



CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
OF
THE HONOR SOCIETY OF AGRICULTURE, GAMMA SIGMA DELTA,
NC STATE UNIVERSITY CHAPTER,
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

PREAMBLE

The NC State University Chapter, a unit of the International Society, shall comply with and be governed by the Constitution of the International Society. This document contains the by-laws by which the NC State University Chapter shall be operated. They have been modified from the Bylaws of the International Society and adapted to the NC State University Chapter. This Document shall supersede and nullify all previous similar documents, with amendments of the NC State University Chapter.

ARTICLE I

Name and Organization

- Sec. 1. The name of the Chapter is the NC State University Chapter of the Honor Society of Agriculture, Gamma Sigma Delta.
- Sec. 2. Membership in the NC State University Chapter shall constitute membership in the International Society. Any member of the International Society may affiliate with the Local Chapter.

ARTICLE II

Objectives and Purpose

- Sec. 1. Objectives.
The objectives of this Chapter are to:
- A. Encourage high standards of scholarship and leadership in all branches of Agricultural Science and Education;
 - B. Encourage high quality achievement, professional ethics, and devotion to service of those entering into and working in the various branches of agriculture;
 - C. Render service that will benefit all branches of agriculture and promote a better understanding of the agricultural sector by the general public.
- Sec. 2. Purpose.
The purpose of this Chapter shall be to promote attainment of the objectives stated in Section 1. It may be implemented by conferring membership, as an honor, on those University students who have shown exceptional ability in their studies, and on those faculty or staff, and alumni who have rendered outstanding service to the cause of agriculture. Further, the Chapter may recognize those who have provided exceptional leadership and service to agriculture. (Art. VII)

ARTICLE III

Membership

- Sec. 1. Selection of Members.
Members may be selected from graduating seniors, graduate students, faculty or staff, alumni, and honorary membership nominees. Members of Gamma Sigma Delta from other Chapters are eligible for affiliation in the NC State University Chapter upon payment of dues, with no waiting period.
- Sec. 2. Eligibility for Membership.
- A. Graduating Seniors
 - 1. Graduating seniors may be chosen from the colleges and departments listed below. A student in another related discipline may be elected if the student's area of study is directly related to and concerned with agriculture:
 - a. College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.
 - b. College of Engineering.
 - c. College of Forest Resources.
 - 2. To be eligible for election, the graduating senior must:
 - a. Have a grade-point average of 3.25 or above; and
 - b. Be within 35 semester credits of the requirements for graduation at the close of the semester preceding election.
 - 3. Not more than 15 percent of the total number graduating in the curriculums

- named above shall be eligible for membership in any one academic year.
4. Election to membership is not automatic upon the satisfactory fulfillment of the minimum requirements as set forth in Section 2.A.2 of this Article. If a student has satisfied all of the above-stated requirements and still shows extreme weakness in certain subject matter areas such, for example, as English, he/she shall be ineligible for membership. It shall be the responsibility of the Committee on Graduating Senior Nominations to check the student's academic record for evidence of low grades or failures, and for other evidence of poor performance in any academic area. The committee shall report such evidence at the time the list of prospective members is submitted. Final disposition shall rest with the membership in accordance with Article III, Section 3.B.
- B. Graduate Students.
1. Graduate students may be chosen from the colleges and curriculums listed under Section 2.A.1 of this Article, from the College of Veterinary Medicine, and the Department of Statistics. Graduate students may also be chosen from other closely related disciplines provided, however, that the student's area of study and research is directly related to, and concerned with agriculture.
 2. To be eligible for election, the graduate student must:
 - a. Have shown superior ability in research and/or advanced studies;
 - b. Have shown promise of making worthwhile professional contributions;
 - c. Have completed at least 40 percent of the total semester credits required for the advanced degree as shown on the Student's Approved Program of Graduate Work;
 - d. Have a grade-point average of 3.50 or above and an "S" on all courses which may be so graded.
- C. Faculty and Staff.
1. Faculty members may be chosen from:
 - a. The faculty and staff of the departments listed in Article III, Section 2.A and Section 2.B and
 - b. The faculty or staff of other sciences closely related to these fields of endeavor, including teaching, research, and extension personnel.
 2. To be eligible for election, a member of the faculty or staff must:
 - a. Have been engaged in work in one of the disciplines listed under "1" immediately above for at least three years;
 - b. Have shown exceptional ability as a teacher, investigator, extension specialist, or administrator.
 3. Members of the faculty of NC State University may not be nominated for alumni membership.
 4. Not more than five faculty members, of which not more than two currently may be an administrator, may be elected in any one calendar year.
- D. Alumni.
1. Alumni members may be chosen from the alumni of either NC State University or other recognized colleges and universities.
 2. To be eligible for election, an alumnus must:
 - a. Have rendered outstanding service to the cause of agricultural development;
 - b. Be considered an outstanding agricultural leader at the time of election;
 - c. Have been graduated at least five years prior to the time of election.
 3. Members of the faculty and staff may not be nominated for alumni membership.

