

“NO ONE EVER TOLD ME”

This document 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 document helps to minimize the lack of familiarity with Delta Chi Law and policies among our chapter officers. This document is no substitute for reading the Constitution, By-Laws, Regulations, officer manuals, BRIEFS, officer checklists, other materials sent out by Delta Chi Headquarters, and also available on our website.

STEPS FOR INITIATION ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:

- 1) The Grade Verification form must be received and approved by Headquarters (via Debra Bilskemper) after the new Associate Members have been added to your chapter roster via Vault. This form is available online under MyDChi > Communications > Resource Center. Your Associate Members will not be recognized until this form has been submitted via email.
- 2) Associate member due (\$100/each)
- 3) Initiation dues (\$205/each) - Must be paid prior to initiation.
- 4) No person shall be initiated as a student member unless he has a cumulative college grade point average of 2.5 or better (on a 4 point scale), or a high school grade point average of 2.75 or better (on a 4 point scale), if he has completed no college work

You will receive an email if you are approved to hold an initiation after submitting all materials. Holding an initiation without this approval WILL RESULT in a \$50 fine per man. After the initiation, the “C” must submit the names of those actually initiated and the date the initiation was held in the next Chapter Meeting Report (CMR) for verification. Men are not enrolled as “official” members UNTIL the chapter “C” reports their initiation. Individual shingles are ordered after men are enrolled.

SPRING/FALL MEMBERSHIP DUES - Dues are \$68 per active member and are calculated from the spring and fall member lists updated by the “C” thru MyDChi.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER DUES - If an associate member “drops,” or disassociates from, or is disassociated by, the chapter within TWO WEEKS of his original date of association via MyDChi membership. Delta Chi will credit the AMD to the Chapter. The Chapter should refund the dues to the individual.

MEMBER ACCIDENT PROTECTION PROGRAM (MAPP) - The MAPP is intended to complement the health insurance program of eligible students and associate members for accidents incurred, except during appropriate holiday and summer breaks. The premium for this program is paid by Delta Chi. **ELIGIBILITY:** All dues-paying student members and associate members enrolled and in good standing with Delta Chi Headquarters. Report Claims to: Holmes Murphy at <mailto:fraternityclaims@holmesmurphy.com>.

By order of the Board of Regents, chapters with liability incidents that result in a claim or investigation/administrative 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

QUARTERLY - Digital photos need to be shot at a high enough resolution so that they will print at 300dpi or greater at the intended print size. Pictures that will print at less than 300dpi will either not be used or will print at a lower quality in the *Quarterly*.

OPEN EXPANSION - By order of the chapters assembled in Convention, all Delta Chi Chapters must vote in favor of any expansion on their respective campuses.

DELTA CHI HEADQUARTERS – Business hours are Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Central Time. Questions regarding membership and initiation/dues owed should be directed to Debra Bilskemper, 319-341-3131. Financial questions should be directed to Anne Schulte, 319-351-3132.

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INACTIVE AND ALUMNUS STATUS EXPLAINED

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.

A student member may receive “inactive” status in one of three ways:

- 1) He provides the Chapter written notification of his intention to “go inactive.” This will not impair any written financial agreements or past debt owed to the Chapter. (Voluntary)
- 2) By a two-thirds vote of the Chapter and its ABT. (Involuntary)
- 3) By a two-thirds vote of the ABT based only on financial indebtedness. (Involuntary)

If a student member is inactive, then he must be inactive – An inactive member cannot: Attend any chapter/colony social event (not even on a “pay at the door” basis), live in the chapter house, attend chapter meetings, play on any of the chapter’s intramural teams, be listed on the chapter’s scholastic record, be eligible for the Fraternity’s accident insurance program, be a chapter officer or committee chairman, represent the chapter in any capacity (IFC, Conventions, Regional Conferences, etc.).

Brotherhood is a two-way street – If a member is relieved of his responsibilities as an active chapter member, he cannot maintain its benefits, nor may he simply “go active” again whenever he wishes. It requires a two-thirds vote of both the Chapter and its ABT for a man to return to “active” status.

ALUMNUS STATUS (alumni is plural):

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 privilege 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 is he didn't get his degree?

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

Once a member legitimately attains alumnus status, he may retain, at his option, that status even if he would later be eligible to return to being a student member.

Going through the Alumni Ceremony does NOT make you an alumnus. It is best thought of as a recommitment ceremony sort of like a married couple retaking their marriage vows on their 25th anniversary. They are not "more married" because of this – it is symbolic of their commitment.

**** This section will be updated at a later date ****

FACULTY AND ALUMNI INITIATIONS – The following steps must be completed PRIOR TO INITIATION:

- 1) The Chapter may initiate such individuals for \$205 (waiving the Associate Member Dues) and Delta Chi Law allows the Executive Director to waive the initiation dues for these men on a case-by-case basis. The request for the waiver of initiation dues MUST be sent and approved BEFORE the initiation. Failure to receive authorization PRIOR to the initiation WILL result in the initiation dues being charged.
- 2) Verify that the individual was NEVER initiated into another NIC fraternity (resignations or releases are unacceptable).
- 3) Have a unanimous vote of the chapter, which must then be approved by the Alumni Board of Trustees of that chapter. This must occur PRIOR to the initiation and must be reported in a CMR to Delta Chi Headquarters.
- 4) Send an email to Debra Bilskemper (dbilskemper@deltachi.org) stating why your chapter wishes to initiate the individual(s). The request must identify the qualifications of the candidate(s).
- 5) PRIOR to the initiation, receive authorization from the Executive Director as handled by Debra Bilskemper (dbilskemper@deltachi.org), which will occur after the above. Non-compliance with the above WILL result in a \$50 fine per initiate.
- 6) When initiating fathers, local businessmen, faculty, etc., you are to use the official Ritual of The Delta Chi Fraternity, but they are only to witness the last section. (Please call the Executive Director if you have any questions as to what this means.)

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