

ARTICLE I NAME

Section 1. The official name of this organization shall be Arizona DECA.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE AND MISSION

Section 1. Arizona DECA prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in high schools and colleges throughout Arizona for careers in marketing, finance, and hospitality management.

Section 2. Arizona DECA integrates into classroom instruction, applies learning, connects to business, and promotes competition. Arizona DECA prepares the next generation to be academically prepared, community oriented, professionally responsible, experienced leaders. Arizona DECA values competence, innovation, integrity, and teamwork.

ARTICLE III ORGANIZATION

Section 1. Arizona DECA shall be composed of two divisions, the Collegiate and High School Divisions. Each division shall be composed of chapters located within the state of Arizona.

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Each chapter shall be composed of student, advisor, alumni, and professional members.

ARTICLE V CHARTER

Section 1. The Arizona Department of Education holds the charter for DECA and Collegiate DECA within the state of Arizona. The charter holder is the ultimate legal authority for Arizona DECA, and supersedes the authority of this Constitution, the Collegiate Division Bylaws, and the High School Division Bylaws.

Section 2. The Executive Director of Arizona DECA shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the charter holder, who shall also determine the duties of the Executive Director. In this role, the Executive Director may act on behalf and hold the authority of the charter holder.

ARTICLE VI GOVERNANCE

Section 1. Each division shall include an advisory council to provide advice and recommendations specific to the direction and operation of their unique division. Advisory council should consist of current state officers and one advisor from their chapter.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for representing all the various stakeholders of the organization, ensuring collaboration and inclusion between them, and providing the Executive Director advice and recommendations on the direction and operation of the organization.

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall further consist of:

- The Collegiate Division Chartered Association Advisor
- The High School Division Chartered Association Advisor
- The Collegiate Division State President
- The High School Division State President
- Up to 10 Business and Industry Representatives
- ADE CTSO State Director
- ADE Program Specialist for Arizona marketing and finance programs

Section 5. The Board of Directors shall meet a minimum of three times during each fiscal year. Each meeting shall include a report from each stakeholder group on their direction, finances, and operations.

Section 6. Members of the Board of Directors, excluding business and industry, are limited to a term of two consecutive years and may be reelected after one term away from serving on the board. Advisors who are on the board, will serve a two-year term, they then must spend a minimum of one year of the board, which then they are eligible for to serve another term.

ARTICLE VII BRAND GUIDELINES

Section 1. Use of Arizona DECA and DECA Inc. logos, names, themes, and other copyrighted, trademarked, or intellectual property must be used with the approval of the Executive Director and must follow the branding guidelines established by Arizona DECA and DECA Inc.

ARTICLE VIII FINANCES

Section 1. The fiscal year of Arizona DECA shall be from July 1 through June 30. Upon completion of the fiscal year, both divisions must have finances reviewed by Board Chair and Treasurer and report findings to the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX MEETINGS

Section 1. Each year, each division shall hold an Association Career Development Conference which shall serve as the official annual meetings of Arizona DECA. The Executive Director shall be empowered to call special meetings as may be deemed necessary.

ARTICLE X VOTING DELEGATES

Section 1. Each division shall exercise their Arizona DECA voting privileges through voting delegates as approved by each chapter. Each chapter shall be allowed a specific number of voting delegates based on their total membership as of the end of the previous fiscal year. Each chapter shall receive two voting delegates. For every 50 members a chapter has, one additional voting delegate will be allocated. No chapter may have more than six voting delegates. Each voting delegate shall receive one vote.

ARTICLE XI AMENDMENTS

Section 1. To amend this Constitution, the proposed amendment must be presented in writing to the Board of Directors. This Constitution may then be amended by a majority vote of approval by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XII RULES, REGULATIONS, AND BYLAWS

Section 1. Rules, regulations, and bylaws are deemed necessary in the proper conduct of each division of this organization shall be adopted by each division. No rules, regulations, or bylaws shall be adopted which are contrary to this Constitution.

ARTICLE I NAME

Section 1. The official name of this division shall be the Collegiate Division of Arizona DECA but may do business as the Chartered Association of Arizona Collegiate DECA (or simply Arizona Collegiate DECA).

ARTICLE II ORGANIZATION

Section 1. Each Arizona postsecondary education institution shall be entitled to one chapter in the Collegiate Division of Arizona DECA. Organization within the individual institution shall be determined by that institution. Chapters must be in compliance with the Constitution and Collegiate Division Bylaws of Arizona DECA and the Constitution and Collegiate Division Bylaws of DECA Inc. Chapters must pay fees as established by the Chartered Association Advisor. The Chartered Association Advisor retains ultimate discretion for the formation or dissolution of Arizona Collegiate DECA chapters.

ARTICLE III CHARTERED ASSOCIATION ADVISOR

Section 1. The powers not delegated elsewhere by the Constitution and Collegiate Division Bylaws of Arizona DECA are reserved to the Collegiate Division Chartered Association Advisor also known as the Collegiate State Advisor. The Chartered Association Advisor is additionally charged with the overall management of the Collegiate Division of Arizona DECA and should meet the expectations of the role as outlined by DECA Inc.

Section 2. The Chartered Association Advisor shall be appointed by the Arizona DECA Executive Director and voted by support of the Board of Directors with the advice and consent of the Collegiate Advisory Council. The Chartered Association Advisor shall be known as the State Advisor.

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Active members of the Collegiate Division of Arizona DECA shall be students who are enrolled in or have completed a postsecondary education program of the state of Arizona during the current fiscal year. Students who are enrolled at an institution without a chapter may become an at-large member.

