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THE CONSTITUTION OF DELTA PHI LAMBDA

Article I: Name

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be Delta Phi Lambda Sorority, Incorporated.

Article II: Purpose

Section 1. Preface

We, the members of Delta Phi Lambda Sorority, Incorporated (“Delta Phi Lambda” “DFL” or the “Sorority”), ordain and establish this Constitution and Laws for the better accomplishment of the objects and designs of Delta Phi Lambda Sorority, a sorority established by Anh Ngoc Nguyen, Theresa Sung, Sarah Chong Mi Cho, Carmela DeGuzman, Yvonne Minh Ta, Linh Khanh Do, and Rebecca Kim Stephenson, at the University of Georgia, in the State of Georgia, on the 5th day in the month of December 1998, and now organized as a corporation not for profit under the laws of the State of Georgia.

Section 2. Mission Statement

Delta Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. advocates Asian awareness, empowers women leaders through its values-based programs, and forges Everlasting Sisterhood through diverse shared experiences.

Section 3. Vision Statement

Delta Phi Lambda will be the Sorority that is recognized by universities and among the greater fraternal community for its progressive initiatives that aim to develop women into strong, independent leaders.

Article III: Membership

Section 1. General

The Sorority will consist of the individual members of all chapters of Delta Phi Lambda, both collegiate and alumnae, who have been initiated by any chapters and have not died, resigned or been expelled.

Section 2. Non-Discriminatory Clause

Delta Phi Lambda is fully committed to a policy against legally impermissible, arbitrary, or unreasonable discriminatory practices or procedures. Any individual who lives and identifies as a woman is eligible for membership in Delta Phi Lambda. Individuals who do not live and identify as a woman are not eligible for membership, even if they were assigned female at birth. The membership status of initiated members who undergo a change in gender identity or gender expression will not be affected, so long as the member agrees to continue to uphold the values and mission of Delta Phi Lambda. Our organization will be mindful of each potential member’s personal situations that may conflict with sorority activities provided that these situations are communicated in a timely manner with the current members of our organization and as such, those potential members will not be barred from the opportunity for membership due to those circumstances beyond

their control. As an organization that strives for Asian awareness through sisterhood, we exemplify and appreciate the value of diversity and express respect for each individual and what they offer to our organization. No chapter shall permit discrimination in membership selection, initiation, chapter operations, or other activities of the Sorority based upon any person's race, color, national origin, age, religion, marital status, citizenship, sexual orientation, or disability.

Section 3. Qualifications

Any regularly enrolled undergraduate student who lives and identifies as a woman, and who is pursuing an initial baccalaureate degree at a college or university, for which there is an established chapter of Delta Phi Lambda may become a member of the Sorority provided:

1. She is not a member of any similar sorority or association except an interest group seeking charter as a chapter of Delta Phi Lambda;
2. The chapter to which her name is proposed shall express confidence in her character and qualifications by offering her a bid for membership;
3. She completes the education process prescribed by the chapter proposing to initiate her, in accordance with national regulations;
4. She satisfies all financial requirements of the Sorority, including dues to her respective collegiate chapter;
5. She maintains a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.70 on a 4.0 scale.
6. She demonstrates her dedication in working towards the goals of the Sorority and is formally initiated into a recognized chapter.
7. No individual shall be initiated into Delta Phi Lambda until she has met the scholastic requirements of the Sorority, her chapter, and the institution at which the initiating chapter is located. The scholastic requirement for Delta Phi Lambda is a G.P.A. as described in Chapter IX of the Laws. In the case of the first semester student, her final high school G.P.A. shall be used to determine academic eligibility.

Membership in Delta Phi Lambda will not be extended to:

1. An individual who knowingly participates in activities outside of the official Affiliate Member Education process
2. An individual who knowingly submits falsified documents or credentials to verify eligibility
3. An individual who has received or completed the requirements for a baccalaureate degree is ineligible for membership in a collegiate chapter, even if she remains at that institution to pursue another baccalaureate degree.

Section 4. Membership Privileges

All rights and privileges as a member of Delta Phi Lambda are limited to those individuals, which meet the qualifications outlined in Section 3. The Marks are the exclusive property of Delta Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. The right to wear, use, or display any items or merchandise with any Delta Phi Lambda Marks (also known as "paraphernalia") is granted to members in good standing only. No member shall hold membership in more than one chapter at a time.

Section 5. Membership Types

An **alumna member** is an initiated sister who is not matriculating at a college or university in a program leading to an initial baccalaureate degree. If the soror has not completed her initial baccalaureate degree and has returned to an educational institution to complete requirements for said degree, she has the option of joining the collegiate chapter, provided she has not joined or paid dues to an alumnae chapter.

1. An alumna member at large is an alumna who elects to affiliate only with the National Sorority.

A **collegiate member** is an initiated member who is matriculating at a college or university pursuing work leading to an initial baccalaureate degree.

A **collegiate member at large** is an initiated member who may elect to affiliate only with the National Sorority. To be deemed a collegiate member at large, she must be enrolled at a college or university where the chapter has been retired or suspended; or the college or university has terminated its support/contract with the Sorority; or she has transferred to an institution where there is not a chapter.

Honorary Member: Community female leaders not enrolled in an undergraduate program at a college, university, or institution of higher or post-secondary education who are eligible for initiation with approval of the National Board of Directors.

1. Honorary members are expected to pay an Initiation fee. They shall receive an Honorary Member pin and certificate. They are expected to participate in educational programs that teach them the values of the Sorority, by attending the Sorority's annual National Convention. Honorary Members shall have all the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of Alumnae Members.
2. Special installations for honorary membership may be proposed by any chapter to National Board. National Board shall investigate and vote upon the admission of the candidates. Honorary members shall be either college graduates or received honorary degrees. A chapter may propose a special initiation to a woman deemed worthy by her efforts for and continued interest in a chapter of Delta Phi Lambda provided:
 - 2.1. Her qualifications have been presented in the written form of a recommendation from the chapter to the National Board.
 - 2.2. Anyone so initiated, must pay the honorary membership dues as stated in the National Operations Manual.
 - 2.3. No more than 3 women per year may be initiated under this section unless the National Board find that special circumstances justify more than that number in a particular year.
 - 2.4. Women who underwent a special installation process will have alumna membership status upon installation.

