

"NO ONE EVER TOLD ME...!"

This sheet is designed to address the most common areas of confusion regarding Delta Chi Law or policy. Though all of this is printed in a variety of materials, we still hear the headline statement on a continuing basis. While ignorance of the law / policies is no excuse, we hope this sheet helps to minimize the lack of familiarity with Delta Chi Law and policies among our chapter officers. This sheet is no substitute for reading the constitution, by-laws, regulations, officer manuals, BRIEFs, officer checklists, and other materials sent out by the Delta Chi Headquarters.

IMPORTANT!

1. **AVOID A \$25 FINE FOR UNAUTHORIZED INITIATIONS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Associate Member Dues (AMD), initiation dues, and personnel record forms **must** be in Delta Chi Headquarters PRIOR to initiation **AND** a written authorization must be received from the Executive Director in order to avoid a \$25 fine per initiate. After the initiation, the "C" must submit the names of those initiated and the date of initiation in the next CMR for verification.

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2. **"Alumni Initiations"** Chapters may initiate such individuals for \$200. Delta Chi Law waives the AMDs for these men.

Be sure to:

- a. Verify that the individual was never initiated into another NIC fraternity (resignations are unacceptable).
- b. Have a unanimous vote of the chapter PRIOR to the initiation. This must be reported in the next CMR and sent in to Delta Chi Headquarters prior to conducting the initiation.
- c. Send a written request for authorization to the Executive Director stating why your chapter wants to initiate this (these) individual(s). The request must identify the qualifications of the candidate(s).
- d. PRIOR to the initiation, send a completed personnel record form to Delta Chi Headquarters.
- e. If the individual is not a member of the teaching or administrative staff of any accredited college or university, the chapter **MUST** also obtain the approval of its ABT and submit that with the request in point c.

AND f. PRIOR to the initiation, receive authorization from the Executive Director (which will occur after a, b, c & d).

Non-compliance with the above WILL result in a \$25 fine per initiate. If the individual is a father or has been a participating member of the chapter's ABT or House Corporation for a minimum of six months, a request for waiver of the initiation dues can be sent to the Executive Director PRIOR to the initiation. Failure to receive authorization PRIOR to the initiation WILL result in the initiation dues being charged. Request for waiver of the dues on any other individual under this section will be considered only upon consultation with the Executive Committee of Delta Chi.

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3. **Alumnus and Inactive Status (see page three for an explanation of both).**

4. **ASSOCIATE MEMBER DUES** The AMD is \$90 and shall be delinquent if not forwarded to the Headquarters Office within five (5) days of the person's association. If an associate member resigns or disassociates from the chapter within two weeks of his original date of association, providing such action is reported in the Chapter Meeting Report of the meeting immediately following disassociation, the Executive Director shall credit the AMD to the chapter to refund the individual.

5. **Associate Member Dues are \$90 and Initiation Dues are \$200. Membership Dues are \$45.**

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6. **Member Accident Protection Program (MAPP):** The MAPP is intended to complement the health insurance program of eligible student and associate members for accidents incurred, except during appropriate holiday or summer breaks. The premium for this program is paid for by Delta Chi. Eligibility: All dues paying, student members and associate members enrolled and in good standing with Delta Chi Headquarters. The policy will pay the first \$500 of covered medical expenses incurred whether or not other coverage is available. Report claims to:

Hobbs Group/ Kirklin & Co, LLC., PO Box 54063, Omaha, NE 68154
Phone (800) 736-4327 Facsimile (800) 328-0522
e-mail: Claims@Kirklin.com www.kirklin.com