4. To maintain the probity of this honor not more than three alumni members may be elected in any one calendar.
 - E. Honorary Membership.
 1. Honorary membership may be awarded to an individual not qualified for the above categories.
 2. To be eligible for election, an Honorary Members must:
 - a. Be leaders at the university, community, state, regional, or national level (e.g. university president or provost, a legislator or someone who has achieved distinction).
 - b. Has furthered the cause of agriculture.
 3. Such membership is considered an active membership, is a prestigious award, and is limited to one such award per year.
- Sec. 3. Nomination and Election of Members.
- A. Nominations.

Nomination for membership shall be by a committee. Each of the several committees on nomination of new members shall prepare a list of nominees and present it at the annual election business meeting. The responsibilities of the several committees are set forth in Article IV, Sections 3.B - 3.F. It shall be the responsibility of the several committees to determine that each nominee meets the qualifications for membership as set forth in Article III, Sections 2.A - 2.E.
 - B. Election of Members.
 1. Membership elections may be held only in the spring semester.
 2. The active members of the Chapter shall be notified of a pending election at least three weeks in advance. The appropriate nominating committee shall present the list of nominees at the election business meeting. The list shall be presented in such manner that it may be used as a ballot to vote on the nominees either as a group or as individuals. Prior to voting the members of the Chapter shall be given an opportunity to ask questions about and to discuss any of the nominees.
 3. Voting shall be by voice vote or secret ballot. To be elected a nominee must receive a favorable vote of at least three-fourths of the members voting providing the three-fourths constitute a quorum.
- Sec. 4. Classification of Members.
There shall be three classes of members:
- A. Active Members.

This group shall consist of those who have paid current annual dues, Life Members, and Honorary Members.
 - B. Inactive Members.

This group shall consist of those who failed to pay annual dues during the previous year ending August 31. Inactive members may not serve on committees, vote in business meetings, make nominations either for membership or for the various certificates and awards, or in any other way participate in the business affairs of the Chapter. They may become active upon payment of the annual dues.
 - C. Life Members.

A member of the Chapter who has retired from his/her professional position may become a Life Member upon application to the Chapter Secretary. Life Members shall have all the privileges of active members.
 - D. Honorary Members.

Honorary Members shall have all the privileges of active members.

ARTICLE IV

Government, Officers, Committees, and Meetings

- Sec. 1. Government.
- The Chapter shall be governed by (A) the active members, and (B) the Executive Committee.
- A. All major items of business which shall include, but not be limited to, the elections of officers and of new members shall be transacted by the active members.