ARTICLE V COLLEGIATE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Section 1. The Collegiate Advisory Council shall be responsible for providing the Chartered Association Advisor advice and recommendations on the direction and operation of the Collegiate Division of Arizona DECA.

Section 2. The Chartered Association Advisor shall serve as Chair of the Collegiate Advisory Council. The Collegiate Advisory Council shall further consist of the chapter advisors of the Collegiate Division of Arizona DECA, the Collegiate Division State President. The Chartered Association Advisor may add or remove additional members.

Section 3. Only chapter advisors shall be entitled to vote and must submit only one vote per chapter. Chapter advisors may temporarily or permanently designate a proxy to vote in their place, for a period not extending past the end of the current fiscal year.

Section 4 The Arizona Collegiate DECA Advisory Council shall meet a minimum of two times per fiscal year. Each meeting shall include a report from each stakeholder group on their direction, finances, and operations, as applicable.

ARTICLE VI CHARTERED ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

Section 1. The Chartered Association Officers of the Collegiate Division of Arizona DECA shall consist of a State President and, if appointed, State Representatives. All Chartered Association Officers shall be appointed at the discretion of the Chartered Association Advisor.

Section 2. Should any Chartered Association Officer be unable to execute their duties or complete their term of office, the Chartered Association Advisor may choose to designate a replacement.

ARTICLE VII AMENDMENTS

Section 1. To amend these bylaws, the proposed amendment must be presented in writing to the Collegiate Advisory Council at least 60 days prior to the Association Career Development Conference. Upon a majority vote of approval by the Collegiate Advisory Council, the proposed amendment must be presented in writing to the chapters at least 30 days prior to the Association Career Development Conference. These bylaws may then be amended by a majority vote of approval by the voting delegates of the Collegiate Division of Arizona DECA present at the Association Career Development Conference.

ARTICLE I NAME

Section 1. The official name of this division shall be the High School Division of Arizona DECA but may do business as the Chartered Association of Arizona DECA (or simply Arizona DECA).

ARTICLE II ORGANIZATION

Section 1. Each Arizona high school participating in a marketing, finance or hospitality management program shall be entitled to one chapter in the High School Division of Arizona DECA. Organization within the individual school shall be determined by that school. Chapters must be in compliance with the Constitution and High School Division Bylaws of Arizona DECA and DECA Inc. Chapters must pay fees as established by the Chartered Association Advisor.

Section 2. The High School Division of Arizona DECA shall be divided into districts for organizational purposes. The Chartered Association Advisor retains ultimate discretion for all competition-related decisions.

ARTICLE III CHARTERED ASSOCIATION ADVISOR

Section 1. The Chartered Association Advisor is additionally charged with the overall management of the High School Division of Arizona DECA and should meet the expectations of the role as outlined by DECA Inc. and the Arizona Department of Education.

Section 2. The Arizona DECA Executive Director shall serve as the Chartered Association Advisor known as the State Advisor.

Section 3. The Chartered Association Advisor has the power to create contract, staff, or volunteer positions to assist in their duties of managing the High School Division of Arizona DECA. Appointment to the DECA Inc. Representative seats allocated by DECA Inc. shall be at the discretion of the Chartered Association Advisor.

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Active members of the High School Division of Arizona DECA shall be students who are enrolled in or have completed an ADE-approved high school marketing, finance or hospitality management program in the state of Arizona during the current fiscal year. Exceptions may be granted by the chapter's advisor for students who are not enrolled in a qualified program. An active member will be eligible to hold chapter, chartered association, or international office; participate in chapter, district, chartered association, regional, or international activities and competitions; serve as a voting delegate; and represent their chapter in district, chartered association, regional, and international DECA affairs.

ARTICLE V HIGH SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Section 1. The High School Advisory Council shall be responsible for providing the Chartered Association Advisor advice and recommendations on the direction and operation of the High School Division of Arizona DECA.

Section 2. The High School Advisory Council shall further consist of the current state officer team and one (1) advisor from the state officer's respective high school, an Arizona Department of Education representative, and the Executive Director. The Chartered Association Advisor may add or remove additional members.

Section 3. The High School Advisory Council shall meet a minimum of three times per fiscal year.

ARTICLE VI CHARTERED ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

Section 1. The Chartered Association Officers of the High School Division of Arizona DECA shall consist of no more than 10 members. Chartered Association Officers shall be individually known as State Officers and collectively known as the State Officer Team. The State Officer Team shall develop and implement an annual Program of Leadership. All Chartered Association Officers shall be elected as State Representatives by a majority vote of approval by the voting delegates of the High School Division of Arizona DECA present at the voting session of the Association Career Development Conference. The positions of state officer team will be appointed the position by the State Advisor.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of Chartered Association Officers to represent the student members of the High School Division of Arizona DECA and assist in overall chartered association management functions. Additional duties of the Chartered Association Officers shall be determined by the Chartered Association Advisor. Should any Chartered Association Officer be unable to execute their duties or complete their term of office, they will be removed from their position of the State Officer Team.

ARTICLE VII AMENDMENTS

Section 1. To amend these bylaws, the proposed amendment must be presented in writing to the High School Advisory Council at least 60 days prior to the Association Career Development Conference. Upon a majority vote of approval by the High School Advisory Council, the proposed amendment must be presented in writing to the chapters at least 30 days prior to the Association Career Development Conference. These bylaws may then be amended by a majority vote of approval by the voting delegates of the High School Division of Arizona DECA present at the Association Career Development Conference.