7. **Chapter Assessment** is \$700 and is billed in January every year.
8. **By order of the Board of Regents, chapters with liability incidents that result in a claim or investigation/administration expense will be assessed up to \$1,000 of the Fraternity's \$2,500 deductible in lieu of raising the assessment per man to all chapters. If your chapter stays incident free, this will save you money and, more appropriately, assess the chapters that are impacting our rates.**
9. When initiating fathers, local businessmen, faculty, etc., you are to use the official Ritual of The Delta Chi Fraternity, but omit the last section. (Please call the Executive Director if you have any questions as to what this means.)
10. Placing an order by telephone or email and then sending in an order form for the same supplies will probably result in a duplicate order being sent and billed.
11. Sending photos in for possible printing in the *Delta Chi Quarterly* that display alcohol (drink cups, beer bottles, etc.) will result in the photographs being returned to the chapter.
12. Digital photos are welcomed BUT, they need to be shot at a high enough resolution so that they will print at 300dpi or greater at the intended print size. Less than that will either not be used or will print at a lower quality in the *Quarterly*. HELP US HELP YOU SHOW OFF!! Send in digital photos that will look good!!!
13. **By order of the chapters assembled in Convention, ONLY executive committee members may be appointed/elected as IFC representatives. Discussion preceding the vote stated the intention of the appointment of lettered officers only.**
14. **By order of the chapters assembled in Convention, all Delta Chi Chapters must vote in favor of any expansion on their respective campuses.**
15. **ALCOHOL POLICY FOR LEADERSHIP CONSULTANTS**
Our Leadership Consultants are not allowed to consume alcohol on chapter / colony property or on any other fraternity's or sorority's property. While this policy may cost our Leadership Consultants some "credibility" in the eyes of some individuals, we strongly feel that the vast majority of our members will appreciate what we are trying to accomplish.
16. **The Directors and Leadership Consultants contact information can be located on our website, www.deltachi.org.**
17. **DELTA CHI HEADQUARTERS**
It's a business office. People don't live there. Official office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Central Time. The phone number is 319-337-4811 and the fax number is 319-337-5529. Membership questions for groups A-K should be directed to Debra Billskemper, Ext. 121. Financial questions for groups A-K should be directed to Anne Schulte, Ext. 122. Questions concerning membership records or financial matters for groups L-Z should be directed to Marge Lee, Ext. 123. The office is open Monday through Friday.
18. **TRADEMARKS**
If you are considering the use of a company's mark(s) without its expressed permission, you should stop. In addition, if you are considering using any of Delta Chi's marks in concert with that violation of the law or in a manner that reflects poorly on Delta Chi, you are hereby given fair warning that we will require that all items printed / produced with that violation of our marks be destroyed and any and all proceeds from the sale of such items be returned to the purchaser.

ALUMNUS AND INACTIVE STATUS EXPLAINED

Alumnus ("alumni" is plural) **Status:** First, no chapter has the authority to grant alumnus (what many call "alumni") status. What then, is "Alumnus Status" and how does a member obtain it?

According to Delta Chi Law, any initiate not then enrolled at the chapter/colony into which he was initiated or to which he has subsequently affiliated, except for university vacation periods during which enrollment is not required to maintain student status, shall be an alumnus member of the Fraternity.

Q: What if he is a fifth year senior and has paid dues for four years?

A: As long as he is enrolled at the institution of his chapter (or his affiliate chapter) and is an undergraduate student (or is a graduate student who so elects) he is a student member. He must choose between being either an active student member or an inactive student member. (By the way, dues are charged for the privileges of membership in the year they are billed. No portion is set aside for a "free ride" later. If a chapter truly feels a fifth year senior deserves a "free ride" then the members should divide up his fees amongst them and pay his fees themselves in a show of brotherhood.)

Q: What if he intends to come back in a year (or next semester)?

A: He is an alumnus until he does.

Q: What if he didn't get his degree?

A: Receiving or not receiving a degree is not part of the definition.

Q: What if he received a degree and has returned to get a second degree?

A: If he has enrolled at an institution where there is no Delta Chi group with which he had never previously affiliated and does not affiliate, then he is an alumnus.

Inactive Status: As explained in Delta Chi Law, if a member is enrolled at the same institution in which his initiating chapter or colony is located, then he is a "student member." As a student member, he is either "active" or "inactive". With the exception of a graduate student, he **cannot** be granted "Alumnus Status." This would be a direct violation of Delta Chi Law. First, in order to be granted inactive status, an undergraduate member must receive the recommendation of the undergraduate chapter AND the approval of the Alumni Board of Trustees.

Brotherhood is a two-way street. Along with its benefits come responsibilities. If a member is relieved of his responsibilities as an active chapter member, he cannot maintain its benefits.

If a student member is inactive, then he must be inactive. There is no such thing as "almost alive." Either you are or you are not. An inactive member cannot: 1. attend any chapter/colony social events (not even on a "pay at the door" basis), 2. live in the chapter house, 3. attend chapter meetings, 4. play on any of the chapter/colony's intramural teams, 5. be listed on the chapter's scholastic record, 6. be eligible for the Fraternity's accident insurance program, 7. be a chapter officer or committee chairman, 8. represent the chapter in any capacity (IFC, Conventions, Regional Conferences, etc.).

While it may at first seem odd that a non-member can attend one of our social events when a member (who is inactive) cannot, we need to remember that the member took an oath to Delta Chi that the non-member chose not to take. Therefore, if a member chooses to go inactive, he forfeits all privileges of chapter membership.