- B. The Executive Committee shall be empowered to act for the Chapter on routine items such as selection of time and place for the Chapter meetings and functions. (See article IV, Sec. 3.A.) The Executive Committee may call business meetings of the Chapter either on its own initiative or on request. (See Sec. 4.B of this Article.)
- Sec. 2. Officers; Duties; Terms of Service; Elections; and Filling Vacancies.
- A. Officers.
The officers of the Chapter shall consist of a President, a President-Elect, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Historian.
- B. Duties of Officers.
1. The President shall:
 - a. Preside at all meetings of the chapter and at meetings of the Executive Committee;
 - b. Appoint the various committees, except the Executive Committee;
 - c. Supervise all of the affairs of the chapter;
 - d. Notify newly elected faculty and alumni members of their election;
 - e. Appraise those chosen to receive special awards of their selection;
 - f. Notify candidates for offices of the election results.
 2. The President-Elect shall:
 - a. Serve as Chairman of the Program and Arrangements Committee;
 - b. Be responsible, in cooperation with the Secretary, for the arrangements and programs for the various Chapter functions;
 - c. Succeed to the Presidency at the end of his/her term as President-Elect, or before if the office of President should become vacant.
 3. The Secretary shall:
 - a. Keep the records of the Chapter including minutes of Executive Committee and Chapter meetings;
 - b. Keep the records regarding the active and inactive status of the membership;
 - c. Mail ballots for election of Chapter Officers;
 - d. Certify to the International Society selections for membership, special awards, and officers;
 - e. Perform such other duties as may be appropriate to this office.
 4. The Treasurer shall:
 - a. Collect the dues, handle the financial affairs, and keep the financial records of the Chapter;
 - b. Notify the Secretary of the active and inactive status of the membership;
 - c. Perform such other duties as may be appropriate to this office.
 5. The Historian shall:
 - a. Develop and maintain the historical records of the Chapter;
 - b. Record important historical items concerning the Chapter and its members;
 - c. Cooperate with the Secretary and the Committee on Publicity and Chapter Promotion in making historical and news-worthy events known to the general public and to members of the International Society, through the Newsletter;
 - d. Perform such other duties as may be delegated to him/her by the President and the Executive Committee, or as may be appropriate to this office.
- C. Terms of Service.
1. The President, President-Elect, and Historian shall be elected for one-year terms.
 2. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected for two year terms. The elections will be on alternate years.
- D. Election of Officers.
1. Nominations.
The Committee on Nominations and Elections of Officers (Article IV, Sec. 3.I.) shall present a slate of nominees based on selection and nominee consent at the spring business meeting for elections. Additional nominations may be made from the floor.

2. Voting.
Voting shall be by mail ballot. After the slate has been established, the Secretary shall send a ballot containing the list of nominees to each active member of the Chapter. The ballots shall be returned to the Chairman of the Committee on Nominations and Elections of Officers to be counted by that Committee and results reported to the President. Election to office shall be by majority vote of the ballots cast. In case no nominee receives a majority on the first ballot, a runoff election shall be held. If there are only two nominees and a tie vote, both names shall be placed on the runoff ballot. If there are more than two nominees, those receiving the greatest number of votes on the first ballot (including ties), and whose total votes accounted for a majority (more than 50 percent) of the votes cast, shall have their names placed on a runoff ballot. Voting shall continue until one of the nominees receives a majority.
 3. Installation.
The new officers shall be installed at the annual initiation Banquet and, except for the Secretary and Treasurer, shall assume their duties at the termination of that meeting. The Secretary and Treasurer shall assume their duties July 1.
- E. Filling Vacancies.
1. In the event the office of President becomes vacant, the President-Elect shall become President.
 - a. If this succession occurs prior to the beginning of the second semester, in which case he/she would serve more than half of a school year as President, he/she shall be considered as having served his/her term as President; and his/her tenure shall end with the installation of new officers.
 - b. If the vacancy occurs after the end of the fall semester, the remaining members of the Executive Committee shall effect procedures as follows:
 - 1) If the vacancy occurs early in the spring semester, a special election shall be held; and the person elected shall serve as President-Elect during the remainder of the school year and as President the following year.
 - 2) If the vacancy occurs late in the spring semester, both a President and a President-Elect shall be elected to serve during the following year.
 2. In the event the office of President-Elect becomes vacant, it shall be filled as follows:
 - a. If the vacancy occurs prior to the beginning of the second semester, a special election shall be held to fill the office. The person elected shall fulfill the duties of President-Elect for the remainder of the school year and shall succeed to the Presidency the following year.
 - b. If the vacancy occurs after the beginning of the second semester, the immediate Past-President shall perform the duties of the President-Elect until a new President-Elect is elected through the regular annual election procedures.
 3. In the event the office of Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, or of the member-at-large of the Executive Committee becomes vacant, the remaining members of the Executive Committee shall be empowered to fill the vacancy for the duration of the term. (See Sec. 3.A.2 of this Article)

Sec. 3. Committees.

