

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated

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To: Chapter Presidents

From: Dr. Paulette C. Walker
Chair, National Scholarship & Standards Committee

Subject: Chapter Policies and Procedures

Date: October 6, 2010

Pursuant to the *Constitution and Bylaws*, Article III, Section 3:

“All chapters shall be governed by Grand Chapter *Constitution and Bylaws* and shall promulgate Rules of Order and Policies and Procedures to be submitted to the Scholarship and Standards Committee for review and compliance, and thereafter when amended by two-thirds vote of the chapter members present and voting.”

Local chapters are required to evaluate and update their policies and procedures following the conclusion of the National Convention to maintain consistency with the Sorority’s Constitution and Bylaws and to ensure that the Bylaws are not superseded.

The following represents key items that were voted on at the 49th National Convention in Orlando:

- 1. Grade Point Average - minimum cumulative grade point average has increased from 2.50 on a 4.0 scale to 2.75 on a 4.0 scale; or from 1.50 on a 3.0 scale to 1.75 on a 3.0 scale for membership intake;**
- 2. Limitation of Tenure – The Chairs and members of the National, Regional and Chapter Nominating Committees are ineligible to be a candidate for office while serving on either of the nominating committees;**
- 3. Fees – Grand Chapter Initiation fees are increased to a.) Collegiate Member - \$475.00 b.) Alumnae Member - \$525.00; Chapter Initiation Fee is increased to \$250.00; and**
- 4. Audit – Copies of Chapter audits shall be submitted to National Headquarters by**

August 31;

There were amendments voted on at the 50th National Convention in New Orleans and chapters are required to update their policies and procedures accordingly. We also encourage chapters to consider any additional revisions to be incorporated into your document at this time. Please review your documents to ensure consistency with the National Constitution and Bylaws.

The updated Policies and Procedures must be submitted to your region's representative to the National Scholarship & Standards Committee by November 30, 2010. Should you have any questions, contact your representative. Good luck in your chapter endeavors!

National Scholarship and Standards Committee

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MEMBERSHIP INTAKE

Membership Intake Preparatory Step 1 – Chapter Preparation

Chapter votes on whether to proceed with Membership Intake. **(NEW)** Chapters are required to issue a 10-day notification to its members when voting to conduct Membership Intake.

(NEW) The motion to conduct membership intake must now pass by two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting.

Membership Intake Preparatory Step 1 – Chapter Preparation

Minerva Circle is elected (1 Day)

The Minerva Circle is a special committee elected to implement Membership Intake.

(NEW) The Nine Jewels of the Minerva Circle shall be elected as a group. The Leader of the Minerva Circle, Convener of the Odyssey Experience, and the Keeper of the Muses and Graces are the only positions elected by position in accordance with the Chapter's Policies and Procedures and/or the Administrative Procedures for Membership Intake. Chapters shall elect the nine jewels as a group and eliminate voting by position.

Membership Intake Preparatory Step III - Rush Activity, Screening and Selection

Under Screening and Selection

(Allow 2 – 14 Days to complete the following):

Minerva Circle meets to open packets

(NEW) Family members cannot be removed or excluded from the Minerva circle -- but they must recuse themselves from the screening process of the said applicant(s).

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