

"NO ONE EVER TOLD ME...!"

This sheet 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 sheet helps to minimize the lack of familiarity with Delta Chi Law and policies among our chapter officers. This sheet is no substitute for reading the constitution, by-laws, regulations, officer manuals, BRIEFs, officer checklists, and other materials sent out by the Delta Chi Headquarters.

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PLEASE READ
CAREFULLY

1. **AVOID A \$25 FINE FOR UNAUTHORIZED INITIATIONS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**
Associate Member Dues (AMD), initiation dues, and personnel record forms **must** be in Delta Chi Headquarters PRIOR to initiation, **AND** a written authorization must be received from the Executive Director in order to avoid a \$25 fine per initiate. After the initiation, the "C" must submit the names of those initiated and the date of initiation in the next CMR for verification.

2. "Alumni Initiations" Chapters may initiate such individuals for \$205. Delta Chi Law waives the AMDs for these men.

Be sure to:

- a. Verify that the individual was NEVER initiated into another NIC fraternity (resignations or releases are unacceptable).
- b. Have a unanimous vote of the chapter PRIOR to the initiation. This must be reported in the CMR and sent in to Delta Chi Headquarters prior to conducting the initiation.
- c. Send a written request for authorization to Debra Bilskemper (debra@deltachi.org or PO Box 1817, Iowa City, IA 52244) stating why your chapter wants to initiate this (these) individual(s). The request must identify the qualifications of the candidate(s).
- d. PRIOR to the initiation, send a completed personnel record form to Delta Chi Headquarters, PO Box 1817, Iowa City, IA 52244.
- e. If the individual is not a member of the teaching or administrative staff of any accredited college or university, the chapter **MUST** also obtain the approval of its ABT and submit that with the request in point c.

AND f. PRIOR to the initiation, receive authorization from the Executive Director as handled by Debra Bilskemper (debra@deltachi.org) (which will occur after the above).

Non-compliance with the above WILL result in a \$25 fine per initiate. If the individual is a ***father***, a request for waiver of the initiation dues can be sent to the Executive Director, via Debra Bilskemper, PRIOR to the initiation. Failure to receive authorization PRIOR to the initiation WILL result in the initiation dues being charged.

3. **Alumnus and Inactive Status (see page three for an explanation of both).**

4. ASSOCIATE MEMBER DUES The AMD is \$100 and shall be delinquent if not forwarded to the Headquarters Office within five (5) days of the person's association. If an associate member "drops" or disassociates from, or is disassociated by, the chapter within two weeks of his original date of association, providing such action is reported in the Chapter Meeting Report of the meeting immediately following disassociation, we will credit the AMD to the Chapter. The Chapter should refund the dues to the individual.

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5. **Initiation Dues are \$205 effective 8/1/2009. Membership Dues are \$55 as of July 1, 2009.**

6. Member Accident Protection Program (MAPP): The MAPP is intended to complement the health insurance program of eligible student and associate members for accidents incurred, except during appropriate holiday or 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. The policy will pay the first \$500 of covered medical expenses incurred whether or not other coverage is available. Report claims to:

Willis H.R.H., 12231 Emmet St. Ste 5, Omaha, NE 68164
Phone (800) 736-4327 ext 208; Facsimile (800) 328-0522
e-mail: Bwitt@willis.com; www.kirklin.com

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7. **Chapter Assessment is \$700 and is billed in January every year.**

8. **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.**
9. When initiating fathers, local businessmen, faculty, etc., you are to use the official Ritual of The Delta Chi Fraternity, but omit the last section. (Please call the Executive Director if you have any questions as to what this means.)
10. Placing an order by telephone or email and then sending in an order form for the same supplies will probably result in a duplicate order being sent and billed.
11. Sending photos that display alcohol (drink cups, beer bottles, etc.) in for possible printing in the *Delta Chi Quarterly* will result in the photographs being returned to the chapter.
12. Digital photos are welcomed BUT they need to be shot at a high enough resolution so that they will print at 300dpi or greater at the intended print size. Less than that will either not be used or will print at a lower quality in the *Quarterly*. HELP US HELP YOU SHOW OFF!! Send in digital photos that will look good!!!
13. **By order of the chapters assembled in Convention, ONLY executive committee members may be appointed/elected as IFC representatives. Discussion preceding the vote stated the intention of the appointment of lettered officers only.**
14. **By order of the chapters assembled in Convention, all Delta Chi Chapters must vote in favor of any expansion on their respective campuses.**
15. **ALCOHOL POLICY FOR LEADERSHIP CONSULTANTS**
Our Leadership Consultants are not allowed to consume alcohol on chapter / colony property or on any other fraternity's or sorority's property. While this policy may cost our Leadership Consultants some "credibility" in the eyes of some individuals, we strongly feel that the vast majority of our members will appreciate what we are trying to accomplish.
16. **The Directors and Leadership Consultants contact information can be located on our website, www.deltachi.org.**
17. **DELTA CHI HEADQUARTERS**
It's a business office. People don't live there. Official office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ct. The phone number is 319-337-4811, and the fax number is 319-337-5529. Membership questions should be directed to Debra Bilskemper, Ext. 121. Financial questions should be directed to Anne Schulte, Ext. 122. The office is open Monday through Friday.
18. **TRADEMARKS**
If you are considering the use of a company's mark(s) without its express permission, you should stop. In addition, if you are considering using any of Delta Chi's marks in concert with that violation of the law or in a manner that reflects poorly on Delta Chi, you are hereby given fair warning that we will require that all items printed / produced with that violation of our marks be destroyed and any and all proceeds from the sale of such items be returned to the purchaser.

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.
2. By a two-thirds vote of the Chapter and its ABT.
3. By a two-thirds vote of the ABT based only on financial indebtedness.

If a student member is inactive, then he must be inactive. There is no such thing as "almost alive." Either you are or you are not. An inactive member cannot: 1. attend any chapter/colony social events (not even on a "pay at the door" basis), 2. live in the chapter house, 3. attend chapter meetings, 4. play on any of the Chapter's/Colony's intramural teams, 5. be listed on the Chapter's scholastic record, 6. be eligible for the Fraternity's accident insurance program, 7. be a chapter officer or committee chairman, 8. represent the Chapter in any capacity (IFC, Conventions, Regional Conferences, etc.).

While it may at first seem odd that a non-member can attend one of our social events when an inactive member cannot, we need to remember that the member took an oath to Delta Chi that the non-member chose not to take. Therefore, if a member chooses to go inactive, he forfeits all privileges of chapter membership.

Brotherhood is a two-way street. Along with its benefits come responsibilities. 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. That requires a two-thirds vote of both the Chapter and its ABT.

Alumnus ("alumni" is plural) **Status:** 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 privileges 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 if he didn't get his degree?

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

Note: 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.