Section 6. Status of Members

Every member of the Sorority will be either a Collegiate member or an Alumna member.

1. Every member will be considered a collegiate member until:
 - 1.1. She graduates from the college or university at which her chapter is established.
 - 1.2. She is designated an Alumna member by the National Board of Directors.
2. Alumnae members must maintain an active membership in the Alumnae Association.
3. Members who do not complete matriculation from the college or university at which her chapter is established must have completed at least one grading period (as defined by the college or university) as a full-time student at the institution affiliated with the chapter, immediately preceding

submission of application. In this instance, alumnae status may be granted based on:

- 3.1. Completion of a full semester's worth of credits, immediately preceding submission of application for alumna status.

Section 7. Temporary Statuses

A **Member-at-Large** at the collegiate level is a member of the Sorority who:

1. Has financial hardships and cannot pay her membership fees for the semester, at the given due date at which her chapter is established.
2. Has withdrawn from the college or university at which her chapter is established.

A **Member-at-Large** at the alumnae level is a member of the Sorority who:

1. Has neither actively participated in the Alumnae Association financially, nor provided their time or service through volunteer opportunities.
2. Has not attended a regional or national event of the Sorority.

Member-at-Large privileges:

1. A member at large shall have all privileges of Sorority membership except those of voting and holding elected office.
2. All dues and fees of a member at large shall be paid directly to National Headquarters.

Member-at-Large membership status at the collegiate level may be granted to a member only if the chapter president certifies in writing that the chapter has approved the temporary status of that member, specifies how the member qualifies for such status and certifies that the member is not paying the chapter any type of dues or fees for the period or participating in any other sorority activities. The Membership Manager must approve the temporary status in writing.

The Vice President of Records and Vice President of Finance may review a revocation of the membership status when the chapter president certifies in writing that the chapter has approved to reinstate the Sister as a collegiate membership.

Section 8. Suspended Member

A suspended member is a member of the Sorority whose rights and privileges have been suspended for a specific period of time as a result of a disciplinary proceeding with the National Board. At the end of the period of suspension, the member's status returns to the status she had prior to suspension.

1. A list of suspended members will be found on the website with the following information: member name, chapter name, location, region, suspension start date, and reinstatement eligibility date.

Section 9. Membership on Hold

Any collegiate member can submit a request for membership hold. The Membership Manager approves all requests. The member must meet one of the following requirements:

- 1.1. The collegiate member is not registered for undergraduate credit hours on campus in the same semester of the request.
- 1.2. The collegiate member is working in a co-op, internship, or full time AND is not registered for undergraduate credit hours during the same semester of the request. If taking online classes, they are working a full time job or internship away from their campus.
- 1.3. The collegiate member is studying abroad internationally OR at a domestic collegiate campus temporarily.
- 1.4. The collegiate member has transferred to a college or university that does not have a chapter on campus.
- 1.5. Membership holds may also be granted by the Vice President of Finance, upon receipt of a formal appeal for a change in membership status.

Article IV: Chapters and Alumnae Association

Section 1. General:

The Sorority shall consist of Chapters and the Alumnae Association. All Chapters and the Alumnae Association shall, except as otherwise provided, have equal rights in the Sorority.

Section 2. Establishment of Chapters:

1. Chapters of Delta Phi Lambda shall be established only for full-time students enrolled in universities and colleges of good standing and repute either upon the petition of an interest group or through a nationally or university lead recruitment by which the Sorority or the university leads the initiative to charter a new Chapter of Delta Phi Lambda.
2. Nationally recognized interest groups shall complete an interest group application by the deadline according to the packet. Such petition shall contain information regarding the character, goals, and academic standing of the applicants, the reputation, demographics, and resources of the academic institution at which the proposed chapter is to be established, and any additional information required by the Board of Directors.
3. The Board of Directors and the Expansion Committee shall interview each potential Charter, analyze the Interest Group Application Packet, and verify the facts and circumstances. The Board of Directors will determine each potential Charter's membership eligibility and extend bids to those women that meet membership qualifications and whom the Board of Directors deem able to carry out the Sorority's mission and vision. Once all requirements are met with both the university and Delta Phi Lambda, the Charter Member Education process shall start. Once the interest group has received an official bid from the Sorority, the group shall henceforth be considered the Charter Class at which the proposed chapter is to be established.

4. A nationally appointed Charter Member Educator and Assistant Charter Affiliate Member Educator shall be responsible for educating and preparing the Charter Class in the process of building and maintaining a chapter in line with national standards. The Charter Member Educator team shall give the interest group the necessary instructions for the proper operation of the Sorority, the establishment and foundation of a new chapter, and initiate the Charter Class.

Section 3. Status of Chapters

All chapters of Delta Phi Lambda will be designated as either:

1. In Good Standing:

1.1. A chapter is in good standing if:

- 1.1.1. The chapter is not under suspension by the institution at which it is chartered.
- 1.1.2. The chapter has paid all financial obligations owed to the National Board.
- 1.1.3. The chapter has not been given a different status designation by the National Board.

2. On Warning:

2.1. The chapter is placed on warning if:

- 2.1.1. The chapter has failed to meet or has had difficulty meeting the standards outlined in the Constitution and Operations Manual of a chapter of Delta Phi Lambda.
- 2.1.2. When a chapter is placed on warning, the designation shall specify the deficiencies which the chapter must address and correct. A chapter on warning may continue to operate as a chapter of Delta Phi Lambda, but only with such restrictions, limitations or conditions as might be imposed by the Judicial Chairman and her committee. The Judicial Chairman shall provide the chapter an appropriate time period in which the chapter can address and correct the specified deficiencies.

3. On Probation:

3.1. The chapter is placed on probation if:

- 3.1.1. The chapter has failed to meet or has had difficulty meeting the standards of a chapter of Delta Phi Lambda.
- 3.1.2. The chapter has received a warning and has not addressed or corrected the specified deficiencies during the given time period.

3.2. A chapter on probation may continue to operate as a chapter of Delta Phi Lambda, but only with such restrictions, limitations or conditions as might be imposed by the National Board. When a chapter is placed on probation, the closure letter provided by the Judicial Chairman shall specify the deficiencies which the chapter must address and correct. The chapter by virtue of such designation will be on notice that more serious action may be taken if the deficiencies are not addressed or corrected at a given time period provided by the Judicial Chairman and her committee.

