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Constitution of Nevada Association of DECA

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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 Nevada DECA’s mission is to prepare emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality, and management. Nevada DECA’s guiding principles shall be to help student members leverage their DECA experience to become academically prepared, community oriented, professionally responsible, experienced leaders. Nevada DECA’s core values and attributes are competence, innovation, integrity and teamwork.

Article III Membership

Section 1. Nevada DECA is chartered through the Nevada Department of Education as a chartered association of DECA, Inc.
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
• Alumni Members
• Professional Members
• Honorary Lifetime Members
• Collegiate 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.

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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 positions published each year in the State Officer Candidate Guide.

Section 2. The state officers shall be elected 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 DECA International Career Development Conference 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. Up to two State Officers, as determined by the state director, shall be appointed to serve on the Nevada DECA Board of Trustees in accordance with the Nevada DECA, Inc. Bylaws for a one year term.

Section 7. Each Nevada DECA chapter may only nominate up to two candidates for State Office each year.

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. The Nevada DECA election procedure shall be outlined in the State Officer Candidate Packet made available to Nevada DECA members prior to the State Career Development Conference.

Section 3. Each local chapter shall have two (2) voting delegates 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. The State Director may remove a state officer from their elected position with cause. Any state officer who is impeached shall be given written notice of the cause for their impeachment.

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 teachers at a school where an active DECA chapter exists.
- Section 3. 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 two 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 once a year.
- Section 3. All official meetings will be conducted in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order.

Article X Finances

- Section 1. Each 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. Chapter advisors shall be responsible for 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 local chapter shall submit to review of financial records as requested by the Nevada DECA Board of Trustees.

Article XII Amendment

Proposed amendments to this Constitution shall be submitted in writing no less than 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, State Advisor, and State Director for their approval. The State Officers 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 the meeting of Nevada DECA chapters is required for adoption.