

certified by the General Secretary such provisional dismissal shall constitute the transfer of membership mentioned thereon.

18. Change in Standing. Any member of this organization who after his admission to membership may become eligible to a different Class, or to one or more additional Orders, or to a higher Degree shall have his standing in the organization changed, upon application on the official form, in the regular manner of procedure, and upon sending his key to the General Secretary to be exchanged for an official key of his new standing.

19. Election of Officers. The regular annual election of officers shall be at the first regular meeting after January 1st of each year unless otherwise arranged for by the Local chapter.

ARTICLE VI. THE DEGREE OF PROFICIENCY.

1. State Chapter. The State chapter shall be the state organization of this society, uniting the Local chapters of the state. All members of State chapters of this society shall be members of the Degree of Proficiency.

2. Eligibility. Eligibility to membership in a State chapter of this society shall be determined as follows: The candidate for membership shall be an Active or Honorary (or eligible to Active or Honorary membership in Proficiency) member of a Local chapter of Pi Kappa Delta under the jurisdiction of the State chapter to which application is made. If of the Order of Oratory, the candidate shall have won as high as third place in a recognized intercollegiate contest of at least six or more contestants, as high as second place in a contest of less than six contestants. If of the Order of Debate, the candidate shall have been a member of two debate teams, participating in recognized Intercollegiate Debates, one of which shall have been a winning team. If of the Order of Instruction, the candidate shall have instructed in Public Speaking, at least five members of the Degree of Proficiency.

3. Application. Each candidate for membership (except charter membership) in a State chapter shall make application in writing on the official blank. This application shall be unanimously approved by the Local chapter of which the candidate is a member, and forwarded to the President of the State chapter. The State President shall, if there is to be a meeting of the State Convention within two weeks, present the application for action before this meeting. At all other times he shall take a poll of the State Council and upon their favorable action shall send the application together with notice of the candidate's election to the Degree of Proficiency and membership in the State chapter to the General Secretary. He shall also notify the candidate of his election. Candidates for the Degree of Proficiency from Local chapters not under the jurisdiction of State Chapters shall send their applications direct to the General Secretary, who shall immediately take a poll of the National Council and notify the candidate of the result.

4. Requirements for State Chapter. No State chapter shall be allowed to retain its Charter unless there are at least two Local chapters under its jurisdiction. Any Local chapter in the jurisdiction of a discontinued State chapter shall be assigned to some other State chapter or placed under the jurisdiction of the National Chapter, by the National President. Upon the transference of a Local chapter to another jurisdiction all memberships affected shall likewise be transferred.

5. Activities of State Chapter. The State chapter shall have full charge of all its activities within the limits of this constitution and the Regulations of the National Chapter. No State chapter shall be a secret society or fraternity. No State chapter may impose regulations that will affect the standing of any member of the Degree of Honor, except it may, as a penalty for non-payment of assessments levied on members of the Degree of Proficiency, transfer Active members to Inactive membership, due notice of such transfer being given to the General Secretary on the official form.

6. Charter. A Charter, bearing the seal of the society and signed by the National Officers, shall be granted to each State chapter upon its organization as such. The Charters shall be duplicates of the standard form filed as such with the Historian of this organization.

7. Petitions for Charters. All petitions for Charters shall be made to the Chairman of the Charter Committee on the official blank. Such petitions shall be signed by not less than five candidates eligible to Active membership in the proposed chapter, at least two Local chapters being represented by the signers of such petition. Each petition shall be accompanied by a Transfer of Jurisdiction for each Local represented on the official form. Each petition for a State chapter shall also be accompanied by an application for Active membership in the proposed chapter for each signer who is not already a member of the Degree of Proficiency.

The Chairman of the Charter Committee shall take a poll of the Charter Committee and upon their favorable action shall notify the petitioners, the General Secretary and the National President. Upon the receipt of the official notice from the Chairman of the Charter Committee the charter fee shall be sent to the General Secretary and he shall forward the Charter. Upon the granting of two Local charters in any state the National President may appoint a Temporary State President and other officers necessary to work up a petition and establish a state organization.

8. Fees. The Charter fee, payable upon the establishment of the State chapter, shall be ten dollars. There shall be no membership fee due the National organization from members of the Degree of Proficiency as such.

