

ARTICLE I. THE SOCIETY

**Section 1. Name and History**

The name of this Society shall be KAPPA DELTA PI, AN INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN EDUCATION.

Eager to promote a closer bond between students of Education, and to enter into more intimate fellowship with those dedicated to the cause of teaching as a profession—for which specialized preparation is deemed imperative—the members of the Illinois Education Club, established at the University of Illinois in 1909, resolved to sponsor the founding of a national society with local chapters similar to its own organization. Aiming to foster high standards of preparation for teaching, the Society would invite into its ranks those who had attained excellence of scholarship and distinction of achievement as students and servants of education.

Successful in its endeavor, the Illinois Education Club was organized on March 8, 1911, and incorporated on June 8, 1911, under laws of the State of Illinois, as the Honorary Education Fraternity, Kappa Delta Pi. In 1932, this title was changed to Kappa Delta Pi, An Honor Society in Education. Finally, in 1984, the title became Kappa Delta Pi, An International Honor Society in Education.

**Section 2. Purpose**

The purpose of Kappa Delta Pi shall be to promote excellence in and recognize outstanding contributions to education. Kappa Delta Pi shall endeavor to maintain a high degree of professional fellowship among its members, to quicken professional growth, and to honor achievement in educational work. To these ends, it shall invite to membership persons who exhibit commendable professional qualities, worthy educational ideals, and sound scholarship, without regard to race, age, color, religion, sex, or disability.

**Section 3. Organizational Units and Members**

The organizational units of the Society shall be the various chapters. (See Article II). These chapters shall be composed of individual members of the Society whose rights and responsibilities are delineated in the Bylaws. Chapters of the Society shall not, in any way, infringe upon the rights and responsibilities of members granted under this Constitution and Bylaws.

**Section 4. Governance**

The Society fulfills its mission through the work of the Convocation, the Executive Council, the Headquarters Staff, and the work of individual members.

## ARTICLE II. CHAPTERS

**Section 1. Chapter Establishment**

- 1.1 Chapters are established by charters granted by the Executive Council.
- 1.2 Each chapter shall be responsible to the Executive Council and shall adopt a document to govern its affairs that is recognized as a legal document by appropriate legal authorities (e.g., local, state, national law). This document shall not conflict with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Society.
- 1.3 An active chapter is one which is not delinquent, not suspended, and does not have its charter withdrawn.

**Section 2. The Laureate Chapter**

The Society shall maintain a Laureate Chapter composed of men and women who have made distinguished contributions to education.

- 2.1 Nominations to the Laureate Chapter may originate in active chapters and in the Laureate Chapter.
- 2.2 Election shall be made by the Executive Council in accordance with directives set forth in Article VI of the Bylaws.

## ARTICLE III. OFFICERS

**Section 1. Executive Council**

- 1.1 The members of the Executive Council shall be the President, President-Elect, immediate Past-President, two Vice Presidents, Laureate Counselor, Alumni Counselor, and Student Counselor. The Executive Director shall serve as an ex-officio member.
- 1.2 The following officers shall be elected during each biennium: President-Elect, two Vice Presidents, Laureate Counselor, Alumni Counselor, and Student Counselor. The President at the time of the election shall be the immediate Past-President during the following biennium. The person who is President-Elect at the time of the election shall be the President during the following biennium.
- 1.3 It shall be the duty of the Executive Council to direct the general policy of the Society, subject to review, acceptance, or modification by the Convocation; or by written vote of a majority of active chapters during the interim between Convocations.

**Section 2. Length of Service**

The length of service of all Society officers shall be limited, as set forth in Article II, Section 4 of the Bylaws.

**Section 3. Vacancies**

The Executive Council shall fill any vacancy in office occurring during the interim between Convocations.

## ARTICLE IV. COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

**Section 1. Appointment and Establishment**

Committees and boards shall be appointed and established as follows:

- 1.1 Appointment to all committees and boards shall be by the President with the advice and consent of the Executive Council.
- 1.2 Committees other than the standing committees shall be established by the Executive Council. (See Bylaws Article IV).

**Section 2. Composition**

Each committee and board shall be composed of active members and be representative of the diversity of the Society.

## ARTICLE V. SOCIETY MEETINGS

**Section 1. Time and Place of Meeting**

A Convocation of the Society shall be held at least once every two years at a time and place determined by the Executive Council. The Executive Council or its appointees may also convene other meetings to further the mission and purpose of the Society.

**Section 2. Voting at Convocation**

The following persons are eligible to vote:

- 2.1 Members of the Executive Council.
- 2.2 One delegate from each active chapter.
- 2.3 Chairs of the standing committees of the Society.
- 2.4 Former Presidents of the Society.

**Section 3. Duties**

Convocation, the legislative body of the Society, shall act upon all business presented to it by the Executive Council, the chapters, and the committees.