4. Suspended:

4.1. The chapter is suspended if:

4.1.1. The chapter has failed to meet or has had difficulty meeting the standards of a chapter of Delta Phi Lambda.

4.1.2. The chapter has extremely serious deficiencies which threaten its ability to continue as a functioning chapter of Delta Phi Lambda.

4.1.3. The chapter has been placed on probation and has not addressed or corrected the specified deficiencies during the given time period.

4.2. A suspended chapter has no inherent authority to act as a chapter of Delta Phi Lambda. Its ability to act as a chapter is limited and extends only to the extent of the authority approved by the Judicial Chairman.

5. Who May Modify or Lift Designation:

5.1. The designation of a chapter status may be appealed to the National Board by the procedure stated in the Operations Manual. After review, the designation may then be lifted or modified if appropriate. When designating or modifying a chapter status, the National Board may also provide that a chapter's designation be automatically modified or lifted with appropriate.

6. Notice to Interested Parties of Certain Chapter Designations:

6.1. If a chapter is designated as being on probation or suspended, the Judicial Chairman shall promptly send notice of such designation, the reasons of the probation or suspension, and the fact that more serious action may be taken if the deficiencies are not corrected to all involved parties including the chapter's University Fraternity and Sorority Life advisor.

Section 4. Procedure for Naming Chapters:

Chapters hereafter established shall be named in Greek alphabetical sequence. After the Greek alphabet has been exhausted, chapters shall be given double letter Greek names with the first letter of the Greek alphabet being used for the first name and the second Greek letter being determined by using the entire Greek alphabet in alphabetical sequence, followed by the second letter of the Greek alphabet being used for the first name and the second Greek letter being determined by using the entire Greek alphabet in alphabetical sequence, etc., e.g. Alpha Alpha, Alpha Beta, ..., Beta Alpha, Beta Beta, etc. Delta Chapter is to not be used. More information on this distinction is located in the Ritual Manual.

6.1. Greek letter designations are awarded in accordance with the Active Status Regulations, as set forth in the Operations Manual.

Section 5. Jurisdiction of College or University Authorities:

Chapters must observe the rules and regulations of the institution in which their members are enrolled. In manners where the chapter does not meet the standards established by their campus community, the university's status designation overrules the Sorority's.

1. If the chapter is not in good standing with the university, it is automatically not in good standing with the national Sorority.

2. In investigations, chapter members are expected to demand strict honesty and compliance with university authorities.

Section 6. Alumnae Association:

Alumnae association of the Sorority may be authorized and may continue to exist under such regulations and at such places as may be provided in Chapter V of the Laws of the Sorority.

1. The Alumnae Association shall have a list of members who have supported the Alumnae Association, financially or provided their time or service through volunteer opportunities.

Article V: The National Board of Directors

Section 1. National Executive Officers:

The National Executive Officers of the Sorority are: a President, a Vice President Collegiate, a Vice President Alumnae, a Vice President of Finance, a Vice President of Expansion, and a Vice President of Records. These positions will be the corporate president, vice presidents, treasurer, and secretary, respectively of Delta Phi Lambda Sorority, Incorporated. The executive power of the Sorority shall be vested in the Sorority's National Board of Directors.

Three of said National Executive Officers (President, VP Collegiate, and VP of Records) will be elected each odd year and each shall hold office for a term of two years and until her successor is elected and qualified. The remaining three of said National Executive Officers (VP Alumnae, VP of Expansion, and VP of Finance) will be elected each even year and each shall hold office for a term of two years and until her successor is elected and qualified.

Section 2. Term Limits:

Each National Board member will serve a 2-year term with a 4-year limit on each Board position. An individual may be elected to a Board position twice before they are ineligible to run for another term. In the event that a Board member must serve an Interim year, the Interim does not count towards the 4-year total.

1. Limitation of Office.

1.1. A member may hold only one position, either elected or appointed on any level -- Regional or National -- at the same time, except in cases where one's position has additional duties or in extenuating circumstances. Where feasible, chapters may follow the same procedure.

2. Limitation of Tenure.

2.1. Elected national, regional and chapter officers shall not serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.

2.2. The chairs and members of the National, Regional and Chapter Nominating committees shall not be a candidate for any elective office on the respective level while serving on either of the Nominating Committees.

- 2.3. The chairs and members of the National Elections Committee must resign prior to the call for nominations to be eligible to run for an office on the National level.

Section 3. Number of Officers:

The number of members of the National Board shall be six. They shall be elected for the term and in the manner prescribed within the Constitution.

Section 4. Requirements:

A National Officer must be members of the Sorority and an alumna member in good standing. She must have served at least one full term as a Headquarters Staff Member prior to serving on the Board.

1. The National Executive Officers must attend at least 3 out of the 4 national meetings per academic year: National Convention, Mid-year Leadership Conference, officer development (Association of Fraternity and Sorority Advisors (AFA) Annual Meeting and National APIDA Panhellenic Association Annual Meeting (NAPA), and the National Board of Directors retreat.

Section 5. Eligibility Requirements:

To be eligible for National or Regional Office, elected National or Regional Committee chairs or members, a member must:

- 1.1. be in good standing with a chapter and the Sorority for the period beginning with the first day of the National Convention preceding the one at which the national election will occur and continuing through her term of office;

Section 6. Duties:

1. National President:

- 1.1. Presides over all national board meetings.
- 1.2. Votes only in the case of a tie.
- 1.3. Serves as a liaison between the National Board and all external national organizations, including the National APIDA Panhellenic Association (NAPA) and Association of Fraternity Advisors (AFA).
- 1.4. Oversees the strategic development and implementation of the Sorority strategic plan
- 1.5. Reserves the right to call ad-hoc committees.
- 1.6. Reserves the right to call meetings within a 48-hour notice.
- 1.7. Enforces the Constitution and Bylaws
- 1.8. Recommends to the National Board the removal of any elected or appointed national or regional officer who fails to perform the duties of her office
- 1.9. Strengthens public relations and maintain cooperative relation with other organizations
- 1.10. Exercises all powers and duties generally pertaining to the office of National President

- 1.11. Is responsible for a corporate report to the National Convention, which would include Sorority status, financial status, and projection for the upcoming year.
- 1.12. Oversees the Director of Risk Reduction and Judicial Chairman.

2. Vice President Collegiate:

- 2.1. Performs all duties of the office of the National President in the absence, incapacitation, or at the request of the National President
- 2.2. Oversees the strategic development and evaluation of chapter growth, educational programs, and leadership programs for Collegiate members
- 2.3. Oversees the collection and analysis of the Chapter Excellence Program, formerly known as Aspirations.
- 2.4. Oversees the Charter Member Education Process with assistance from the Director of New Member Services
- 2.5. Conducts training sessions for Regional Directors and Representatives
- 2.6. Oversees the Regional Governors, Director of Collegiate Programming, and Director of New Member Services

3. Vice President Alumnae:

- 3.1. Performs all duties of the office of the National President in the absence, incapacitation, or at the request of the National President
- 3.2. Oversees the strategic development and evaluation of alumnae programs and opportunities
- 3.3. Serves as the national coordinator of the National Alumnae Association
- 3.4. Oversees the Director of Alumnae Relations

4. Vice President of Expansion:

- 4.1. Oversees the strategic development of expansion initiatives
- 4.2. Oversees the Director of Expansion, Director of Recruitment, and Regional Expansion Coordinators

5. Vice President of Finance:

- 5.1. Must possess one or more of the following credentials: Certified Public Accountant (CPA), Certified Internal Auditor (CIA), Certified Management Accountant (CMA), Certified Financial Planner (CFP), Chartered Financial Analysts (CFA) OR she has earned one of the following degrees: Master of Business Administration (MBA), Graduate degree or an undergraduate degree in finance, accounting or economics; OR five years current experience in the following industries: finance, budgeting, accounting, auditing, internal controls, and or asset management.
- 5.2. Presents an annual financial report of all Sorority monies to the National Board and advise the Board of the Sorority's financial status
- 5.3. Ensures that all internal controls are adhered to and the financial policies are implemented
- 5.4. Stimulates economic growth and financial stability of the Sorority and its chapters
- 5.5. Collects fines levied on chapters and individuals as a result of disciplinary measures
- 5.6. Oversees and directs the financial activities of the Sorority

- 5.7. Is responsible for the strategic development of short and long-term fiscal planning
- 5.8. Oversees the creation of the national budget
- 5.9. Oversees the Finance Manager, Membership Manager, Director of Events, and Director of Philanthropy

6. Vice President of Records:

- 6.1. Records and maintains detailed minutes of all National Executive Board meetings
- 6.2. Oversees the management and archiving of all forms of the Sorority's records and documents
- 6.3. Receives and acts on Chapter requests to be absent from the National Convention
- 6.4. Issues charters to new chapters
- 6.5. Oversees the Director of Marketing, Director of Archives, and Ritual Manager

Section 7. Scope of Authority:

The National Board shall be the authorized representatives of the Sorority. The National Board is empowered to exercise all the powers and discharge all the duties conferred by the corporate charter granted by the State of Georgia. The National Board shall have full charge of the Sorority and the conduct of Governors, Coordinators, and Directors.

1. As the highest council and sovereign body of the Sorority, the National Board constitutes the Sorority and shall provide strategic leadership for the Sorority, including setting direction, making policy and strategic decisions, overseeing and monitoring organizational performance, and ensuring overall accountability. The National Board shall have the power to:
 - 1.1. Determine the Sorority's mission and purpose.
 - 1.2. Select, support, and assess the overall performance of the Sorority's National Headquarters.
 - 1.3. Provide proper financial oversight and ensure adequate resources.
 - 1.4. Ensure legal and ethical integrity and maintain accountability.
 - 1.5. Ensure the recruitment and orientation of new board members and the assessment of board performance.
 - 1.6. Enhance the Sorority's public standing.

2. The National Board shall also have the power to:
 - 2.1. Make agreements with other fraternal organizations.
 - 2.2. Suspend and expel members from the Sorority consistent with the constitution, bylaws, policies, and traditions of the Sorority.
 - 2.3. Fill vacancies in the offices of the National Board as hereinafter provided.
 - 2.4. Establish personnel policies for National Headquarters Staff
 - 2.5. Appoint the Executive Director and approve employment of other staff as may be required
 - 2.6. Approve the time and place of National Conventions and Regional Conferences
 - 2.7. Hear and act on appeals from chapters and individual members.
 - 2.8. Recommend legislation to the General Meeting.
 - 2.9. Exercise all other functions of government consistent with the constitution, bylaws, policies, and of the Sorority.

Section 8. Vacancies:

Positions for the National Board will be filled by nominations and applications first. Any vacant positions, which do not receive an applicant or nomination, will be subject to the National Board to select persons to fill vacancies. The National Board may also select persons to fill any offices which may become vacant during the term. A person may be appointed to a vacant position by a majority vote from the Board of Directors.

When a vacancy occurs in the office of National President, the National Board must nominate from within the current National Board to complete the unexpired term.

Section 9. Installations:

National officers shall be installed by the designee of the outgoing National President at the last session of the National Convention.

Section 10. National Board Meetings:

The National Board shall hold regular meetings at such times and places as determined by the National President. Special meetings may be held upon call of the National President. She shall call a meeting upon the request of any two members of the National Executive Board. A majority of the National Officers shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 11. Requirements for General Meeting:

The National Board shall cause to be transmitted to each General Meeting:

1. National Board's report reporting all activities and actions of the Board since its last such report.
2. Reports required of officers by the Constitution or Laws.

Section 12. Reports:

The National Board may at any time require a report from any officer, chapter or alumnae association or cause an investigation to be made of any situation involving the Sorority, its officers, members, chapters or alumnae associations.

Section 13. Removal of National Officers:

If any National Officer of the Sorority be guilty of any conduct prejudicial to the interests of the Sorority, she may be removed by the National Board upon due notice. An Officer may be removed pursuant to this section by a vote of two-thirds of the National Board in office and the Officer whose removal is in issue shall not be entitled to vote on the question of removal.

1. An officer may be removed by the National President upon approval of the Executive Board.
2. Any officer who has been removed shall be ineligible for election to any national, regional or chapter office.
3. The removal process shall be carried out in accordance with the Removal Procedures as outlined in the Operations Manual.

Section 14. Discipline:

The National Board shall have original jurisdiction in all cases of discipline of those no longer Collegiate Members and in all other cases of discipline provided for in the Laws.