9. **Finances.** The State chapter shall have the power to levy such assessments on its Active members as it may choose. Non-payment of such assessments shall cause the delinquent member to be liable to transference to Inactive membership at the option of the State Council, due notice of such transfer being given to the General Secretary on the official form. In case a member is transferred to Inactive membership by the State Council he shall thereby become an Inactive member of the Local chapter, and he may not be re-instated to Active membership except as herein provided and by the consent of the State Council having jurisdiction.

10. **Responsibility.** The President of the State chapter shall be the responsible head of the state organization so far as its relations with the National and Local chapters is concerned, and he shall be responsible for the fulfillment of the requirements of this constitution and the regulations of the National chapter.

11. **Expulsion.** The State chapter shall have the power to expel any member of the Degree of Proficiency who is not also of the Degree of Honor. Notice of such expulsion shall be sent to the General Secretary on the official form provided therefor. An expelled member may be re-admitted only by a unanimous vote, and shall not be re-admitted to a Local chapter without the consent of the State chapter having jurisdiction.

12. **State Convention.** There shall be held annually a regular meeting of the State chapter of each state, at the time and place selected by the preceding regular annual meeting, or if not thus designated, as selected by the State Council. In such meetings only members of the Degree of Proficiency shall sit, but Inactive and Honorary members shall not be allowed to vote. The officers of the State chapter shall be elected at the regular annual meeting, and they shall constitute the State Council. This meeting may, if it seems desirable, select delegates to the National Convention, but such delegates shall be members of the National Chapter. The State Convention may work under any rules or constitution that it desires to adopt, in harmony with the letter and spirit of this Constitution and the regulations of the National Chapter. The State Council shall act for the State Convention when the latter is not in session.

13. **The General State Chapter.** The State chapter may provide for a General chapter whose membership shall be composed of college students and instructors of Public Speaking, eligible to the Degree of Proficiency, who are connected with recognized institutions of learning within its jurisdiction not having a Local chapter of this organization. The State chapter may also elect to Honorary membership in the General chapter prominent alumni of institutions in which there is no chapter of Pi Kappa Delta. Members of suspended and abandoned chapters shall be transferred to membership in the General chapter having jurisdiction.

Members of the General chapter may sit in the State Convention but shall not hold separate meetings. Members of the General chapter shall be entitled to vote in referendum elections. The officers of the General chapter shall be the same as those of the State chapter.

ARTICLE VII. THE DEGREE OF HONOR.

1. **National Chapter.** The National chapter shall be the national organization uniting the State and Local chapters into the Pi Kappa Delta Forensic Honor Society as a national organization. The National Chapter shall be the source of all authority in this society, except as otherwise specifically provided for in this Constitution. All members of the National chapter shall be members of the Degree of Honor.

2. **Eligibility.** Eligibility to membership in the National chapter of this society shall be determined as follows: The candidate for membership shall be an Active, or Honorary member of the Degree of Proficiency, who shall have won first honors in a recognized state oratorical contest, or shall have been a member of three debate teams participating in recognized intercollegiate debates two of which shall have been winning teams (it being permissible to substitute participation in a recognized state oratorical contest for one debate), or shall be a member of the Order of Instruction who has instructed in Public Speaking at least five members of the Degree of Honor.

3. **Application.** Each candidate for membership in the National chapter shall make application in writing on the official blank. This application shall be unanimously approved by the Local chapter of which the candidate is a member and by the State Council having jurisdiction. The application shall then be forwarded by the State President to the General Secretary. The General Secretary shall immediately take a poll of the members of the National Council and upon their favorable action shall notify the applicant of his election. Candidates from Local chapters not under State chapter jurisdiction shall, upon approval of the Local chapter, send their applications direct to the General Secretary, who shall proceed as herein provided.

4. **Activities.** The National chapter shall have full charge of all its activities within the limits of this Constitution. It shall not be a secret society or fraternity, but may hold social events at its National Meetings or Conventions.

5. **Finances.** The National chapter shall have power to levy such assessments on its Active members as it may choose. Non-payment of such assessments shall cause the delinquent member to be liable to transference to Inactive membership at the option of the National Council. In case a member is transferred to Inactive membership by the National Council he shall thereby become an Inactive member of the Local and State chapters and he may not

be re-instated to Active membership except by the consent of the National Council.