**Section 4. Quorum**

A simple majority of the registered voting membership of the Convocation shall constitute a quorum.

**ARTICLE VI. FINANCES****Section 1. Authority**

The Society shall be empowered to accept, raise, invest, and expend funds to fulfill its stated mission and purpose including but not limited to dues, grants, certificates of deposit, contractual obligations, and sales of publications and merchandise. An external annual audit shall be conducted and its results reported to the Society.

**Section 2. Society Initiation Fees**

Each chapter shall remit promptly to the Society Headquarters an initiation fee for each candidate for membership. The initiation fee shall include the initiate's first annual dues.

**Section 3. Society Annual Dues**

Annual dues must be paid to maintain active membership.

**Section 4. Active Life Membership**

Active life membership may be purchased after five (5) years of continuous active membership.

**ARTICLE VII. INSIGNIA****Section 1. Emblem**

The emblem of the Society shall be a key in the form of a scroll pierced by a stylus, upon which scroll are imposed a beehive and the letters KDPi. The original design of the emblem shall be in the keeping of the Executive Director, and all emblems worn by members of the Society shall be true copies of the same.

**Section 2. Seal and Other Insignia**

Original designs of the seal and other official insignia of the Society shall be deposited with the Executive Director. Only authentic copies of these in such size or sizes as shall be authorized by the Executive Council shall be used or recognized by the Society or its members.

**Section 3. Honor Key**

The Executive Council shall set the minimum requirements for awarding of the Honor Key, which recognizes exceptional service to Kappa Delta Pi. Chapters may nominate persons to the Executive Council for approval to receive the Honor Key.

**Section 4. Use of Insignia**

The purchase and use of insignia shall be limited to members.

**Section 5. Motto**

The motto of the Society shall be "Knowledge-Duty-Power."

**Section 6. Colors**

The colors of the Society shall be jade green and violet.

**Section 7. Flower**

The official flower of the Society shall be the violet.

**ARTICLE VIII. PUBLICATIONS**

The Society shall issue such publications as specified in the Bylaws.

**ARTICLE IX. DISSOLUTION**

In the event of dissolution of Kappa Delta Pi, An International Honor Society in Education, the Executive Council of the Society shall, after paying or making provision for payment of all debts and liabilities of the Society, dispose of the assets of the Society to the Kappa Delta Pi Educational Foundation, if it is then qualified as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future Internal Revenue law) or if it is not then so qualified, and if there is no such qualified direct successor, then to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, literary, or scientific purposes, as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future Internal Revenue law), as the Executive Council shall determine.

**ARTICLE X. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

Robert's Rules of Order, in its most recent edition, shall govern the Society in all cases in which it is applicable and in which it is not inconsistent with the Constitution and Bylaws.

## ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS

**Section 1. Constitution**

The Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the registered voting membership in attendance at a Convocation, provided that the proposed amendment has been presented in writing to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee no fewer than three (3) months prior to the ensuing Convocation.

**Section 2. Bylaws**

The Bylaws may be amended as follows:

- 2.1** At any Convocation, amendment may be by a majority vote of the registered voting membership in attendance, provided that the Constitution and Bylaws Committee has reviewed the proposed amendment.
- 2.2** In the interval between Convocations, amendment may be by a majority vote of the active chapters, provided that the amendment has been proposed by an active chapter or the Executive Council and reviewed and endorsed by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the active chapters with a recommendation from the Executive Council.

## ARTICLE I. THE SOCIETY

**Section 1. Mission Statement**

Kappa Delta Pi is an International Honor Society dedicated to scholarship and excellence in education. The Society as a community of scholars dedicated to worthy ideals:

Recognizes scholarship and excellence in Education.

Promotes the development and dissemination of worthy educational ideals and practices.

Enhances the continuous professional growth and leadership of its diverse membership.

Fosters inquiry and reflection on significant educational issues.

Maintains a high degree of professional fellowship.

**Section 2. Society Year**

The Society Year shall begin on June 1 and end on May 31.

**Section 3. Biennium**

The Biennium shall consist of two (2) Society Years, commencing on June 1 of an even-numbered year and ending on May 31 of the following even-numbered year.

**Section 4. Categories of Membership**

The Society recognizes several categories of members: regular, laureate, and honorary. Only regular and honorary members who pay dues as required under Article IX of the Bylaws are considered active members. Active members and laureates are entitled to full Society benefits, including the right to register opinions, vote in Society affairs, and run for offices for which they are otherwise qualified.

## ARTICLE II. OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY

**Section 1. Eligibility**

Eligibility for election as an officer of the Society shall be as follows:

- 1.1** General qualification. Only active members of the Society shall be eligible for election.
- 1.2** Specific qualifications: