

Bylaws for Delta Epsilon Chi Division

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Bylaw I — Name:

Section 1. The official name of this division shall be the Delta Epsilon Chi Division of DECA.

Bylaw II — Membership:

Section 1. DECA will recognize individual membership in the Delta Epsilon Chi Division only through a chartered association and its local chapters. Each chartered association will consist of all DECA chapters located within that state, territory or equivalent geographical unit. Each Delta Epsilon Chi chapter of DECA shall consist of individual members.

Section 2. Membership eligibility will be governed by each chartered association. Individual members shall be recognized as active members or honorary life members.

Section 3. Active members shall be students in post-secondary programs of marketing, merchandising, management, and/or related fields. An active member must pay dues as established by the Delta Epsilon Chi Division, and may be declared eligible to hold a national office, to participate in national competitive events or projects, to serve as a national voting delegate or to otherwise represent his/her association in National DECA affairs as may be approved by his/her association.

Section 4. Honorary life members may be individuals who have made or are making contributions to the field of marketing or management and to DECA, as may be approved by the Board of Directors of DECA, Inc. and shall be exempt from annual dues.

Section 5. Annual membership dues shall be ten dollars per member and the membership year shall be July 1 to June 30 inclusive.

Bylaw III — Voting Delegates:

Section 1. The Delta Epsilon Chi Division of DECA will exercise its membership voting privileges through voting delegates. One (1) voting delegate will be allowed each chartered association. One hundred (100) additional voting delegates will be apportioned to chartered associations according to their membership as a percentage of the total DECA membership in this division.

Section 2. Sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting of this division the determination of the apportionment of the additional voting delegates will be made according to reported membership.

Section 3. Voting delegates will be entitled to individual vote.

Bylaw IV — National Officers:

Section 1. Only active members of the Delta Epsilon Chi Division will be eligible for national office in this division. To be eligible as a candidate to run for national office, he/she must have either a grade point of 2.5 or higher for the two most recent semesters or a 2.5 or higher accumulative grade point average based on an "A" letter grade being equivalent to 4.0. Must attain the score necessary for the office desired on the approved Parliamentary Procedure Examination and on the DECA Information Examination; must be holding or have held a chartered association or local chapter office; and must submit the approved application, photograph, school transcript, resume, and a letter from the state advisor through a chartered association. A maximum of two candidates per state may be submitted by the chartered association.

Section 2. Upon confirmation of the requirements identified in Section 1, and following a personal interview with each candidate, and after considering all other information then available, the nominating committee will submit to the voting delegates a slate of not more than three candidates for each office.

Section 3. Election shall be by written secret ballot. The voting delegates will be allowed to cast an affirmative, negative or an abstention vote, such abstention counting neither for nor against the candidate. The president shall be elected by a majority vote of all the voting delegates for this division and the regional vice presidents shall be elected by a majority vote of the voting delegates in each respective region of this division.

Section 4. National officers of the Delta Epsilon Chi Division of DECA shall consist of a president and four regional vice presidents, and will be known collectively as the Executive Council of the Delta Epsilon Chi Division. It shall be the duty of the Executive Council to plan for the welfare, to represent and to act for this division as occasions may demand.

Section 5. No individual may succeed himself as an officer and no individual may serve as an officer for more than one division.

Section 6. The Executive Council may fill by appointment any vacancy occurring in the national officers for the unexpired term, except the office of president, which shall be filled by the vice president from the region of the president.

Bylaw V — Duties of National Officers:

Section 1. PRESIDENT: It shall be the duty of the president of the Delta Epsilon Chi Division to preside at all meetings of this division; to make all necessary committee appointments including the designation of committee chairperson; to develop with his/her Executive Council a program of action for his/her term of office; and to make himself/herself available, as necessary, in promoting the general welfare of DECA.

Section 2. REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT: It shall be the duty of each regional vice president to serve this division in any capacity as directed by the president; to promote the growth and development of DECA within his/her region in accordance with the Program of Work during his/her term of office; and to make himself/herself available, as necessary, in promoting the general welfare of DECA.

Bylaw VI — Amendments:

Section 1. To amend these bylaws, the proposed amendments must be presented in writing by the chartered association proposing the amendment to all chartered associations of DECA and the division president at least sixty (60) days prior to the National DECA Conference. The president must then present the proposed amendment, together with the actions recommended by this Executive Council, to the Board of Directors of DECA, Inc. If approved by the Board of Directors, the proposed amendment will be presented at the next scheduled annual business meeting of this division, and may be adopted by two-thirds majority approval of the voting delegates present at this division meeting. If adopted, the amendment will take effect upon the adjournment of the National DECA Conference in which approval is granted.