6. **General Finances.** The National chapter by a two-thirds vote, or the National Council upon a majority vote in a referendum election, shall have the power to levy such assessments on the Local chapters as seem necessary. Such assessments shall be apportioned among the various Local chapters in proportion to their respective membership. Non-payment of such an assessment shall render the delinquent chapter liable to have its charter cancelled at the option of the National Council. Such a suspended chapter shall not be re-established except on payment of the back assessment to the General Secretary and by the vote of the National Council.

7. **Expulsion.** The National chapter shall have power to expel any member of the Degree of Honor. A member thus expelled shall thereby be expelled from the Local and State chapters. An expelled member may be re-instated to membership by consent of the National Council.

8. **Officers.** The Officers of the National chapter shall be President, Vice President, General Secretary, and Historian. Their duties shall be those usually devolving upon the respective positions, together with such additional duties as are provided for in this constitution. The President shall be the Editor in Chief of the Forensic. The Vice President shall be Chairman of the Charter Committee. The General Secretary shall be Secretary-Treasurer of the society. The Historian shall be the custodian of the records (except the records of the General Secretary) including a file of the Forensic and all other publications of the organization.

9. **National Convention.** There shall be held at a time and place designated at the last regular meeting of the National chapter, or if not thus designated, as selected by the National Council, a National Convention which shall be the regular meeting of the National Chapter of this society. In such meetings only members of the Degree of Honor shall sit but Inactive and Honorary members shall not be allowed to vote. Each Local chapter shall be entitled to one delegate provided that delegate be of the Degree of Honor. Should this requirement prevent a chapter from having representation it may elect a representative from the National Chapter and instruct his vote, on all matters, previous to the meeting. Each State chapter shall be entitled to two delegates provided the delegates be of the Degree of Honor. Should this requirement prevent a state chapter from having representation it may elect delegates from the National Chapter and instruct their votes, on all matters, previous to the meeting. Members of the National Chapter thus representing Local and State chapters shall not be deprived of their votes as members of the Degree of Honor. The officers of the National Chapter shall be elected at the regular National Con-

vention, which shall be held every other year, and the term of office shall be for two years or until their successors are elected and qualified. The officers shall constitute the National Council. The National Council shall act for the National Convention when the latter is not in session.

10. **Referendum.** The National Council may at its option take a referendum vote of the members of the Degree of Honor on important questions within the jurisdiction of the National chapter.

ARTICLE VIII. OFFICERS AND DUTIES.

1. **Local and State.** The Local and State chapters may select such officers and assign to them such duties as the respective chapters may choose. The Presidents of these respective chapters shall be the responsible heads of the respective organizations. The State officers shall constitute the State Council.

2. **National.** The officers of the National Chapter shall be the officers of the whole organization of Pi Kappa Delta and shall constitute the National Council. The National President shall be the executive head and shall preside at all meetings of the National Council and National Convention. The outgoing president shall be the temporary chairman of the Convention, and the newly elected president shall be the permanent chairman. The General Secretary shall have charge of the issuing of all charters, keys, supplies, etc. He shall keep a complete record of each member of the society, of each Local chapter, and of each State chapter, and at the close of each school year he shall make a complete report of the membership, changes, and activities in every branch of the society, a copy of which shall be signed by the President and deposited with the Historian. He shall keep a complete record of finances, supplies, etc. and shall make payments of money only on written order signed by the President. He shall give bond in the sum required by the National Council. He shall collect all moneys due the National Organization, and shall make an itemized financial report for publication in the Forensic at least once each year. He shall certify to the various State Presidents the complete roll of Active members of the respective State chapters upon request, and shall make up the roll of the National chapter before each Convention.

3. **Charter Committee.** The National President shall appoint a Charter Committee composed of two or more members of the Degree of Honor to act with the Vice President, who shall be Chairman of the Committee. It shall be the function of this committee to investigate local organizations petitioning Pi Kappa Delta, to pass upon the petitions and make recommendations to the National Council, National Convention, or National Organization concerning them. The Charter Committee shall have power of final action in case of Alumni chapters and State chapters and shall

grant them charters if the requirements of the Constitution are met by the petitioning chapters.

ARTICLE IX. REFERENDUM.

