

THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE W.E.B. DU BOIS HONOR SOCIETY

A Nonprofit Corporation

PREAMBLE

We, the members of the W.E.B. Du Bois Honor Society, join together to form a national society whose purpose shall be to nurture a spirit of scholarship, to recognize and encourage leadership, to provide service and to establish the opportunity for a meaningful exchange of ideas as individuals and as a group. Our intention is to support the self-awareness of our members, to promote equal opportunities among all peoples, and to emphasize the scholastic advancement of African American scholars.

The W.E.B. Du Bois Honor Society, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, shall be governed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida; with the corporation's articles of incorporation, and with its additional amendments, if any; and with these bylaws as amended periodically. This corporation is the successor to an unincorporated association known as the W.E.B. Du Bois Honor Society.

ARTICLE I

Name, Seal, and Colors

Section 1 The name of this society is the W.E.B. Du Bois Honor Society.

Section 2 The seal shall be divided into three areas each containing a symbol that represents the ideals of the society. The upper left section of the seal shall contain a book and quill symbolizing scholarship. The upper right section shall contain a key and the words "talented 10" symbolizing leadership. The lower section of the shield shall contain a globe supported by two hands symbolizing service.

Section 3 The colors of the W.E.B. Du Bois Honor Society shall be black, red and green.

Section 4 The Executive Director shall preserve for appropriate use the specifications for the official ritual and insignia of the W.E.B. Du Bois Honor Society. The purchase of the insignia shall be made only from the National Office on orders properly certified by the advisor of the chapter.

ARTICLE II

Purpose

Section 1 The purpose of the W.E.B. Du Bois Honor Society is to honor the memory of W.E.B. Du Bois by promoting the pursuit of academic excellence in all fields of higher education, to engage the community of scholars in service to others, and to recognize the outstanding achievements of the society's members.

ARTICLE III Membership

Section 1 General

1.1. The W.E.B. Du Bois Honor Society, as an honor society, shall be an association of individuals selected for distinguished ability and achievement in scholarship, leadership and service.

1.2 Membership shall be composed of Collegiate, Alumni, Distinguished and Honorary members.

1.3 Membership is open to all students of sound character as defined by the institution from all academic disciplines who meet the membership criteria.

1.4 No university student may be denied membership on the basis of race, creed, religion, gender, age, sexual orientation, national origin, marital status, parental status, disability or the inability to pay dues.

1.5 Members will be inducted to membership by invitation only. Letters of invitation will be sent to eligible students at least once during each academic year.

1.6 Persons inducted into membership remain members for life, although a member will be considered "inactive" if they do not meet the chapter's requirements for active status.

1.7 Students who want to transfer their membership may contact the new chapter's advisor and will be considered on an individual basis by the chapter advisor and new chapter's officers.

Section 2 Eligibility

2.1 Collegiate members

2.11 Students, irrespective of major or participation in other organizations and associations, shall be eligible to be elected into the W.E.B. Du Bois Honor Society if the following criteria are met.

2.111 The candidate is an undergraduate student enrolled in a baccalaureate degree program during the curricular period in which the requisite grade point average was achieved.

2.112 The candidate has achieved a sophomore standing.

2.113 The candidate ranks in the upper 20% (twenty percent) of his or her class at the time of nomination and has achieved and maintained a minimum grade point average of a 3.3.

2.114 The candidate has been registered at the institution and has earned a minimum of 12 credit hours.

2.12 Students who have paid their local dues and national induction fee and have been inducted will be considered collegiate members.

2.2 Alumni members

2.21 Faculty and professional staff may be inducted as alumni members if their scholastic records and/or outstanding achievements have rendered them worthy of membership. Previous induction to membership as a collegiate member is not required.

2.22 Alumni members support their local chapter, provide mentoring, may serve as the chapter advisor and may assist in chapter fund raising efforts.

2.23 Alumni members are eligible to be elected as National and/or Regional officers.

2.24 Faculty and professional staff that have paid their initiation fees and have been inducted will be considered Alumni members.

2.3 Distinguished members

2.31 Distinguished members are individuals who are members of the W.E.B. Du Bois Honor Society who have contributed in an outstanding manner to the society, and have been nominated to this membership category by one (1) or more members of the chapter, (2) have had their nomination approved by a majority of the chapter officers, and (3) have this status approved by a majority vote the national board.