Section 15. Resignations of Members of Sorority:

The National Board shall approve or reject resignations of members of the Sorority, and shall report any such action to the next General Meeting.

Section 16. Expelled Members:

The National Board must report at the next Convention the name of any member expelled from the Sorority.

Section 17. Executive Staff:

The National Executive Staff of the Sorority shall be Director of Alumnae Relations, Director of New Member Services, Director of Archives, Director of Collegiate Programming, Director of Expansion, Director of Growth and Development, Director of Recruitment, Director of Marketing, Finance Manager, Director of Risk Reduction, Director of Philanthropy, Ritual Manager, and Director of Events.

1. All of said Executive Staff will be appointed each year by the National Board and shall hold office for a term of one year or until her successor is appointed. Duties of each staff position are found in the Sorority's Operations Manual.

Section 18. Non-Executive Staff.

The National Non-Executive Staff of the Sorority shall be Regional Governors, Regional Expansion Coordinators, Judicial Chairman, Web Director, Ritual Manager, Membership Manager, Social Media Manager, and The Jade Times Editorial Manager.

1. All of said Non-Executive Staff will be appointed each year and shall hold office for a term of one year and until her successor is appointed and qualified. Duties of each staff position are found in the Sorority's Operations Manual.

Article VI: The General Meeting

Section 1. Purpose:

The annual General Meeting shall constitute the business meeting of Delta Phi Lambda.

Section 2. Constituency:

The General Meeting will be composed of the following: one (1) delegate designated by each collegiate chapter of the Sorority, one (1) delegate from each chapter of the Alumnae Association, and the members of the National Board.

Section 3. Voting:

All collegiate chapters must have the chapter status of “good standing” in order to vote. The Vice President Collegiate determines chapter status annually. Each chapter duly represented at the General Meeting is entitled to one (1) vote per topic with points awarded according to their chapter status. Active lettered chapters in “good standing” have 1 point per topic. Colony chapters in “good standing” have 1/2 point per topic.

1. Methods of Voting: Voting for officers, elected committee chairs and committee members at National Conventions may be by ballot, machine or electronic voting.

1.1. When there are two or more candidates, (and the office remains unfilled after the first ballot), the two candidates who receive the highest number of votes will remain eligible for election. All other candidates will be dropped and are ineligible for election. All subsequent votes cast for ineligible candidates will be treated as an illegal vote.

1.2. Write-in candidates are prohibited and provisions for write-in candidates may not be included on the ballot.

Section 4. Quorum:

Delegates in attendance from at least 50% plus one of the chapters are required to form a quorum, and such quorum is required to be present for any and all business to be transacted. Delegates will be chosen as provided in the Laws.

Section 5. Chairman:

The National President shall act as chairman and shall vote only in case of a tie.

Section 6. Minutes:

The Vice President of Records shall publish the proceedings of the General Meeting and send to the chapters in the manner set forth by the Laws of Delta Phi Lambda.

Section 7. Actions Effective Date:

Actions of the General Meeting will be in full force and effect from the date of the adjournment of the General Meeting.

THE LAWS OF DELTA PHI LAMBDA

Chapter I: General Meeting

Section 1. Time of Convention General Meeting:

The General Meeting of the sorority will occur at each National Meeting and will be constituted as provided in Article VI of the Constitution.

Section 2. Delegates:

At the time of their selections, delegates must be undergraduate collegiate members of the chapters that are entitled to representation or representatives of their respective Alumnae chapter.

Section 3. Selection of Delegates:

The Chapter President shall serve as the Chapter's delegate at the General Meeting. If she is unable to represent her chapter, each chapter in good standing shall select one or more alternates. The chapter secretary shall send the names and addresses of the delegate and alternates to the National Vice President of Records at least 60 days before the General Meeting takes place.

Section 4. Duties of Chapter Delegates:

It shall be the duty of each chapter delegate or their authorized representative to attend the General Meeting and speak on behalf of their chapter. Any chapter who fails to send representation will have their voting privileges suspended for that General Meeting until voting privileges are reinstated by a vote of the National Board.

Section 5. Credentials of Chapter Delegates:

The National Vice President of Records shall prepare a form of credentials for chapters to use in accrediting delegates to the General Meeting. All dues and chapter requirements must be fulfilled in order to constitute complete credentials of said delegates.

Section 6. Alternates:

It shall be the duty of chapter delegates to notify their alternates in cases where the delegate cannot attend the General Meeting.

Section 7. Call to Order:

The General Meeting, having met pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution, shall be called to order by the National President, if that officer be present, or if not, then by the National Vice President of Finance, if that office be present, or if not, then by Vice President Collegiate, if that office be present, or if not, then by Vice President Alumnae.

Section 8. Opening of the General Meeting:

The proceedings of the General Meeting must be opened in the manner prescribed in the Operations Manual.

Section 9. Meeting Attendees:

Only fully initiated members of Delta Phi Lambda may be duly qualified to enter into sessions of the General Meeting.

Section 10. Proposals for Legislative Enactments:

1. Every proposal to change, alter, or amend, the Constitution and Laws of Delta Phi Lambda must be presented in writing to the National Board at least 90 days prior to the General Meeting in order for it to be considered for a vote at that year's General Meeting.
2. The National Vice President of Records will send all such proposals to the chapters for review before the General Meeting no later than 60 days prior to the General Meeting.

Section 11. Order of Business:

The following will be the order of proceedings at each General Meeting:

- 2.1. Call to Order
- 2.2. Preamble
- 2.3. Reading and approval of minutes from the previous session
- 2.4. Reports from the National Board
- 2.5. Reports from ad hoc committees
- 2.6. Petitions and Communications
- 2.7. Motions and resolutions
- 2.8. Miscellaneous business
- 2.9. Taking of the roll
- 2.10. Adjournment

Section 12. Roll:

Roll will be taken at least once during each session of the General Meeting at the order of the National President. Absentees shall be noted and their names shall be published in the minutes of the General Meeting.

Section 13. Rules of Order:

Parliamentary rules, as contained in the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, will govern the proceedings of the General Meeting, except in cases where such rules are in conflict with the Constitution or Laws of the sorority. Any member of the Sorority may speak on and may make a motion with respect to any subject under consideration.