- A. Executive Committee.
 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of:
 - a. The President;
 - b. The President-Elect;
 - c. The Secretary;
 - d. Treasurer;
 - e. The Historian;
 - f. The Past-President;
 - g. One member-at-large, to be appointed by the elected officers.

2. The Executive Committee shall be empowered to act for the Chapter:
 - a. On routine business and other items that might come up from time to time between regularly scheduled business meetings of the Chapter;
 - b. To fill vacancies on the Executive Committee for the duration of the term to which the member was elected;
 - c. On recommendations of the Committee on Honors and Awards;
 - d. To recommend changes in fee structure;
 - e. To review minutes prepared by the Secretary.
- B. Committee on Graduating Senior Nominations and Undergraduate Awards.
 1. This committee shall consist of at least three active members of the Chapter.
 2. It shall be the responsibility of this committee to:
 - a. Prepare a list of graduating senior nominees who meet the qualifications for membership as set forth in Article III, Section 2.A;
 - b. Determine the students qualified for the certificates as specified in Article VII, Sections 2, 3, and 4;
 - c. Present the names of those selected in a and b above at the time specified by the Executive Committee.
- C. Committee on Graduate Student Nominations.
 1. This committee shall consist of at least three active members of the Chapter.
 2. It shall be the responsibility of this committee to prepare a list of graduate student nominees who meet the qualifications for membership as set forth in Article III, Section 2.B.
 - a. Nominations shall be solicited from each resident active member of the Chapter and from the Head and Graduate Administrator of each department indicated in Article III, Section 2.B.1;
 - b. The solicitation shall be accompanied by a nomination form and a statement of the rules for making nominations. The rules are:
 - 1) Nominations and seconds may be made only by active members of the Chapter.
 - 2) The nominator shall complete the form and provide such other information as he/she may deem necessary concerning the nominee's qualifications as set forth in Article III, Section 2.B. He/She shall be responsible for transmitting the nomination to the Chairman of the Graduate Student Nomination Committee.
 - 3) The nomination must be supported by a second.
 - c. From the list of nominations the committee shall prepare a slate of nominees and present it at the time specified by the Executive Committee.
- D. Committee on Faculty or Staff Nominations.
 1. This committee shall consist of at least five active members of the Chapter, two or more of whom should have served on the committee during the preceding year.
 2. It shall be the responsibility of this committee to prepare a list of faculty or staff nominees in accordance with Article III, Section 2.C.
 - a. Nominations shall be solicited from each active member of the Chapter.
 - b. Additional nominations may be made by the committee, either as a group or as individuals.
 - c. Each nomination shall be on a form provided by the selection committee.
 - d. The form shall be completed by the nominator and transmitted in writing to the Chairman of the committee giving any pertinent information not provided for on the form. It shall be the responsibility of the nominator to provide a current curriculum vita with the completed nomination form.
 - e. Each nomination must be seconded by a letter giving the seconder's opinion concerning the nominee's qualifications for membership.
 - f. Nominations not approved in any one year should be carried over and considered by the committee the following year.
 - g. From the list of nominations the committee shall prepare and present a slate of at least three and not more than five at the time specified by the Executive Committee.
- E. Committee on Alumni Nominations.

1. This committee shall consist of at least five active members of the Chapter, two or more of whom should have served on the committee the previous year.
 2. It shall be the responsibility of this committee to prepare a list of alumni nominees in accordance with Article III, Section 2.D.
 - a. Nominations shall be solicited from each active member of the Chapter.
 - b. Additional nominations may be made by members of the committee, either as individuals or as a group.
 - c. Each nomination must be presented on the form provided by the selection committee.
 - d. The form shall be completed by the nominator and transmitted in writing to the Chairman of the committee, giving any additional information deemed necessary. It shall be the responsibility of the nominator to provide a current curriculum vita with the completed nomination form.
 - e. Each nomination must be seconded in writing, giving such information as the seconder may deem necessary concerning the nominee's qualifications for membership.
 - f. Nominations not approved in any one year may be carried over and reconsidered by the committee the following year.
 - g. From the list of nominations, the committee shall prepare and present a slate of not more than three at the time specified by the Executive Committee.
- F. Committee on Honors and Awards.
1. This committee shall consist of five active members of the Chapter.
 2. It shall be the responsibility of this committee to make nominations for:
 - a. The Certificate of Merit as set forth in Article VII, Section 6;
 - b. The International Award for Distinguished Service to Agriculture as set forth in Article VII, Section 7.
 - c. Honorary Membership as set forth in Article VII, Section 8.
 3. Nominations for the Certificate of Merit.
 - a. The committee may solicit nominations from each active member of the Chapter.
 - b. Additional nominations may be made by members of the committee either individually or as a group.
 - c. Any nominations not approved by the committee in any one year should be carried over and reconsidered by the committee the following year.
 - d. The slate of not more than five but not less than two nominees prepared by the committee will be presented to the Executive Committee. Each nominee must receive a two-thirds majority vote of the Executive Committee for approval.
 4. Nominations for the International Award for Distinguished Service to Agriculture.
 - a. The nomination for this award shall be prepared by the Committee on Honors and Awards.
 - b. The nomination must be approved by the Executive Committee of the Chapter before being submitted by the secretary to the National Officers.
 5. Nominations for Honorary Membership.
 - a. Nominations shall be solicited from each active member of the Chapter.
 - b. Additional nominations may be made by members of the committee either individually or as a group.
 - c. Any nomination not approved in any one year should be carried over and reconsidered by the committee the following year.
 - d. Each nomination must be seconded in writing, giving such information as the seconder may deem necessary concerning the nominee's qualifications for membership.
 - e. From the list of nominations, the committee shall prepare and present a slate of not more than one nominee at the time specified by the Executive Committee.
 - f. Election of Honorary Membership will be in accordance with Article

- G. Committee on Program and Arrangements.
 - 1. This committee shall consist of:
 - a. The President-Elect, as Chairman;
 - b. The Secretary;
 - c. At least one other active member to be appointed by the President.
 - 2. It shall be the responsibility of this committee to make arrangements for the various meetings of the Chapter, including the Scholarship Recognition Meeting and the annual spring Initiation Banquet. The committee may solicit the assistance of other committees or individuals as deemed necessary in making the arrangements for these various meetings.
- H. Committee on Publicity and Chapter Promotion.
 - 1. This committee shall consist of at least three active members of the Chapter.
 - 2. It shall be the responsibility of this committee to:
 - a. Promote activities of the Chapter by word or deed to the end that the purposes and objectives of the Society may be more fully attained;
 - b. Publicize events related to the Chapter and its members, including:
 - 1) Those newly elected to membership;
 - 2) Those receiving honors and awards given by the Chapter;
 - 3) Any other activities of the Chapter as deemed necessary by the Committee.
 - 3. The publicity and promotion may be through the various news media and may include news items or pictures as deemed appropriate by the committee. The committee shall also cooperate with the Secretary in preparing the materials to be published in the Gamma Sigma Delta Newsletter. Publicity in the home town newspapers of newly elected members and honorees would seem very appropriate.
- I. Committee on Nomination and Election of Officers.
 - 1. This committee shall consist of three active members of the Chapter, two of whom shall be past presidents of the Chapter.
 - 2. It shall be the responsibility of this committee to prepare a list of nominees for President-Elect, for Secretary, for Treasurer, and for Historian. There shall be at least two nominees for the offices of President-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer. The committee, at its discretion, may recommend that the Historian be continued from year to year upon mutual agreement.
 - 3. Election shall be as set forth in Article IV, Section 2.D.
- J. Committee on Constitution and Bylaws
 - 1. This committee shall consist of three active members of the Chapter, at least one of whom has served on this committee previously.
 - 2. It shall be the responsibility of this committee to consider and recommend changes in the Constitution and Bylaws, either on their own initiative or at the request of the President or of the Executive Committee. Such recommendations shall be made in accordance with Article VIII of this Document.
- K. Special Committees.
 - 1. Various special committees may be appointed by the President on his own initiative or on the recommendation of the Executive Committee.
 - 2. The purposes and responsibilities of each special committee shall be as specified in the letter of appointment.

Sec. 4.

Meetings.

- A. There shall be an annual meeting held during the spring semester for the purpose of:
 - 1. Electing new members;
 - 2. Receiving the nominations for officers of the chapter;
 - 3. Transacting other business.
- B. A special meeting may be held at any time:
 - 1. When it is deemed necessary by the Executive Committee;
 - 2. When one-third of the active members of the Chapter petition for such a meeting.
- C. A quorum of any duly called meeting shall consist of at least fifteen percent of the resident active members. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to determine if a quorum is present before any business may be transacted.

- D. A three-fourths majority vote of the members present shall be necessary for changing the Constitution and Bylaws and for electing new members.

ARTICLE V

Finances

- Sec. 1. Initiation Fee.
- A. There shall be an initiation fee which includes:
 - 1. Lifetime membership in the International Society;
 - 2. Annual dues in the Local Chapter for one year beginning the nearest September 1;
 - 3. Membership certificate;
 - 4. A Society insigne (key or pin) as selected by the initiate (Article VI)
 - 5. One ticket to the Initiation Banquet.
 - B. The amount of the initiation fee may be changed from year to year depending upon economic conditions. It shall be determined by the Executive Committee with the approval of the Chapter membership.
- Sec. 2. Annual Dues.
- A. The annual dues for the year beginning September 1 for students and all others, except Life Members and Honorary Members, shall be determined by the Executive Committee. Annual dues may be changed depending upon economic conditions.
 - B. Members of the Chapter who have been granted Life Membership and Honorary Membership shall be exempt from annual dues.
- Sec. 3. Delinquency.
- Members who become delinquent in payment of annual dues shall have their names placed on an inactive list. Inactive members may become active upon payment of the annual dues.
- Sec. 4. Annual Audit.
- An annual audit shall be conducted at the end of the fiscal year. Procedure for this audit shall be determined by the Executive Committee. Auditors who are active members of Gamma Sigma Delta shall be designated by the Executive Committee to complete the audit. A report of this audit shall be presented at the annual business meeting.

ARTICLE VI

Official Insigne

An insigne in the form of either a key or a pin is available to each initiate. The insigne should be selected by the electee at the time of acceptance of membership. Such selection shall be in consultation with the Chapter Secretary. The insigne will be inscribed on the back with the initials of the initiate and of the University (N.C.S.U.), and with the year of election. The insigne will be presented to the initiate at the Initiation Ceremony.

ARTICLE VII

Certificates and Awards

- Sec. 1. Membership Certificate.
- A. A membership certificate shall be issued to each initiate at the time of initiation. The certificate is issued by the International Society upon receipt of the International Membership Fee and certification by the Local Secretary that the individual has been elected.
 - B. Lost or damaged certificates may be replaced at cost from the International Secretary upon application to, and approval by, the Local Secretary.
- Sec. 2. Freshman Scholarship Certificates.
- The NC State University Chapter awards certificates at a Fall Scholarship Function to those students who, during their freshman year, meet the following requirements:
- A. The student must have completed two semesters of his/her freshman year in the curriculum as prescribed in the catalog for freshmen in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and other departments and curriculums listed in Article III, Section 2.A.
 - B. The student shall have been classified as a freshman while pursuing the above-named freshman curriculums.
 - C. The student's grade-point average for the freshman year must have been 3.50 or

- D. The student must be of high moral character.

Sec. 3. Sophomore Scholarship Certificate.