2.32 Individuals who have been properly nominated and have accepted the nomination will have the title Distinguished member conferred at the chapter's annual induction ceremony.

2.4 Honorary members

2.41 Honorary members are individuals who are not members of the W.E.B. Du Bois Honor Society at the time of nomination who have contributed to the society or are being recognized by the chapter for eminence in some academic, creative, intellectual, career endeavor, or who have contributed in an outstanding manner to the society. The candidate is nominated by one (1) or more members of the chapter, (2) have had their nomination approved by a majority vote of the chapter officers, and (3) have had this status approved by the majority vote of the National Board.

2.42 Individuals who have been properly nominated and have accepted the nomination will have the title Honorary member conferred at the chapter's annual induction ceremony.

2.5 Charter members

2.51 Charter members are individuals who have participated in the organization of a new chapter and have been accorded the privilege of signing the charter through the acceptance of their petition by the National Board.

2.511 For those petitioners who are not already members of the W.E.B. Du Bois Honor Society, approval of the petition constitutes authorization by the National Board for their initiation as a collegiate or alumni member into the W.E.B. Du Bois Honor Society immediately subsequent to the installation of the chapter.

2.512 Petitioners who are members of the W.E.B. Du Bois Honor Society by previous initiation in another chapter, who are willing to transfer their affiliation, may be granted the privilege of charter membership.

Section 3 Induction of members

3.1 The advisor will obtain a roster of eligible students and these students will receive notification from the chapter.

3.2 Reports of those who accepted the invitation shall be submitted to the Executive Director of the Society by the chapter advisor at least three (3) weeks prior to induction.

Section 4 Membership privileges

4.1 Collegiate members are eligible to:

- 4.11 Wear the W.E.B. Du Bois Honor Society honor cord and pin.
- 4.12 Access the electronic publications of the Society.
- 4.13 Participate and vote at chapter meetings.
- 4.14 Hold office in chapters.
- 4.15 Serve as chapter delegates to national/regional conventions.
- 4.16 Hold national/regional office as student representatives.
- 4.17 Serve on national/regional committees.

4.2 Alumni members are eligible to:

- 4.21 Wear the W.E.B. Du Bois Honor Society's honor cord and pin.
- 4.22 Access the electronic publications of the W.E.B. Du Bois Honor Society.
- 4.23 Participate in chapter meetings.
- 4.24 Serve as chapter advisors.
- 4.25 Attend national/regional conventions.
- 4.26 Hold national/regional office.
- 4.27 Serve on national/regional committees.

4.3 Distinguished members are given the privileges listed in Section 4.2 and receive a distinguish membership certificate.

4.4 Honorary members receive an honorary membership certificate and are eligible to:

- 4.41 Wear the W.E.B. Du Bois Honor Society's honor cord and pin.
- 4.42 Access the electronic publications of the W.E.B. Du Bois Honor Society.
- 4.43 Attend chapter meetings.
- 4.44 Attend national/regional conventions.

4.5 Charter members have the privilege of signing the charter for the new chapter.

- 4.51 Student charter members receive the privileges under 4.1
- 4.52 Alumni charter members receive the privileges under 4.2

Section 5 Member orientation

- 5.1 Prior to induction, an orientation program for the selected candidates shall be held, emphasizing the active commitment to the purposes and goals of the Society.
- 5.2 The chapter may establish the format of the orientation program.
- 5.3 The outgoing president, in cooperation with the chapter advisor, shall see that each officer fully orients his/her successor.

Section 6 Resignation of collegiate members

- 6.1 An individual member may resign pursuant to procedures established by the National Board.
- 6.2 The membership fees are not refundable.

ARTICLE IV Chapters

Section 1 Chartering of chapters.

1.1 The National Board is responsible for policies and procedures regarding petitions for new chapters. These responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- 1.11 Submission guidelines
- 1.12 Petition evaluation
- 1.13 Acceptance process
 - 1.131 Standards of acceptance
 - 1.132 Notification of petition acceptance or denial
- 1.14 Execution and presentation of charters
- 1.15 Payment of chartering fees
- 1.16 Withdrawal or dissolution of charter

1.2 Eligibility to petition for chapter

1.21 An institutional chapter may be established in any college or university that maintains a reputation for excellence in degree-granting programs throughout the institution verified by regional accreditation reports and professional accreditations, when applicable, and meets the W.E.B. Du Bois Honor Society standards of quality.

1.22 There shall be a chapter advisor who is a full time faculty, research staff or other university staff member who is committed to serving as the liaison to the National Office.

1.23 A minimum of twenty (20) eligible students must be interested to charter a chapter.

1.3 New chapter development

1.31 The National Board will provide orientation to newly installed chapters involving guidelines for chapter operations, programs and available national resources.

1.32 Upon installation, the national board will offer continuing guidance regarding the W.E.B. Du Bois Honor Society's national purpose and goals.

Section 2 Chapters responsibilities.

Chapters shall:

- 2.1 Recognize outstanding achievement through induction into the Society.
- 2.2 Sponsor projects that support and recognize leadership.
- 2.3 Sponsor projects that support and recognize scholarship.
- 2.4 Sponsor projects that support and recognize service.
- 2.5 Hold four (4) or more meetings a year.
- 2.6 Participate through the chapter president in regional elections and other voting between conventions.
- 2.7 Send a chapter delegate to national conventions and regional conferences.

Section 3 Chapter bylaws.

3.1 The chapter bylaws shall be in accordance with the National bylaws of the W.E.B. Du Bois Honor Society.

3.2 A copy of the bylaws shall be submitted to the Executive Director of the W.E.B. Du Bois Honor Society when adopted.

3.3 An updated copy of the chapter bylaws shall be submitted to the Executive Director upon revision.

3.4 A quorum for meetings shall be specified in chapter bylaws. Chapters may use the Internet technology to accommodate the quorum requirements.

Section 4 Chapter governance

4.1 The elected officers shall include a President, a Vice President/Parliamentarian, a Treasurer, a Secretary/ Historian, and a Public Relations Officer. These officers shall be Collegiate Members.

4.11 The election of officers shall occur annually.

4.12 A roster of officers shall be sent to the Executive Director in October.

4.13 The terms of chapter officers shall be for one (1) year beginning in August or September.

4.14 The duties of the chapter officers shall be such as usually pertain to these offices, together with such other duties as the bylaws of the chapter may prescribe.

4.15 Additional offices with voting privileges may be established as the chapter may prescribe, such as a President-Elect, Graduate Officer and/or a collegiate mentor.

4.2 The management of the chapter shall be vested in an executive committee, consisting of the elected officers and the advisor.

Section 5 Chapter Advisor

5.1 Each chapter must have an Advisor who shall be chosen by the host institution from those persons who have faculty or administrative status.

5.2 A new Advisor shall be oriented by the chapter President and the current chapter Advisor(s) with the support of the National Office.

5.3 The responsibilities of the Advisor include the following:

5.31 Attend chapter meetings

5.32 Facilitate the orientation for new members, chapter programming, planning, and leadership training.

5.33 Verify and approve the chapter budget

5.34 Serve as liaison to the National Office

5.35 The advisor does not have voting privileges.

5.4 A chapter may select a graduate alumnus to serve as a student advisor. This individual is selected by the chapter officers and the chapter advisor. The student advisor does not have voting privileges.

Section 6 The National Board by a majority vote may withdraw the charter of any chapter if it has become inactive by not initiating persons within a three (3) year period, if it has not adhered to the National Bylaws, or if such withdrawal is deemed in the best interest of the W.E.B. Du Bois Honor Society.

Section 7 The residual assets of any chapter whose charter has been withdrawn shall revert to The W.E.B Du Bois Honor Society National Office.

Section 8 Regional organizations

8.1 The chapters of the W.E.B. Du Bois Honor Society shall be grouped in regions, the names and boundaries of which shall be established at the national convention.

8.2 A Regional Vice President shall represent the chapters of each region on the National Board.

8.3 The Regional Vice Presidents from each region shall meet during the general convention. Regional meetings of chapter representatives between conventions shall be held.

8.4 Regional officers other than the Regional Vice President may be elected at the regional meetings.

ARTICLE V

National Officers

Section 1 The National Officers who constitute the National Board of the W.E.B Du Bois Honor Society shall consist of the following:

- 1.1 Elected, voting members
 - 1.11 National President
 - 1.12 National Vice President
 - 1.13 Regional Vice Presidents
 - 1.14 Two Student Representatives
- 1.2 Appointed, non-voting members
 - 1.21 Executive Director
 - 1.22 Treasurer
 - 1.23 Publications Director
- 1.3 Charter positions of the National Board shall be appointed.

Section 2 Elected, voting members

- 2.1 The National President
 - 2.11 Duties
 - 2.111 Performs those duties that usually pertain to the office of President, including but not limited to serving as chairperson for the National Board and supervision of activities of the W.E.B. Du Bois Honor Society.
 - 2.112 Serves as an ex-officio member of all committees
 - 2.12 Term
 - 2.121 The National President shall serve for a term of two (2) years.
 - 2.122 Upon evidence of the National President's incapacity or unwillingness to serve, the National Board by majority vote may declare the office vacant.
 - 2.123 If the National President's position is vacated by death, resignation, or declaration, the National Vice President shall be charged with serving in this capacity for the remainder of the term.
- 2.2 The National Vice President
 - 2.21 Duties
 - 2.211 Serve as President if the President is unable to serve.
 - 2.212 Provide public relations services and advice to national, regional, and local chapters.
 - 2.213 Perform other duties as assigned by the President.
 - 2.22 Term
 - 2.221 The National Vice President is elected to a term of two (2) years.
 - 2.222 Upon evidence of the National Vice President's incapacity or unwillingness to serve, the National Board by majority vote may declare the office vacant.
 - 2.223 If the National Vice President's position is vacated by death, resignation, or declaration, the National Board shall be charged with selecting an individual to fill this position until the end of the term.
- 2.3 The Regional Vice Presidents
 - 2.31 Duties
 - 2.311 Represent the chapters on the National Board.
 - 2.312 Act as liaison between the national organization and the chapters in their respective regions.
 - 2.313 Investigate institutions seeking new chapters in the respective regions.

- 2.314 May recommend establishing a new chapter.
- 2.315 Install new chapters approved within the regions.
- 2.316 Encourage development of present chapters.
- 2.317 Organize and conduct regional meetings to be held bi-annually in years when the national convention is not held.

2.32 Term

- 2.321 The Regional Vice President is elected to a term of two (2) years.
- 2.322 Upon evidence of a Regional Vice President's incapacity or unwillingness to serve, the National Board by majority vote may declare the office vacant.
- 2.323 If the Regional Vice President's position is vacated by death, resignation, or declaration, the National President may appoint an interim successor to serve until the election of a new one, such election to be conducted within three (3) months.

2.4 Two Student Representatives

2.41 Duties

- 2.411 Represent the student perspective on the National Board.
- 2.412 Serve on committees as needed.

2.42 Term

- 2.421 The Student Representatives is elected to a term of two (2) years.
- 2.422 Upon evidence of a student representative incapacity or unwillingness to serve, the National Board by majority vote may declare the office vacant.
- 2.423 If the Student Representatives position is vacated by death, resignation, or declaration, the National President may appoint an interim successor to serve until the election of a new one, such election to be conducted within three (3) months.

Section 3 Appointed, non-voting members

3.1 Executive Director

3.11 Duties

3.111 Manage the National Office

- a. Establish rules and policies to operate the office and to satisfy legal requirements established for nonprofit corporations.
- b. Employ office staff and professional personnel at the expense of the W.E.B. Du Bois Honor Society in accordance with the approved budget
 - i.) Make provision for non-salary benefits required by law and/or in accordance with the approved budget.
 - ii.) Arrange for security bonds for members of the office in appropriate amounts to safeguard the funds of the Society.
- c. Purchase, stock, and sell to the chapters and members such items as emblems, certificates, plaques, banners, or placards and purchase equipment and supplies in accordance with the approved budget.
- d. Enter into contracts for office space, equipment, and services in accordance with the needs of the organization and the approved budget.

3.112 Coordinate the organization's expansion efforts.

- a. Direct and supervise the development of new chapters.
- b. Process petitions for new charters for institutional or alumni chapters.
- c. Initiate action as needed to modify a chapter's status.

3.113 Conduct fund-raising campaigns for the Society.

3.114 Perform those duties that pertain to the office of Secretary of the Society

- a. Maintain membership rolls, a record of the chapters, and other records, reports, and archives as needed.
- b. Maintain communication with members of the Society, chapter officers, and the national board, and report to the membership all actions taken by the national board and the convention.
 - i.) Arrange for agendas and timely announcements prior to national meetings and conventions.

- ii.) Create and distribute minutes of national meetings and conventions within thirty (30) days following each meeting.
- iii.) Develop and maintain technology resources such as web pages, a listserv, and a member database to support chapter and national board activities.

