>15.</b>	<b>A.O.B.</b>	<p>There were no further items for discussion that had Not Been dealt with in this agenda.</p>	
<b>16.</b>	<b>Next Meeting:</b>	<p>It was agreed that the next meeting should be held At 10.30.a.m. on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>. September 2024.</p>	

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12 noon.