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Chapter Constitution

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# Preamble

We, the members of the Iota Nu Delta Fraternity do hereby establish this Constitution in order that our purpose be realized to its fullest extent at each respective chapter.

### Article I - Name

# Section 1

The name of the organization will be the Iota Nu Delta Fraternity, henceforth referred to as Iota Nu Delta,  $IN\Delta$ , or IND.

# Section 2

Iota Nu Delta shall not become affiliated with any other organization so as to lose its name or purpose.

#### Section 3

Iota Nu Delta Motto shall hereby be known as "Mind, Body, Soul" and "Brotherhood Eternal"

# Article II - Purpose

#### Section 1

The purpose of Iota Nu Delta shall be to maintain a fraternity comprised of men of many backgrounds, ethnicities, and cultures. Iota Nu Delta shall hereby be established to help develop the individual in his intellect, his involvement in the community, and in his faith.

The objectives of Iota Nu Delta, which apply to all members, are:

• To help develop the highest standards of personal integrity and character through philanthropy.

- To foster and provide an intellectual, mature environment for its members through individual and group effort and through the mutual companionship of men with professional interests and goals.
- To help serve as a network and source of guidance for college men.
- To serve as a forum to encourage education and continued awareness of the South Asian culture, and further promote the importance of cultural awareness which not only includes knowledge of our own culture but is inclusive of other cultures.
- To foster and maintain a bond of fraternal brotherhood through a continuing program of activity for the alumni.
- To bring into focus the elements of planned progress for the betterment of mankind.

# Section 2

Iota Nu Delta understands and is committed to fulfilling its responsibilities of abiding by guidelines and policies set forth by the respective university at which the chapter is recognized.

# Article III - Membership

#### Section 1

Active membership shall be limited to undergraduate students at the university at which the chapter is established.

- Payment of student activities fee or any other fees mandated by university policies and guidelines.
- 2. Attendance of at least 75% of all meetings during a given semester.
- Active participation in all activities sponsored by Iota Nu Delta unless the activity interferes with either scholastic or financial constraints.
- 4. All members of Iota Nu Delta shall be men. Membership is contingent upon completion of prescribed pledge activities as noted under the pledge protocol. The status of a pledge and his initiation to the proper grade of membership shall be governed by the Pledge process and Bylaws.

#### Section 2

A member has the liberty to withdraw from the Iota Nu Delta Fraternity.

## Section 3

Iota Nu Delta openly admits students to its membership and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, sexual orientation, marital status, personal appearance, age, national origin, political affiliation, physical or mental disability, or on the basis of rights secured by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution.

# Article IV - Officers

Iota Nu Delta's chapters and colonies will be governed by the following means: The officers of Iota Nu Delta shall include, but not be limited to the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. They shall be known collectively as the Executive Committee. Any and all other positions sought to be inclusive under the chapter "Executive Umbrella" shall be done so with due notice to both the respective university, and Iota Nu Delta National Office.

### Section 1 – The duties of the President

- To oversee the activities of the Iota Nu Delta Fraternity at the university
- To act as the official spokesperson and contact to the fraternity
- To preside over the Executive Committee meetings and prepare agendas for every meeting, including General Body meetings.
- To handle all appropriate paperwork of the chapter to the Iota Nu Delta National Office and University Greek Council.
- To act as one of the main liaisons along with the Vice President to any and all
  applicable student organizations.

### Section 2 – The duties of the Vice President

- To assist the president in all matters
- To check availability status and reserve all rooms, halls, and other venues for ISA events and activities.
- To work closely with the Office of Campus Programs and dining services regarding on/off campus matters concerning food, or reservations.
- To act as one of the main liaisons along with the President to any and all
  applicable student organizations.

### Section 3 - The duties of the Treasurer

- Keep record of all financial transactions
- Oversee matters concerning the chapter's accounts
- To update the chapter Executive Board and members of current account balances.
- Apply for funding from the student government when applicable
- Attend all meetings and hearings schedule by the university student government, pertaining to funding.

# Section 4 - The duties of the Secretary

- To organize a file of membership forms
- To create an active membership directory using the organized file system
- To regularly update members of upcoming Iota Nu Delta Events
- To take minutes at all Executive Committee meetings, post them to the body of officers within 2 business days and organize them in a file.

# 1. Voting Eligibility

Those members meeting all requirements of active membership as set forth in Article III will be granted voting privileges.

# 2. Election Process

All officers shall be elected by a majority vote of present eligible voting members of Iota Nu Delta. Elections will be held on an annual basis during the month of April by secret ballot.

#### 3. Removal

Any officer of Iota Nu Delta in violation of the Organization's purpose or constitution may be removed from office by a written request of three officers and a two-thirds majority vote by all members.

### Meetings

All meetings will occur on a weekly basis or other regular basis at a time selected by Iota Nu Delta and will follow the procedure set forth below:

- Attendance
- Officer Reports
- Old Business
- New Business
- Adjournment by President

### Article VI - Finances

# Section 1

For each man pledged, the chapter shall pay to Iota Nu Delta the National Pledge Fee. This fee shall be waived in special circumstances at the discretion of the National Assembly/National Council.

#### Section 2

For each active, and alumni member initiated, the chapter shall pay to Iota Nu Delta the National Member Service Fee. The payment of this fee shall entitle the initiate to the official publication of Iota Nu Delta and other prerequisites as long as he is a member of the Fraternity.

#### Section 3

Each year, each active chapter shall pay to Iota Nu Delta the National Chapter Dues for each active member of the chapter.

# Section 4

Each year, each chapter shall pay to Iota Nu Delta a National Alumni Organization Fee, except that there shall be no fee for the fiscal year in which the chapter was installed, and for the next five fiscal years.

#### Article VII - Amendments

The constitution is binding to all members of the Iota Nu Delta. But the constitution is not binding unto itself.

- a. Amendments to the constitution may be proposed in writing by any voting member of Iota Nu Delta at any meeting at which 2/3 of the voting members is present.
- b. These amendments will be placed on the agenda for the next regular meeting of the executive council or other officer grouping.
- c. Proposed amendments will become effective following approval of two-thirds (2/3)-majority vote of active members.

#### **Article VIII - Registration Renewal**

The chapter of Iota Nu Delta will update the university of any changes to the chapter's Executive Board and file any necessary paperwork to the university to maintain recognition from the university's Greek council.

#### Article IX – Pledge Process

#### Section 1

The pledge process of Iota Nu Delta shall be a part of the National Constitution of Iota Nu Delta and shall be equally authoritative in establishing the fundamental principles of the Fraternity.

# Section 2

The Ritual shall be amended in the same manner as the National Constitution.