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CONSTITUTION
DELAWARE DECA
AN ASSOCIATION OF MARKETING STUDENTS

ARTICLE I - NAME

The official name of this organization shall be "Delaware DECA".

ARTICLE II - PURPOSES

The purposes of Delaware DECA are:

- To unite in a common bond, without regard to race, creed, sex, or national origin, full-time students enrolled in classes in marketing education.
- To provide leadership and set an example for the local chapters, while at the same time serving them, with the primary purpose of creating a strong unity among the individual chapters.
- To provide recognition and prestige through an association of local chapters.
- To provide leadership and service for the individual members of each chapter, in the areas of social intelligence, civic consciousness, vocational understanding, and leadership development, as represented by the four points of the DECA Diamond.
- To foster a deep respect for the dignity of work, while assisting students in establishing realistic career goals and attaining a purposeful life.
- To create enthusiasm for learning, and to use this enthusiasm to promote high standards in quality of work, pride, scholarship, and human relations.
- To develop the ability of students to plan together, organize, and carry out worthy activities and projects through the use of the democratic process.
- To foster a wholesome understanding of the functions of marketing and management organizations and a recognition of their mutual interdependence.
- To develop patriotism through a knowledge of our nation's heritage and the practice of democracy.

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3 **ARTICLE III - ORGANIZATION**
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5 Section 1. The Delaware Association of DECA is an association of local chapters of the State of
6 Delaware operating in accordance with a charter granted by National DECA.

7 Section 2. The administration of Delaware DECA shall be vested in the State Executive
8 Committee comprised of State Association Officers, both elected and appointed. The
9 State Advisor shall be the Administrator of the Committee.

10 Section 3. Advice and consent as well as administration of the activities not germane to the
11 State Executive Committee shall be vested in the State Advisory Board. (A) The
12 Advisory Board voting membership shall be comprised of all active chapter advisors.
13 The State DECA Advisor and State President or designee shall be invited to
14 Advisory Board Meetings and shall serve as ex officio members of the Board. (B)
15 The Advisory Board shall choose such officers as deemed necessary for the
16 conducting of their business. (C) The Advisory Board shall be vested with the
17 responsibility of providing counsel and assistance to the students' activities, and to
18 oversee and run state competitive events and other such activities pertinent to the
19 execution of the DECA Program of Work.

20 Section 4. Charters shall be issued to the local chapters by the State Advisor.
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ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership of the Delaware Association of DECA shall consist of the total eligible members of the chartered local chapters and members shall hold the same membership status as in their local chapters.

Section 2. Each local chapter and State Association shall be open for membership to all marketing education students regardless of race, sex, color, or national origin.

Section 3. Classes of membership which will be recognized by the Delaware Association of DECA are:

- **Student Membership.** Full-time students enrolled in marketing education course for the current school year.
- **Professional Membership.** Persons associated with or participating in the professional development of DECA as approved by the State Association. Such members shall include chapter advisors, teacher educators, and supervisors. Professional members will pay dues as established by DECA, but members will be ineligible to serve as a national voting delegate, hold national office, or otherwise represent the State Association of DECA.
- **Associate Membership.** Cooperative employers, and/or training station sponsors, and persons associated with the contributing to the improvement and development of the organization and marketing and distributive education. Associate members are not eligible to vote or hold office.
- **Honorary Life Membership.** Individuals who have made significant contributions to the development of DECA and marketing and distributive education, who have been nominated from among the marketing and distributive education field and are selected by the Executive Committee. Such membership shall not require payment of dues, nor will be granted the right to vote or hold office.

Section 4. A membership year will be from September 1, through August 31.

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ARTICLE V - VOTING DELEGATES

4 Section 1. The DECA member shall exercise his/her franchise through voting delegates at state
5 and national meetings.

6 Section 2. Voting delegates must be active members of Delaware DECA.

7 Section 3. Voting delegates to the state meetings shall be chosen by their chapters, with three
8 being the maximum number of delegates from each school, regardless of size.