3.115 Perform those duties that pertain to the office of Public Relations of the Society.

3.116 Serve as a liaison to the host institution.

3.117 Perform other duties as the National President, National Board, or host institution may prescribe.

3.12 Term

3.121 The Executive Director shall be appointed by the National President, with the concurrence of the National Board and host institution.

3.122 The Executive Director will serve for an indefinite period and may remain in office at the will of the National Board and host institution.

3.123 A performance evaluation of the Executive Director shall be conducted annually.

3.2 National Treasurer

3.21 Duties

3.211 Receive, hold, and disburse the Society funds in accordance with the approved budget.

3.212 Make quarterly reports to the national board and host institution of receipts, disbursements, and investments.

3.213 Prepare detailed annual budgets and submit for national board approval.

3.214. Have accounts audited annually by a public accountant and make a copy of the auditor's report available.

3.215 Serve as Chair of the Budget Committee.

3.22 Term

3.221 Shall be appointed by the Executive Director with the concurrence of the National Board for a term of two (2) years and may be re-appointed for additional terms.

3.222 Shall be subject to an annual performance evaluation by the Executive Director that is reviewed by the National Board.

3.3 Publications Director

3.31 Duties

3.311. Shall be responsible for all editorial aspects of Society publications developed with the advice of the Society's Publication committee and within the publication policies and procedures established by the national board.

3.312 Shall provide the Executive Director archival material of historical interest.

3.32 Term

3.321 Shall be appointed by the National President with the concurrence of the National Board for a term of two (2) years and may be re-appointed for additional terms.

3.322 Shall be subject to an annual performance evaluation by the Executive Director that is reviewed by the National Board.

Section 4 The National Board shall meet at least annually between conventions at such times and places as may be designated by the National President. Special meetings shall be convened by the President when requested by a majority of the National Board.

Section 5 Assistant and associate officers, national committee members, and resource persons may be invited to attend National Board meetings by the President. The National Officers, and any others invited by or with the approval of the President to attend meetings shall receive reimbursement of their expenses, but no other remuneration.

Section 6 Before each general convention, a report of the activities of the National Board for the previous two (2) years shall be mailed to all chapters. At the convention, this report shall be presented for review and approval.

ARTICLE VI Committees

Section 1 All committees are advisory to the National Board

1.1 There shall be the following committees:

1.11 Standing committees, those that have continuous existence.

1.111 Executive Committee

1.112 Budget Committee

1.12 Additional ad hoc committees shall be formed by the National Board when necessary.

1.2 Termination of membership on committees is at the discretion of the Executive Director and is subject to approval of the National President.

Section 2 Standing Committees

2.1 Executive Committee

2.11 Members shall include

2.111 The National President (as chair)

2.112 Immediate Past President

2.113 National Vice President

2.114 One Regional Vice President (The Regional Vice President will be selected annually by the Regional Vice Presidents.)

2.115 The executive Director (ex officio and nonvoting).

2.12 The Executive Committee shall meet when necessary to facilitate the work of the Society and may prepare policy and other statements for consideration by the National Board.

2.13 Actions by the Executive Committee shall be subject to review by the National Board. The minutes of the Executive Committee shall be made available to the full National Board as promptly as possible.

2.2 Budget Committee

2.21 Shall consist of

2.211 National Treasurer, who shall serve as the chairperson

2.212 Executive Director

2.213 Two (2) members of the National Board who shall be appointed by agreement of the National President and the Executive Director for a two (2) year term and may be reappointed for additional terms.

2.22 Duties

2.221 The Budget Committee shall review both the annual budget and the general biennial budget prepared by the National Treasurer, and submit them to the National Board for approval or revision.

2.222 The Committee shall

a. recommend annually to the National Board the employment of a specific auditing firm,

b. require that each audit consider the adequacy of internal control procedures, and

c. meet with the auditor as necessary.

ARTICLE VII Conventions

Section 1 A convention, either National or special, shall consist of delegates from each chapter and the members of the National Board. The delegates from a chapter can be the chapter President, an active member, or any other active member.

Section 2 In convention, each chapter that has sent a delegate and each member of the National Board shall have one (1) vote.

Section 3 The President and the Executive Director of the W.E.B. Du Bois Honor Society shall serve as chairperson and secretary, respectively, of a convention.

Section 4 Powers and responsibilities.