1. A referendum vote of the entire organization of Pi Kappa Delta shall be taken by the General Secretary upon any question of society action or policy at the request of five Local chapters, two State chapters, or a majority of the National Council. The final vote in such a referendum shall not be taken less than two months nor more than three months following the filing of the request with the General Secretary, the months of June, July and August not counted. All Local chapters shall be notified by the General Secretary of the proposed referendum and given full particulars concerning the question to be voted on at least one month before the vote is taken. Each Local chapter shall cast as many votes in this referendum as there are votes cast on the question at the Local chapter meeting at which it is submitted for consideration, and the vote shall be reported not as a chapter vote, but as a body of individual votes, the number of votes cast on each side of the question being reported to the General Secretary. The result of the referendum shall be binding on the National Council and Convention. No referendum shall be taken on questions decided by this Constitution or on questions pertaining exclusively to any particular Degree of this society, and the National Council shall judge the propriety of questions submitted.

ARTICLE X. THE FORENSIC.

1. This society shall publish a magazine devoted to the interests of the organization, which shall be known as "The Forensic of Pi Kappa Delta." The magazine shall contain the official papers of the society, news of its work and progress, general forensic news and articles such as briefs of debates, reports of oratorical contests and debates, and such other material as shall be suitable for a forensic magazine. The President shall be its Editor in Chief, and shall have direct charge of it, subject to the general supervision of the National Council and the National Chapter. Subscription shall be free to all Active members of this society, and in applying for membership the candidate also understands that he is subscribing for this magazine. The subscription price of the magazine shall be fixed by the National Council.

ARTICLE XI. RECOGNIZED FORENSIC EVENTS.

1. Recognized institutions, oratorical contests, and debates shall be determined as follows: All institutions maintaining Local chapters of Pi Kappa Delta shall be considered as recognized institutions. A Local chapter may get the rival institutions in its state recognized by petitioning for such action by the National Council. All state oratorical contests in which a majority of the

recognized institutions of the state shall participate shall be considered as recognized state contests. All local contests preliminary to, and all Interstate or National contests subsequent to such recognized state contests shall be considered as recognized contests. All intercollegiate debates participated in between recognized colleges, and such other debates as may be especially recognized by the State Council or in its absence by the National Council shall be considered as recognized debates. A Local chapter, or State chapter may by a two-thirds vote bar from recognition any particular contest or debate which it may hold or enter. An appeal from such action may be taken to the National Council or to the National Chapter.

ARTICLE XII. OFFICIAL KEY.

1. The official badge of Pi Kappa Delta shall be an honorary gold key, a duplicate of the official key filed with the Historian of the society as such.

2. **Key Description.** The Key shall denote Degree, Order, and distinction of membership, in the following manner: The distinguishing mark of the Degree of Fraternity key shall be an Opal set in the eye; of the Degree of Proficiency shall be a Pearl set in the eye; of the Degree of Honor shall be an Emerald set in the eye; of the Degree of Honor, with Special Distinction, shall be a Diamond set in the eye. The distinguishing mark of the Order of Oratory shall be an Opal set in the upper center; of the Order of Debate shall be a Pearl set in the upper center; of the Order of Instruction shall be an Emerald set in the upper center; of Honorary membership shall be a Sapphire set in the upper center; of two orders shall be a Turquoise set in the upper center; of three orders shall be a Diamond set in the upper center.

3. **Special Distinction.** A key bearing the jewels of special distinction in the Degree of Honor shall be granted as follows: Winners of first or second honors in any recognized interstate oratorical contest, members of at least three successful teams in recognized intercollegiate debate, and members of the Order of Instruction who have instructed in Public Speaking at least ten members of the Degree of Honor and who have maintained an average of fifty per cent success in debate coaching during a period of three consecutive years, or one-half of whose pupils in oratory during a period of three consecutive years have made the Degree of Honor shall be eligible to the badge of Special Distinction in the Degree of Honor.

4. **Key Regulations.** Pi Kappa Delta keys in good condition and unengraved shall be exchangeable for other keys, or may have other sets inserted, upon application to the General Secretary and the payment by the owner of the key of the cost of exchanging or additional jewellery. It shall be a misdemeanor for any member to accept a Pi Kappa Delta Key except through the

General Secretary, or to exchange keys or jewels except through the General Secretary or on his written consent. It shall be cause for the expulsion of any member if he shall voluntarily permit any one not eligible to his standing in Pi Kappa Delta to wear his key. All keys shall be numbered and records kept of them by the General Secretary.

