

Delta Pi Lambda Mathematics Society Constitution at CNU

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“Life is good for only two things, discovering mathematics and teaching mathematics.”

-Siméon Poisson

Article I – Name of Organization

The name of this organization shall be the Delta Pi Lambda Mathematics Society at Christopher Newport University.

Article II – Purpose of Organization

The purposes of this club shall be to (a) promote an appreciation of mathematics and its applications and (b) promote camaraderie among mathematically oriented students. Some of the specific tasks that the club would like to address include:

1. Bringing students from all majors and disciplines interested in mathematics together.
2. Become a chief planner in talks and presentations given in the Department of Mathematics by independent study students, internship students, professors, and guest lecturers.
3. Plan socials to bring students in various fields of mathematics together.
4. Raise funds to send one or two selected students to mathematically related conferences and have them give a presentation on what they learned.
5. Plan trips to mathematically related companies or organizations in order to see first hand the application of mathematics outside of the university.

NOTE: The above are listed to give the school and students a reference point on the possible specific functions of the mathematics club as foreseen by the authors. This list is neither intended to limit nor mandate the Delta Pi Lambda Mathematics Society to fulfill these functions.

Article III – Membership

Section 1: General Requirements

All majors meeting the following criteria may become members with voting and office-holding privileges:

1. Have genuine interest in mathematics or the application thereof.
2. Willing to attend meetings regularly as posted during the academic year.
3. Take an active role in the promotion of mathematics at Christopher Newport University.

Delta Pi Lambda Mathematics Society at Christopher Newport University shall not haze any prospective or current member for the purpose of admission into or affiliation with the organization. Members of Delta Pi Lambda Mathematics Society at Christopher University are free to leave or dissociate without fear of retribution or harassment. Delta Pi Lambda Mathematics Society at Christopher Newport University shall not discriminate based on race, creed, color, sex, age, national origin, disability or sexual orientation.

Section 2: Categories of Membership

An active member in the organization is defined as a student who is in good academic and social standing with the University and has paid dues by the specified date.

A paper member in the organization is defined as a student who is in good academic and social standing with the University and has paid dues by the specified date. A paper member will be held responsible to pay half of an active member's dues. Furthermore, a paper member will not be held to an attendance policy, allowed to attend all organizational functions, and consequently have no voting rights.

An inactive member in the organization is defined as a student who is not in good academic or social standing with the University, has not paid dues by the specified date or has five (5) unexcused absences in one academic semester.

Section 3: Qualifications and Privileges

Active members have the right to vote on issues brought forward to the club, with the exception of the President who will only vote in the event of a tie. If a member is not present at the time of the vote, he or she may submit a vote before the scheduled meeting time.

Inactive members and paper members may not vote but can still be involved in discussions about the topics and issues brought forward to the club.

Section 4: Selection Process

Any student who wishes to become a member of Delta Pi Lambda Mathematics Society at Christopher Newport University may do so, provided that the student meets the requirements of membership.

Section 5: Removal Procedures

Any member who has been inactive for two (2) consecutive semesters will be removed from the organization roster. He or she has the option to appeal to the organization at any point in time thereafter and may be re-admitted, provided there is a two-thirds (2/3) vote from the active members.

Section 6: Dues

Yearly dues will be determined by the Executive Committee and approved by a majority of the organization at the second meeting of the fall semester. The deadline for turning in all dues will be determined by the Executive Committee at the second meeting of the fall semester.

Article IV – Executive Officers

The executive officers of Delta Pi Lambda Mathematics Society shall be as follows:

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Treasurer
4. Secretary

The aforementioned officers shall constitute the Executive Committee.

Article V – Duties of the Executive Officers

- President
 1. To preside at the Executive Committee membership meetings.
 2. Appoint special committees of the club to carry out various functions with approval of the Executive Committee.

3. To act as a liaison between faculty and students to carry out desired activities by both groups.
 4. To initialize discussions on a given topic and to let the organization continue the discussions and eventually come to a decision.
- Vice- President
 1. To preside in President's absence.
 2. To directly assist the President in presiding over membership meetings.
 - Treasurer
 1. Supervise the financial administration of all revenue obtained or used by the Executive Committee and members and, in general, to be aware of the financial condition of the organization.
 2. To organize any material and/or foods required for socials or parties.
 - Secretary
 1. To attend all general correspondence of the organization and to keep minutes of all Executive Committee and membership meetings and to preserve the records of the organization.
 2. To post the date and time of any meetings and special activities to all members as needed.
 3. To supervise in the creation of any scrapbooks or yearbooks for any given semester, year, or special activity.

Article VI – Advisor

Section 1:

The active members of Delta Pi Lambda Mathematics Society at Christopher Newport University shall determine a faculty member from Christopher Newport University to act as an advisor for this organization.

Section 2:

The advisor shall work closely with the organization in coordinating activities to insure that they are conducted in compliance with Christopher Newport University policies and the laws of the United States of America, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the City of Newport News.

Section 3:

In order to elect an advisor, there must be a majority vote among the active members of Delta Pi Lambda Mathematics Society at Christopher Newport University.

Section 4:

There must be a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the active members of Delta Pi Lambda Mathematics Society at Christopher Newport University to remove the advisor from his/her position. The advisor may be dismissed if he/she fails to fulfill their duties as stated above.

Article VII – Meetings

Section 1:

The regular meetings of Delta Pi Lambda Mathematics Society shall be weekly as determined at the beginning of each semester by the Executive Committee.

Section 2:

Special meetings may be called by the President at his/her discretion or when so requested by two or more active members of Delta Pi Lambda Mathematics Society.

Section 3:

50% of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4:

Two-Thirds (2/3) of the quorum shall constitute a majority.

Article VIII – Elections

Section 1:

Election of officers shall take place yearly during the first meeting in April, or during the last meeting of the fall semester if an executive officer shall graduate in December, or whenever an officer willingly decides to relinquish his/her position. Elections will be done by a secret ballot with a run-off election in the event of a non-majority.

Section 2:

Nominations for Executive positions shall be held the meeting before elections.

Section 3:

Any student member satisfying the following is eligible for nomination as an officer of the Executive Committee:

1. Meets the University's eligibility for student office holding, which consists of a 2.4 GPA.
2. Is involved in the field of mathematics or the application thereof in his/her major or minor.
3. Must be at least sophomore standing by the beginning of the term.
4. Must have completed at least one semester of active membership.

Section 4:

A vacancy in any office shall be filled only by an election held among the members of Delta Pi Lambda Mathematics Society.

Article IX – Recall of Officers

Officers of the organization may be dismissed for cause if due process is followed. Grounds for dismissal include dereliction of duties. A motion for a recall of an officer requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

Article X – Amendments

Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed to the voting membership by any active member and requires two-thirds (2/3) vote to pass. Also, any revisions to this constitution must be reviewed by the Office of Student Activities.

Article XI – By-Laws

By-Laws, consistent with this constitution, may be adopted or amended by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the regular or special meetings, providing the By-Laws are submitted in writing at least one week previously at either a regular or special meeting of the general membership. Also, any revisions to the By-Laws must be reviewed by the Office of Student Activities.

Article XII – Responsibilities

Delta Pi Lambda Mathematics Society at Christopher Newport University shall adhere to University policies and all local, state and federal laws.

Article XIII – Ratification

This constitution shall become effective upon ratification by a majority of the organization's membership, Director of Student Life, and the Vice-President for Student Services.

Signed,

Heather Sturgis
Delta Pi Lambda Mathematics Society President

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