9 Section 4. Each voting delegate shall cast one vote and must be present to do so. Therefore, a
10 maximum of three votes is allowed each chapter.

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ARTICLE VI- MEETINGS

12 Section 1. A State Career Development Conference shall be held each year, and this shall serve
13 as the official annual meeting of the Delaware State Association of DECA.

14 Section 2. The Executive Committee shall be empowered to call special meetings.

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ARTICLE VII - OFFICERS

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17 Section 1. The elected officers of the State Association of DECA shall be the President, Vice
18 President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter. Others officers shall be appointed as
19 deemed necessary by the newly elected officers.

20 Section 2. The elected officers of this association shall serve a one-year term beginning and
21 ending at the annual State Career Development Conference.

22 Section 3. Voting delegates shall cast ballots only for the offices of President, Vice President,
23 Secretary, Treasurer, and Reporter. These offices shall be designated elected. The
24 offices decided upon by the newly elected officers shall be designated appointed.
25 Together, the elected and appointed officers shall form the Executive Committee.

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ARTICLE VIII - DUTIES OF STUDENT OFFICERS

Section 1. **President.** It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all business meetings; to preside over the Executive Committee meetings; to serve as an ex-officio member of Advisory Board; to make all necessary committee appointments including the designation of committee chairpersons; to develop with his/her Executive Committee a program of work for his/her term of office; and to make himself/herself available, as necessary, in promoting the general welfare of Delaware DECA. The President shall report at designated Advisory Board meetings concerning Executive Committee activities.

Section 2. **Vice President.** It shall be the duty of the Vice President to serve in any capacity as directed by the President; to serve as chairperson of the student committees; to accept the responsibilities of the President as occasions may demand; and to be available, as necessary to promote the general welfare of Delaware DECA.

Section 3. **Secretary.** It shall be the duty of the Secretary to serve in any capacity as directed by the President; to record the proceedings of all business and Executive Committee meetings; to accumulate the minutes and/or proceedings of all committee meetings; and to be available, as necessary, to promote the general welfare of Delaware DECA.

Section 4. **Treasurer.** It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to serve in any capacity as directed by the President; to present any financial and membership reports necessary; and to be available, as necessary, in promoting the general welfare of Delaware DECA.

Section 5. **Reporter.** It shall be the duty of the Reporter to furnish information to the chapters of Delaware through a newsletter. The reporter shall be responsible for all Delaware DECA publicity and be available, as necessary, in promoting the general welfare of Delaware DECA.

Section 6. **Parliamentarian.** It shall be the duty of the Parliamentarian to be responsible for the general conduct at the State Career Development Conference by formulating and distributing rules of conduct approved by the Executive Committee. He/she shall review constitutions of new chapters. The Parliamentarian shall rule on rules of orders, should the occasion arise during the business meetings of Delaware DECA; and shall be available, as necessary, in promoting the general welfare of Delaware DECA.

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Section 7. **Historian.** It shall be the duty of the Historian to compile a scrapbook of the activities of the Delaware DECA Association and to be available, as necessary, in promoting the general welfare of Delaware DECA.

Section 8. The duties of any other office deemed necessary by the Executive Committee shall be decided upon by that Committee.

ARTICLE IX - DUES

The amount which has been set by National DECA as national dues shall be paid by each Delaware DECA member who wishes to affiliate with National DECA. No state dues shall be charged in compliance with state law.

ARTICLE X - EMBLEM AND COLORS

The emblem of the Delaware Association of DECA and its color shall be the same as those adopted by National DECA.

ARTICLE XI - AUDIT

The accounts of the Delaware DECA shall be submitted for an external review or audit each year.

ARTICLE XII - AMENDMENTS

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the authorized delegates to any annual state conference.

Section 2. Only such amendments shall be made as are in keeping with the purposes stated in Article II of this Constitution.