ARTICLE XIII. PROVINCE ORGANIZATION.

1. The President of the National Chapter may, at any time that it seems advisable, provide for province jurisdictions and appoint a member of the National Chapter as head of each province. A province shall consist of three or more State jurisdictions, and when advisable may hold conventions composed of delegates of the Local and State chapters and of the members of the Degree of Honor in that jurisdiction under the same rules as those provided for the National Convention in Article VII, Section 9. The Head of the Province shall be directly responsible to the National President and National Council for the condition of his Province. It shall be his duty to see that each chapter in his jurisdiction keeps its work going properly, makes its reports of newly elected members, and of changes in standing of members, etc. He shall be the field representative of Pi Kappa Delta in his jurisdiction and shall when possible visit the chapters, help to organize locals to petition Pi Kappa Delta in institutions not yet entered, install chapters when charters are granted, and shall preside at province conventions.

ARTICLE XIV. GRAND CATALOG.

1. The National President shall keep a Grand Catalog of the names of members of Pi Kappa Delta, with a record of the Class, Orders, Degree, Special Distinction, Graduation year, Key number, chapter and address. The President of each Local and State chapter shall send this information annually in May, or oftener if requested, to the president on the official catalog forms. The National President shall compare this information with the annual report of the General Secretary and verify, and shall then file the catalog form in the Grand Catalog.

ARTICLE XV. PROCEDURE.

1. **Petition for Local Chapter.** The petition shall be made on the official blank. It may be received by any member of the society but shall be forwarded to the Chairman of the Charter Committee, the National Vice President, together with the other forms provided for in Article V, Section 9. (In case of Alumni chapters no college information blank shall be required.) The Vice President shall see that the blanks are properly filled out and that the petitioners are eligible, after which he shall forward duplicates of the College Information blank, with a list of the names and qualifications of the individual petitioners to the other members of the

Charter Committee. (In case of an Alumni chapter a statement of the facts concerning the proposed chapter shall be sent instead of an information blank.) Each member of the Charter Committee shall vote "Yes" or "No" on the question of recommending the acceptance of the petition and the granting of a charter, and send his vote to the Chairman. Before casting his own vote the Chairman shall consult the Local chapters in the jurisdiction in which it is proposed to install the new chapter and ascertain their attitude. If the attitude of the Charter Committee is favorable and the Local chapters concerned make no objection, he shall recommend to the National Council that the charter be granted. The National Council shall take final action. Should the attitude of the Charter Committee be unfavorable, the Chairman shall notify the person who sent in the petition to the Committee. If the Charter Committee is favorable and any of the Local chapters in the jurisdiction are opposed the Chairman shall place the petition, without recommendation, before the National Council, for final action. In such cases the National Council may take a referendum vote of the National Chapter if it shall see fit to do so, or place the matter before the next National Convention. When a charter has been granted by the National Council or National Chapter in referendum or convention, the General Secretary shall notify the President of the Local petitioners, and the President of the State chapter jurisdiction of the granting of the charter. Upon receipt of this notification the members of the new Local chapter shall send the charter fee and dues as provided in Article V, Section 9, and the General Secretary shall immediately forward certificates of membership and the charter. Each petitioner of the Local chapter shall be granted the standing in the society that his achievements qualify him for and the General Secretary shall notify the State chapter of the added members of the Degree of Proficiency, and shall make a full report of the standing of all new members to the National President for filing in the Grand Catalog. The National President may appoint any member of the society to install the new chapter or may waive installation ceremony. The charter members of the new Local shall not be required to purchase keys but it is desirable that they do so. The General Secretary shall make a record of all actions taken in admitting new chapters, shall keep a record of each member, and of those subsequently added, and shall turn the original papers over to the Historian for filing. All blanks necessary to petition Pi Kappa Delta shall be furnished by the General Secretary to other members of the society or to petitioners free of charge.

2. Petition for State Chapter. Upon the granting of a State chapter as provided in Article VI, Section 7, the Chairman of the Charter Committee shall forward all papers in connection therewith to the General Secretary, who shall make a record of the transactions and of the standing of the individual members and