

CHAPTER BYLAWS

I. Purpose

The Alpha Theta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International will adhere to and abide by the Mu State bylaws adopted May 6, 1995 and approved by the International Constitution Committee on August 3, 2002.

II. Membership

A. Selection: Recommendations for membership should be based upon knowledge of the professional qualifications and personal qualities of the potential member. Members should submit recommendations only for those educators about whom they have professional knowledge.

B. Voting: Prospective members are voted upon in a chapter meeting by a show of hands by members present. A majority vote is required. The society does not recognize absentee votes.

C. Attendance: All members must attend one half of all yearly meetings. RSVP's are expected.

1. Any member who calls for reservations and does not attend, will be assessed for the cost of the meal and be required to pay.

2. If the meeting has no cost, the member will be expected to furnish a covered dish of their choice.

3. Meeting hostesses are responsible for taking reservations for the meal and for collecting the cost of the meal at the door.

D. Qualifications:

1. Active members shall be women who are employed in educational work at the time of their election and have three or more years of experience as professional educators.

2. A candidate elected for active or honorary membership at any level shall be initiated within a period of one year from the time of election.

3. An individual is not a member of the society until she has been initiated. She is initiated only once.

4. In selection of members, "teaching" shall be interpreted to include one-on-one as well as group instruction.

E. Types of Membership:

1. **Active Member:** Active Members shall be women who are employed in educational

work at the time of their election and have three or more years of experience as a professional educator. A member who is retired from educational work retains rights and privileges of active Membership.

2. Reserve Member: Reserve Members shall be formally active members who are unable to participate fully in the activities of the chapter because of physical disability and/ or geographical location. Reserve status shall be granted by majority vote of the chapter.

3. Honorary Member: Honorary Members shall be women not eligible for active membership who have rendered notable service to education or to women and are elected to honorary membership in recognition of such service. They are privileged in all activities except holding office.

III. Finance

A. Dues are to be fifty-five dollars per year for active members and forty dollars for reserve members. Dues are payable by October 31 of each year.

B. The budget is to be prepared by the treasurer and the finance committee, and approved by the membership at the first workshop.

C. Assessments

1. Any chapter member not wearing her pin to a chapter meeting will be fined fifty cents, to be collected by the parliamentarian, and given to the President's fund.

2. Each member will contribute five dollars to the Sunshine Fund, for remembrance of the members in times of illness or bereavement. A hospitality chairman is to be appointed by the president to be in charge of the Sunshine Fund.

D. The President's expense fund is to be budgeted at \$2 per member.

E. The treasurer's signature is the only signature required on all checks.

F. An audit is conducted by a committee appointed by the President, upon changing of the officer of treasurer.

IV. Officers

A. The elected officers are:

President

First Vice President

Second Vice President

Recording Secretary/ Corresponding Secretary

- B. Appointed officers are:
 - Treasurer
 - Parliamentarian
- C. Elections are held on the biennium on even numbered years.
- D. The president will receive her bar pin at her installation.

V. Meetings

- A. A minimum of four local meetings will be held each year.
- B. Additional meetings are the Joint County Meeting, District meeting, State Convention and International Convention.
- C. Special occasions will be initiation (as a formal banquet) and Founders Day and Birthday.
- D. A quorum is one vote over half of the membership.

VI. Recruitment Grant

- A. The name of the grant is; The Ruth Bailey Grant-in-Aid.
- B. Regulations
 - 1. The amount will be one gift of one thousand dollars.
 - 2. The gift may be given to a senior student, or to previous recipients who are still studying the field of education and/or a member of Alpha Theta wishing to continue their education.
 - 3. Applicants will be accepted from the Northern Brevard County High Schools, with interviews to decide the one recipient.
- C. A senior must satisfy these requirements:
 - 1. Must plan to teach in the State of Florida
 - 2. Must be recommended by a teacher.
 - 3. Must have above average grades.
 - 4. Must have a personal interview.
 - 5. Must write an essay on "Why I want to be teacher"

VII. Yearbook

The president will appoint the yearbook chairman. A complete printing of the yearbook will take place every other year. Even years a complete printing and odd years a partial printing, changes as needed. The yearbook is to be presented to the membership no later than the November meeting.

VIII. Newsletter

The newsletter is to be the responsibility of the Communications Committee. It is to be issued every month of a scheduled meeting.

XI. Orientation:

Orientation is done in September with a candidate coffee.

X. Committees

A. Standing committees are those mandated by the State and International.

B. Optional committees are:

1. Communications
2. Legislation
3. And any other committees that are necessary to carry on chapter business.

C. The president will appoint the committee chairpersons and their committees. The nominations committee must be elected by the vote of the membership.

XI. Amendments:

Amendments to these standing rules must be made by the vote of a membership quorum present

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