Section 14. Preparation of Proceedings:

The National Vice President of Records shall prepare the Minutes of the General Meeting. Immediately after adjournment of the General Meeting, a complete transcript of its proceedings shall be submitted to the National Board. The National Board may edit the language of changes to the Constitution and Laws enacted by the membership at the General Meeting in order to assure that the enacted language properly expressed the intended change.

Section 15. General Meeting Minutes:

The Minutes of General Meeting (including committee reports) must be provided to any sorority member upon request. The National Vice President of Records shall distribute copies of said Minutes to all chapters no later than 30 days after said General Meeting.

Section 16. Adjournment Sine Die:

The General Meeting shall adjourn sine die, only in the manner set forth in the Operations Manual.

Section 17. Suspension of By-Laws:

Any of the sections of this chapter may be suspended for a particular General Meeting by a two-thirds vote of the delegates.

Chapter II: The Chapters

Section 1. Collegiate Chapter Name:

The full name of each chapter will be in the following form: the University of Georgia, the Alpha Chapter of Delta Phi Lambda; the University of Cincinnati, the Beta Chapter of Delta Phi Lambda, etc.

Section 2. Alumnae Chapter Name:

The initial alumnae chapter in a geographic area will be identified by the name of the city and state in which it is located. Each additional alumnae chapter in the same geographic area shall submit a name along with the application.

Section 3. Officers:

The officers of each chapter must be regularly enrolled collegiate members of the Sorority in good standing at the college or university at which the chapter is located and with the Sorority. Officer positions include a president, vice president internal, vice president external, vice president of records, vice president of finance, a vice president of membership, risk manager, alumnae chair, and such other officials as the respective chapters may require.

Section 4. Duties of Officers:

The president and other officers of each chapter shall perform the usual duties of such officers with other duties as the chapter may require of them. Officers must possess a 2.7 cumulative GPA at the time of appointment. Duties of the officers may include tasks listed in their local constitution, the National Operations Manual, the local operations manual, etc.

1. President

1.1. The president of each chapter is charged with the responsibility of the safekeeping of all property of the Sorority loaned to her respective chapter.

2. Vice President of Finance

2.1. The Vice President of Finance shall promptly collect all dues and assessments levied by the chapter or by the National Executive Board. She shall keep accurate account thereof in accordance with the uniform accounting system of the sorority provided; however, the National Board may give permission for the use of any other accounting system, which it shall approve. The Vice President of Finance, as the appropriate officer of the chapter, shall be responsible for the collection and immediate payment of Sorority Dues and other debts, as set forth in the Operations Manual.

3. Vice President of Records

3.1. The Vice President of Records of the chapter shall keep a faithful record of all meetings and proceedings of the chapter and preserve, in order and for reference, all records, reports, and other documents of importance.

4. Vice President of New Membership

4.1. The Vice President of New Membership shall oversee all intake activities regarding new membership, including yearlong recruitment and affiliate member education programming.

5. Risk Manager

5.1. The Risk Manager or Risk Management Chair shall be familiar with all guidelines and laws governing the sorority including the Constitution, Laws, Operations Manual, Risk Management Policy, Anti-Hazing Statement, and Non-Discrimination Policy. She should also be familiar with all local, state, and university laws and policies regarding hazing and risk management.

6. Alumnae Chair

6.1. The alumnae chair shall keep a careful record of the names and addresses of the alumnae of the chapter and update the necessary databases of any changes. She shall carry on all correspondence necessary to keep alumnae informed regarding conditions of the National Alumnae Association.

Section 5. Inspection of Records:

The permanent records of the chapter must be kept in a folder in each chapter’s designated Google Drive. Records must be open to the inspection of the members of the chapter, the general officers, the Regional Governor, the National Board and the Board of Directors.

Section 6. Chapter Roll:

Each chapter shall keep a roll, in the official chapter roll book, with entries in the order of initiation or transfer, beginning with the charter or founding members. A number once assigned to a member shall not thereafter be changed.

Chapter III: Membership Transfers

Section 1. Certificate of Good Standing:

When a member of a chapter who is in good standing leaves the institution where the chapter is situated, the Vice President of Records shall, at her request, provide a certificate in the following form:

Athens, GA, December 5, 1998. This is to certify that ANH NGOC NGUYEN is a member in good standing of the University of Georgia, Alpha Chapter of Delta Phi Lambda, having been initiated on the fifth day of December, 1998, and having been assigned number 02 on the official roll of the chapter.

_____, President _____, Secretary

Section 2. Requirements for Transfer:

When a member matriculates and registers in another institution at which there is a chapter of the sorority, she may become a member of the chapter, provided that the chapter has expressed its confidence in her character and qualifications and provided she has delivered to said chapter a certificate of good standing; she has been elected her to membership in said chapter; and provided that the chapter to which she is transferring confirms with the Vice President of Records that she is officially enrolled in the sorority.

1. Transferring membership from one chapter to another is complete upon verification by the Vice President of Records of membership in the sorority, payment of the new chapter's dues, and payment of the National Sorority's dues, or verification of payment through the previous chapter.
2. When a member matriculates and registers in another institution at which there is no chapter of the sorority, she may attempt to assist with chartering a new chapter or retain the same privileges as an alumnae member would at her home chapter.
3. No member may hold membership in more than one chapter at a time.

Section 3. Report of Transfer:

The chapter president shall notify the national Vice President of Records of a transfer so that the official roll can be updated.

Chapter IV: Operations

Section 1. Chapter Responsibility for Membership Intake:

1. All chapters shall adhere to the Sorority's Membership Intake Program as outlined in the Affiliate Member Education and Operation manuals in extending membership to applicants receiving the majority vote of the chapter.
2. No chapter may plan or implement any membership intake activities, procedures, or practices that deviate from the Sorority's Membership Intake Program, except in those instances where a college or university rules and regulations require such deviation in all instances an applicant for membership must meet the requirements as stated in ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP, Section 3. QUALIFICATIONS.

Section 2. Pre-Initiation Practices:

1. Convocation and pre-initiation ceremonies must be carried out as prescribed in the Operations manual. The Director of New Member Services is authorized to grant permission to chapters to hold such ceremonies outside the chapter house only when such activities can properly and safely be performed outside the chapter house. Request for such permission must be submitted in writing to the Director of New Member Services at least seven (7) days prior to the proposed ceremony is to take place outside the chapter house.
2. Hazing activities, including, but not limited to, physical punishment, public embarrassment, and distasteful practices are absolutely forbidden. Documentation of our No Hazing Policy is located in our Operations Manual, Affiliate Member Education Manual, and the national organization's website. The Convocation ceremony cannot be changed under any circumstances.

