

Pi Delta Society of Bluffton University

CONSTITUTION

Article I. Name

The name of this organization shall be the Pi Delta Society of Bluffton University.

Article II. Purpose

The purpose of the organization shall be the recognition and promotion of better scholarship.

Article III. Membership

Membership in this organization shall be open to students of Bluffton University who have demonstrated exceptional scholarship. New members shall be elected to the Pi Delta Society by vote of the faculty after the first half of the senior year or later.

1. The Bluffton University faculty shall have the responsibility to set the criteria for admission to the Pi Delta Society, and to modify those criteria from time to time as the faculty deems a change appropriate. Changes in the criteria must be approved by the faculty and the Society in the academic year prior to the year in which they are followed by the faculty in electing members.
2. A certificate of membership shall be issued at the annual meeting to each new member.

Article IV. Officers and Their Duties

The officers of this organization shall be Past President, President, Vice President, and Secretary-Treasurer, and this group shall constitute the Executive Committee. The President shall submit a report in which the activities of the Society during the preceding year are enumerated and briefly evaluated.

The Academic Dean shall appoint a Campus Liaison to the committee to serve ex officio. The Campus Liaison shall work with the Executive Committee in development of programming and arranging for maintenance of records, including minutes, financial statements, and the membership list.

The Executive Committee shall take care of business which is not convenient for the organization to act upon and such other things as shall be consistent with the objectives of the organization.

Article V. Election of Officers

1. The vice president shall be elected annually by vote at the spring meeting. The out-going vice president shall succeed to president, and the president shall succeed to past-president.
2. On every third year, the secretary-treasurer shall be elected to a three-year term by vote at the Spring meeting.
3. A nominating committee appointed by the president shall nominate eligible and competent candidates, whose names will be presented at the annual meeting.

4. The Executive Committee will seek to maintain an equal balance within the Committee between employees of Bluffton University and persons not employed by Bluffton University.

Article VI. Vacancy in Office

If a vacancy occurs, the president will appoint someone to fill the vacant office.

Article VII. Meetings

1. There shall be an annual meeting open to all members during May, notice of which shall be sent to all members at least two weeks beforehand. Meetings of resident members shall be held at the call of the president or one-fifth of such members.
2. On matters of special importance a vote by mail may be conducted.

Article VIII. Motto

The motto of the Society shall be: "put all things to the test."

Article IX. Emblem

1. The emblem of the organization shall be a key having a B background with the Pi Delta monogram upon it.
2. Only those students and former students of Bluffton University holding certificates of membership in the organization shall have permission to wear the emblem.

Article X. Amendments

Amendments may be made to this constitution at the regular meeting, providing they have been previously proposed to the Executive Committee and are recommended by them and receive a two-thirds vote of the members present at the meeting.

Article XI. Dues

Dues shall be assessed by the Executive Committee when it is necessary to cover the Society's business and projects.

Article XII. Quorum

The members present at any regularly called annual business meeting shall constitute a quorum. In the case of a vote by mail, a simple majority of those responses received within thirty days of the general mailing will be sufficient to decide the issue.

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