

Constitution of Nevada Association of DECA

Established 1998

Amendments
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CONSTITUTION
of
THE NEVADA ASSOCIATION OF DECA

Article I Name

Section 1. The official name of this organization is the Nevada Association of DECA and shall be referred to as "Nevada DECA."

Article II Purpose

- Section 1. To develop leadership abilities.
Section 2. To develop social and business etiquette.
Section 3. To develop an understanding of civic responsibility.
Section 4. To develop ethical behavior in personal and business relationships.
Section 5. To develop an understanding of the role of the free enterprise system in a global economy.
Section 6. To develop occupational competencies needed for careers in marketing, management, and entrepreneurship.

Article III Membership

- Section 1. Nevada DECA is chartered through the Nevada Department of Education as a member of National DECA.
Section 2. To be a member of State and National DECA, one must pay required dues.
Section 3. The recognized classes of membership are:
 - High school members
 - State and National Members
 - Alumni Members
 - Professional Members
 - Honorary Lifetime Members

Article IV Governance

- Section 1. The Nevada DECA, Inc. Board of Trustees shall serve as the ultimate governing body for Nevada DECA.
Section 2. The Nevada DECA State Officers shall be selected according to Article V of the Nevada DECA Constitution and act in accordance thereof.
Section 3. The Nevada DECA Board of Advisors shall offer advice and provide recommendations to Nevada DECA and have representation on the Board of Trustees. Membership in the Board of Advisors shall consist of one representative from each active local chapter in good standing.

Article V State Officers

- Section 1. The state officers of Nevada DECA shall be high school members in good standing and consist of a President, Secretary, Vice President-Northern Nevada, Vice President-Southern Nevada, Vice President of Membership, and Vice President of Publicity.
- Section 2. The state officers shall be nominated then elected (by ballot) by qualified voting delegates as outlined in Article VI at the annual State Career Development Conference.
- Section 3. Terms of office shall be from state conference to state conference.
- Section 4. State officers may participate in the national ICDC as competitive event participants.
- Section 5. The Nevada DECA state officers must attend all state officer meetings. Failure to attend two or more assigned activities may result in removal from office.
- Section 6. State officers, as determined by the state advisor, shall be appointed from the elected team of state officers to serve on the Nevada DECA Board of Trustees in accordance with the Nevada DECA, Inc. Bylaws for a one year term.

Article VI Voting

- Section 1. High school members shall exercise their options in Nevada DECA by voting on state officer elections and student issues raised at the State Career Development Conference.
- Section 2. When voting for state officers, majority rules.
- Section 3. State officers shall be elected by a secret ballot vote at a special meeting set aside for the voting delegates present. A majority vote shall be required for election. If no candidate for an office receives a majority vote on the first ballot, the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes will be dropped and a new ballot taken. If necessary, the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped from each subsequent ballot until one candidate receives a majority of the votes.
- Section 3. Each local chapter shall have five (5) voting delegates and will receive one additional voting delegate for each fifty chapter members or a major portion thereof which will elect state officers at the State Career Development Conference during a designated election session.
- Section 4. No vote by proxy is allowed.
- Section 5. The quorum for all business meetings of Nevada DECA shall be a majority of the registered voting delegates.

Article VII Impeachment

- Section 1. An impeachment of a state officer shall be handled by the elected team of state officers.
- Section 2. If an impeachment of a state officer is in order, the State Advisor must be informed in writing the reasons for such action. The State Advisor will subsequently determine whether justification for such action exists.
- Section 3. The State Advisor with approval from the Board of Trustees has the right to remove a state officer from their elected position with due cause.

Article VIII Advisors

- Section 1. The Nevada DECA Board of Advisors shall consist of one representative from each active local chapter in good standing and offer advice and provide recommendations to Nevada DECA.
- Section 2. Advisors shall be Marketing Education Teachers at a school where an active chapter exists.
- Section 3. Teachers of classes that are related to marketing, management, retailing, and/or entrepreneurship may petition the Nevada DECA Board of Trustees for approval to become a local chapter advisor.
- Section 4. Advisors shall be appointed to serve on the Nevada DECA Board of Trustees in accordance with the Nevada DECA, Inc. corporate bylaws to serve a one year term.

Article IX Meetings

- Section 1. State officer meetings shall be held at least four times a year.
- Section 2. Board of Advisor meetings shall be held at least four times a year.
- Section 3. All meetings will be conducted in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order.

Article X Finances

- Section 1. Each high school chapter will be responsible for paying all state and national dues to Nevada DECA according to the number of individuals claimed in each membership classification.
- Section 2. High school chapter advisors shall be responsible their local chapter finances and may be asked to furnish an audit to Nevada DECA, Inc.
- Section 3. All state transactions shall be the responsibility of Nevada DECA, Inc. and handled in accordance with the Board of Trustee Bylaws and the policies issued by the Nevada Department of Education.
- Section 4. A yearly financial report shall be provided to Nevada DECA by the State Treasurer at the annual State Leadership Conference.
- Section 5. A local chapter shall submit to review of financial records as requested by the Nevada DECA Board of Trustees.

Article XII Amendment

Proposed amendments to these Bylaws shall be submitted in writing no 30 days prior to any scheduled meeting of more than three quarters of Nevada DECA's active local chapters. Proposed amendments shall be reviewed by the State Officer Team and State Chairperson for their approval. The Secretary shall present approved proposed amendments, with recommendations, to the members at the meeting of local chapters. A two-thirds vote of the voting delegates present and voting at meeting of Nevada DECA chapters is required for adoption.