Section 3. Chapter Responsibility:

1. Each chapter shall:

- 1.1. Remit dues to National Headquarters for all members of the chapter;
- 1.2. File all records and reports as required by the Sorority; be represented at each National Convention;
- 1.3. Give evidence of local programming consistent with the national program of the Sorority
- 1.4. In the event that the Sorority is caused to incur legal expenses, including but not limited to, attorneys' fees, settlement amounts, judgment awards, interest and costs, as the result of claims or lawsuits arising out of the contracts, acts or conduct of a particular chapter, its officers or members, the chapter from which such claim or lawsuit arose shall reimburse the Sorority for all such expenses upon terms satisfactory to the National Board.
- 1.5. Failure of a chapter to make such reimbursement will result in the imposition of such disciplinary action against the chapter, as the National Executive Board deems appropriate.
- 1.6. Any chapter failing to remit the required fees, reports and forms will be declared inactive immediately, and shall not proceed with Membership Intake until all requirements are met and the National Board declares that the chapter is in compliance.

Chapter V: Alumnae Associations

Section 1. Organization:

Area associations of alumnae members of the sorority may be organized by taking the following actions:

- 1.1. There must be at least 7 founding members interested in forming the association.
- 1.2. The interested parties must inform the National Director of Alumnae Relations of such intent to form an association and submit the application.

Section 2. Representation at General Meetings:

Alumnae Chapters will be entitled to representation in the General Meeting if they have met all requirements set forth in Chapter I, section 2 of the Laws of Delta Phi Lambda and have completed the following to the satisfaction of the Vice President of Alumnae:

- 1.1. The Alumnae Chapter shall provide the Director of Alumnae Relations a list of officers, which must include addresses, phone numbers, and emails.
- 1.2. An annual report of activities and events must be submitted to the Director of Alumnae Relations.
- 1.3. The Alumnae Chapter must hold a minimum of two functional meetings in the year preceding the General Meeting.
- 1.4. The Alumnae Chapter shall designate an official delegate and alternate delegate and submit their names to the Director of Alumnae Relations.

Chapter VI: Fees

Section 1. General Sorority Dues:

Each chapter shall be responsible for paying the invoiced dues on time as outlined in the Operations Manual.

Section 2. Failure to Pay Fees:

Any chapter failing to pay fees within 14 days of the billing date will be considered delinquent and the National Vice President of Finance may impose a late fee as outlined in the Operations Manual.

Chapter VII: Discipline

Section 1. Discipline of Members, Jurisdiction:

The jurisdiction of a chapter or National Board to discipline a member of the sorority, whose conduct is inconsistent with the character of a member of Delta Phi Lambda, will be as follows:

1. Jurisdiction of the Chapter.

1.1. Each chapter shall have jurisdiction over all of its members, whatever their status, and overall undergraduate and graduate school members of the sorority, whether or not they are members of the chapter, provided those students are enrolled in the college or university at which such chapter is established.

2. Jurisdiction of the National Board.

2.1. The National Board shall have jurisdiction in the following cases:

2.1.1. Removal of officers

2.1.2. All cases of discipline of individuals no longer collegiate members

2.1.3. Discipline of a member where charges are filed against such member by a general officer or the National Board

2.1.4. In all cases of discipline primarily reserved to the chapters in which the chapter fails, neglects or refuses, upon request of the majority of the National Board, to institute and pursue disciplinary action promptly to conclusion.

2.1.5. All other cases not herein provided for.

Section 2. Discipline of Members, General Provisions:

The discipline of a member by a Chapter or by the National Board will be conducted using either the Informal or Formal Procedure as herein provided. Failure to perform one or more requirements of this chapter may be excused on appeal if the accused has received substantial justice. The Chapter or the National Board may establish additional rules of procedure for itself provided these rules are consistent with the requirements provided herein.

Section 3. The Informal Procedure:

1. ESTABLISHMENT OF INFORMAL PROCEDURE: each chapter and the National Board must establish an informal procedure to be used to conduct the discipline of members over which it has jurisdiction.
2. WHEN USED: The Informal Procedure must be used in all cases except the following:
 - 2.1. In cases involving possible expulsion or suspension of the Accused for more than one year.
 - 2.2. In cases in which the Accused is no longer in school or her whereabouts are unknown.
 - 2.3. In cases in which the Accused requests to be tried under the formal procedure established below.
3. CREATION OF REVIEW COMMITTEE: The National Judicial Chairman will oversee and establish an ad hoc review committee to conduct disciplinary questions. The committee will investigate cases and make a recommendation to the Chapter or National Board upon which the Chapter or National Board will vote to adopt, modify, or reject the recommendation.
4. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS OF INFORMAL PROCEDURE: The Informal Procedure adopted by a Chapter or by the National Board should, at a minimum, establish a method by which a disciplinary matter can be conducted informally with due regard to fairness and justice with the purpose of restoring a member to the full confidence of her fellow members of Delta Phi Lambda.
5. The procedure should provide a way for the Accused to know the charge against her and the time and date of hearing. At the hearing, the Accused can hear all evidence against her, question witnesses and present evidence on her own behalf. The procedure should also provide a way for the Accused and the Chapter or Judicial Chairman, or National Board to enter into an agreement to settle the charge in a way agreeable to both sides.
 - 5.1. In the event the Accused is suspended from the sorority for more than thirty days, notice of the suspension must be sent to the ED within 5 days after the penalty is imposed.