4.1 A National convention is vested with the supreme authority of the W.E.B. Du Bois Honor Society and, subject to the Articles of Incorporation and the procedures prescribed to be followed in amending these bylaws, shall

- 4.11 Have jurisdiction over all affairs of the W.E.B. Du Bois Honor Society.
- 4.12 Establish rules of governance of the W.E.B. Du Bois Honor Society.
- 4.13 Establish such offices not herein provided for as may be found expedient, and provide for appointment or election of persons to fill such offices.
- 4.14 Have power to interpret all provisions of the bylaws.
- 4.15 Elect by majority vote the National President and the National Vice President in accordance with these bylaws.

4.2 A special convention shall have the same authority over the affairs of the W.E.B. Du Bois Honor Society as a National convention, with the exception of electing the National President and the National Vice President.

Section 5 Meetings

5.1 National convention

- 5.11 A National convention shall meet once in two (2) years.
- 5.12 Time and place shall be determined by the National Board.
- 5.13 Before each National convention, a report of the activities of the National Board for the previous two (2) years shall be mailed to all chapters. At the convention, this report shall be presented for review and approval.

5.2 Special convention

- 5.21 The National President shall call a special convention when requested to do so in writing by the majority of the members of the National Board or by one-third (1/3) of the chapters.
- 5.22 Time and place shall be determined by the National Board.
- 5.23 A three-month notice shall be given each chapter stating the date and purpose(s) of a special convention.

5.3 Regional convention

- 5.31 The regional meetings shall convene once every two years on alternate years of the National convention.
- 5.32 Time and place shall be determined by the Regional Vice Presidents.

Section 6 A National or Regional convention quorum is a simple majority of official delegates registered.

ARTICLE VIII Fees, Dues and Assessments

Section 1 Fees, dues and assessments

1.1 The W.E.B. Du Bois Honor Society may collect the following types of fees, dues and assessments:

1.11 Chartering and authorizing fees to reimburse the National Office of the W.E.B. Du Bois Honor Society for expenses incurred in the establishment of new chapters.

1.12 Initiation fees

1.13 Membership dues.

1.14 Special assessments

1.2 Establishment of amounts

1.21 The National Board shall determine the amounts of National fees and dues.

1.22 Special assessments shall be levied only by a majority vote of the National Board and the approval of a majority of the chapters or by a majority of a general or a special convention.

1.3 Fees, dues and assessments shall be collected in the following manner:

1.31 The institution or the petitioning group representing the institution shall pay the chartering fee at the time the petition is submitted.

1.32 Chapter secretaries or treasurers shall collect, in advance, national initiation fees from candidates for initiation and submit these fees to the Executive Director when the election of new members is reported.

1.33 Special assessments, if any, shall be collected by the Executive Director from individual members or chapters.

1.34 Fees for honorary and distinguished memberships shall be paid by the nominating body.

1.4 The fees, dues and assessments provided for in this Article shall be disbursed by the Executive Director to pay expenses, to be invested as endowment funds, or to be otherwise allocated as determined by the National Board.

Section 2 Chapter fees and dues

2.1 Each chapter shall have authority to determine its own local fees and chapter dues, and shall be responsible for remitting the national initiation fees to the Executive Director.

2.2 Charter members

Charter members who were not members of the W.E.B. Du Bois Honor Society previously shall be inducted and pay full initiation fees and any dues or fees required by the chapter.

ARTICLE IX
Rules of Procedure

Section 1 The National Board or any convention may establish such rules of procedure as may be necessary for implementing the provisions of these bylaws and for governing the W.E.B. Du Bois Honor Society.

Section 2 Such procedure shall become operative at the time designated by the National Board or the convention and shall be published and distributed to national and chapter officers.

Section 3 Robert's Rules of Order, as most recently revised, shall govern the proceedings of meetings of the W.E.B. Du Bois Honor Society when not in conflict with these bylaws.

ARTICLE X
Amendments and Revisions of Bylaws

Section 1 A chapter, a national ad hoc committee appointed by the National President, or the National Board may propose amendments and revisions.

Section 2 The National Board shall review such proposed amendments and revisions to the national bylaws. A majority vote of the National Board shall be required for approval.

Section 3 Any proposed amendment initiated by a chapter that did not receive the National Board's endorsement can be placed before the convention if three (3) chapters endorse the proposal.

Section 4 Such proposed amendment endorsed by the National Board or three (3) chapters shall be submitted at least three (3) months prior to a convention to the Executive Director who, in turn, will notify the chapters at least one (1) month prior to the convention.

Section 5 A majority vote of a convention is required to amend or revise the National bylaws.