- A. Each year the International Officers of Gamma Sigma Delta provide a special certificate of recognition for the student who attained the highest scholastic average during his/her freshman and sophomore years.
- B. The following rules shall govern the selection of the individual to receive the Sophomore Scholarship Certificate:
 - 1. The student must have been enrolled in one of the curriculums listed in Article III, Section 2.A.
 - 2. The scholarship average, as determined by the methods used in the Records Office, shall include the student's accumulated work through the sophomore year.
 - 3. The student must have completed at least 45 percent and not more than 55 percent of the total credits required for graduation by the beginning of the semester in which the certificate is presented.
 - 4. At least 60 percent of the accumulated credits must have been received in residence at NC State University.
 - 5. The recipient must have been in residence at NC State University during the two semesters comprising the sophomore year, or two semesters immediately preceding the semester in which the certificate is presented.
- C. The local Secretary shall certify to the International Secretary the name of the student selected.
- D. The award may be presented at the convenience of the Chapter at one of its functions during the school year.

Sec. 4. Senior Scholarship Certificate.

- A. Each year the International Officers of Gamma Sigma Delta provide a special certificate of recognition for the senior with the highest scholastic rank.
- B. The following rules shall govern the selection of the individual to receive the Senior Scholarship Certificate:
 - 1. The student must have been enrolled in one of the curriculums listed in Article III, Section 2.A.
 - 2. The scholastic average, as determined by the usual methods used in the Records Office, shall include the student's accumulated work through his/her penultimate semester.
 - 3. The senior shall be considered as one who has completed, or is scheduled to complete, the requirements for graduation during the academic year in which the award is given.
 - 4. At least 45 percent of the total credits required for graduation must have been received in residence at NC State University.
 - 5. The recipient must have been in residence at NC State University during the last two semesters of the period used in calculating his average.
- C. The local Secretary shall certify to the International Secretary the name of the senior with the highest scholastic average.
- D. The award will be presented at the annual Initiation Banquet.

Sec. 5. Certificates for Past Officers.

- A. In accordance with authorization by the International Society "a Past-President certificate", available from the International Secretary, may be presented by local chapters.
- B. Other types of recognition authorized by the International Society, and deemed appropriate for past officers, may be awarded.

Sec. 6. Certificate of Merit.

- A. The International Society has special Certificates of Merit which the Local Chapter may use when deemed appropriate in honoring its faculty, alumni, or other individuals who have made distinct contributions to agriculture in teaching, in research, in administration, or in other service.
- B. The certificates are provided by the International Secretary upon request by the Local Secretary, giving the name and qualifications of the nominee, certification that he/she has been selected by the Chapter, and the date of presentation.
- C. Both members and non-members of Gamma Sigma Delta are eligible to receive these Certificates of Merit.

D. To maintain the distinct honor of this recognition, not more than five may be given in any one year.

Sec. 7. The International Award for Distinguished Service to Agriculture.

Each year the International Society presents an award known as "The Gamma Sigma Delta Award for Distinguished Service to Agriculture". The recipient of this award shall be presented an embossed plaque and a \$500 stipend. The award is given to a member of Gamma Sigma Delta who has made great contributions to agriculture during the last five years in the form of teaching, research, extension, or other distinguished serve. Such contributions may have been in any field provided it is related to agriculture.

The NC State University Chapter may nominate one member each year for this award. The Chapter shall assemble information clearly showing how agriculture has been, or will be, affected and present it to the International Awards Committee, on forms available from the International Secretary. The information must be in the hands of the International Secretary of Gamma Sigma Delta by June 1.

Sec. 8. Honorary Membership Certificates.

A. The certificates are provided by the International Secretary upon request by the Local Secretary, giving the name and qualifications of the nominee, certification that he/she has been selected by the Chapter, and the date of presentation.

ARTICLE VIII

Amendments

Sec. 1. Approval by the Local Chapter.

This Constitution and Bylaws may be amended by a three-fourths majority vote of the members present at a duly-called meeting at which a quorum is present provided, however, that the proposed amendments have been submitted to the active membership in writing at least one week prior to the time of the meeting.

Sec. 2. Approval by the International Society.

Any changes in the Chapter Constitution and Bylaws must be approved by the Executive Council of the International Society. Five copies of any proposed changes shall be transmitted to the International Secretary who will notify the Secretary of the action taken by the Executive Council.

ARTICLE IX

Parliamentary Authority

All business of the NC State University Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order when applicable and provided they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of the International Society.