Section 4. The Formal Procedure:

1. WHEN USED: The Formal Procedure may only be used when the Informal Procedure cannot be used for the reasons set forth in Section 3.
2. GENERAL PROCEDURE: Due Notice, as defined below, must be given to the Accused. At the time set for trial, the Chapter or National Board, with a quorum defined as two-thirds present, must hear the charge against the Accused, decide whether the charge is true and fix the penalty upon a finding of guilt. The Chapter or National Board and the Accused may enter into an agreement to dispose of the charges in a way other than as herein provided.
3. PROSECUTOR: The Chapter or National Board shall appoint one of its members to present the case against the Accused. That person may not vote upon any decision reached by the Chapter or National Board.
4. ADMISSION OF CHARGE: The Accused must be given an opportunity to admit or deny the charges. If the Accused does not attend the hearing, after being given personal service of notice the Chapter or National Executive Board may consider the failure to appear as an admission of the charges. If the charge is admitted, the Chapter or National Board will then, by a majority vote, set the penalty.
5. DENIAL OF CHARGE/TRIAL: If the Accused denies the charge, the Chapter or National Board will consider the evidence and arguments presented by each side, and will then vote on this question: Has the charge been proved?
6. If a majority of the Chapter or National Board votes in the affirmative, the Accused stands convicted. If not,

the Accused remains not guilty. If the Chapter or National Executive Board finds the Accused guilty, it will then consider and decide, by majority vote, the penalty to be imposed.

6.1. RIGHTS OF THE ACCUSED: The accused has the following rights:

6.2. PENALTIES: The Chapter or National Board may impose one or more of the following penalties;

6.3. MINUTES OF THE TRIAL: Minutes must be kept of the proceedings of the Chapter or National Board summarizing the evidence presented and including:

6.4. PROVIDING MINUTES OF THE TRIAL: Minutes must be provided to the Accused upon request. The National Vice President of Records shall distribute copies of said Minutes to all involved parties no later than 30 days after the Trial ends.

Chapter VIII: Notice

Section 1. Any notice required by the Constitution or Laws will be sufficient if given as follows:

1. To a Chapter: Notice to a Chapter will be given by personally delivering Notice to a Chapter President or by certified letter with return receipt to the Chapter at its regular mailing address to the attention of the Chapter President.
2. To a Member: Notice to a member will be given by personally delivering the Notice to a Member or by certified letter with return receipt to the Member at the address shown for her in the official Delta Phi Lambda records.
3. To an Alumnae Association: Notice to an Alumnae Association will be given by personally delivering the Notice to the Alumnae Chapter Director or by certified letter with return receipt to the Alumnae Chapter Director at the address shown for her in the official Delta Phi Lambda records.

Chapter IX: Academic Excellence

Section 1. Scholastic Requirement for Initiation:

Every candidate for initiation into Delta Phi Lambda must obtain, for the quarter or semester immediately prior to her initiation, a grade point average of not less than the minimum average grades required for graduation by the school or college in which such candidate is enrolled.

Section 2. Minimum Chapter Academic Standards and Assisting Procedures:

1. Each chapter shall maintain an academic average for the chapter, consisting of all grade point averages of all new members and collegiate members, equal to or exceeding 2.70 on a four-point grading scale or its equivalent for each calendar year.

2. The chapter shall report to the National Board the overall chapter GPA for each grading period.
3. Failure of a chapter to submit the report described in subsection (2) above, when due, will constitute a failure to meet the minimum academic standards described in this section and will be dealt with as herein provided.
4. If a chapter fails to maintain the minimum scholastic requirements herein provided, the National Board shall declare the chapter subject to suspension of charter and shall give the chapter written notice of its failure.
5. Appeal of Declaration: The Chapter may appeal such declaration within thirty (30) days of the receipt of notice of such declaration. In considering such an appeal, the National Board shall reexamine the declaration in light of the chapter's academic standing at the local institution and the chapter's grade average. The National Board shall rule on such appeal within thirty (30) days of receipt of the appeal and shall promptly notify the chapter of the ruling in writing.
6. Each year the National Board shall notify at the General Meeting those chapters subject to suspension of charter.
7. When a chapter is declared to be subject to suspension assisting procedures will be instituted:
8. Assisting Procedure:
 - 8.1. During the first year a chapter is subject to suspension, a scholarship program will be developed by the Chapter Academic Chair, Faculty Advisor, Chapter Advisor, and Regional Governor and approved by the National Executive Board.
 - 8.2. Assisting procedures will be directed towards individual members of the chapter in recognition of the responsibility each member has for her own academic performance and its effect on the chapter. Individual members are encouraged to assist each other and develop chapter policies including counseling and voting or social restrictions to encourage academic excellence and scholarship.

Section 3. Minimum Member Academic Standards:

In addition to requirements in Section 2, each chapter should strive to maintain a chapter average equal to or exceeding the local All Women's Average and All Sorority Average. In order to achieve that goal, each member is required to maintain a cumulative grade point average of not less than a 2.70 on a four-point grading scale or its equivalent. Any member who does not maintain the required average shall be put on probation and adhere to the guidelines as stated in the Operations Manual. Any member who is on academic probation by the college or university at which she is enrolled must be immediately placed on membership hold until she achieves the minimum cumulative 2.70 grade point average.

Chapter X: Miscellaneous

Section 1. Membership in Certain Societies Forbidden:

No collegiate member of any chapter may accept or retain membership in any such intercollegiate or social sorority. If any collegiate member of any chapter accepts membership in such intercollegiate or social sorority, the National President with approval of the National Board may drop the name of such member from the roll of the sorority. The collegiate member will be notified by the Vice President of Records of her disaffiliation from Delta Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. within 30 days.

Section 2. Councils:

Chapters shall conform to the rules at their respective institutions concerning the formation of governing councils.

Section 3. Publications.

The Sorority is authorized to publish:

1. The Jade Times, the official publication of the Sorority.
 - 1.1. The newsletter edition will contain articles of current interest primarily for the membership.
2. Handbooks and Manuals
 - 2.1. Compilations of the rules and procedures flowing from the regulations of the Sorority
3. Ritual
 - 3.1. Official ceremonies and observances of the Sorority.
4. Other publications
 - 4.1. Such publications may be necessary from time to time on the history and regulations of the Sorority.

Chapter XI: Symbols

Section 1. General:

A crest, colors, animal, stone, flower, new member pin, active pin, and hand sign shall be adopted by the General Sorority.

Section 2. How used:

No other person except for members of Delta Phi Lambda may be permitted to wear our letters, crest, or pins

Section 3. Colors:

The colors of the sorority shall be navy blue and silver.

Section 4. Use of symbols:

The use of all sorority emblems shall be permitted on jewelry, stationery, novelties, and wearing apparel.

Chapter XII: Amendments

Section 1. Voting:

These laws may be amended or repealed at any General Meeting by a vote of a majority of delegates of the General Sorority.