

**CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
(Revised November 29, 2012)**

PREAMBLE We, the graduates and former students of Delta State University, in order to perpetuate the memories of college life, in order to form a more practicable organization through which we may promote greater interest in the development and welfare of our Alma Mater, do ordain and establish this Constitution.

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Delta State University Alumni Association.

**ARTICLE II
OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSES**

Section 1.

This organization is formed to provide a medium by which interest in Delta State University may be promoted, its development enhanced and its influence and services to the people of Mississippi and the Nation continued and extended.

Section 2.

It shall be the further purpose of the organization to cultivate and perpetuate individual acquaintances and friendships, to assist in the establishment of in-state and out-of-state chapters as a part of the organization and to bind the Alumni into a united fellowship working together for the common purpose and the advancement of the University.

**ARTICLE III
QUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS**

Section 1.

Classes of Membership. Membership in this Association shall consist of the following groups: Active, Associate, Honorary, and Life Memberships.

Section 2.

Active Members. Active Members shall consist of all graduates and all former full-time students of Delta State who attended for at least one (1) quarter or one (1) semester and who have paid the current dues prescribed by the Association.

Section 3.

Associate Members. Associate Memberships shall be open to all interested persons who have paid the dues prescribed by the Association. Associate Members shall be entitled to all privileges of the organization except those of voting and holding office.

Section 4.

Life Members. Life Members are those members who have purchased their Life Memberships according to the dues prescribed by the Association.

Sections 5.

Honorary Members. Honorary Memberships may be bestowed upon:

- A. Retired faculty and staff members who retired under honorable conditions.
- B. Friends who made outstanding contributions to the University of the Association.

Nominations may be made by any member with final approval being given by the Executive Committee of the Alumni Association

Section 6.

New Graduates. All graduates are eligible for a complimentary one-year active membership in the Alumni Association upon receipt of their degrees.

Section 7.

Sustaining Life Member. All Life Members paid in full and Honorary Members will be eligible to participate in the program on an annual basis.

ARTICLE IV

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1.

Governing Body. The governing body of this Association shall be vested in a Board of Directors.

Section 2.

Officers The Officers of this Association shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Past President. Each officer shall be an active or life member of the Association in good standing

Section 3.

The Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall be composed of the Officers, Foundation Board President, and 18 other alumni as follows:

- (a) One (1) resident of each Congressional District of the State of Mississippi with two (2) from the Congressional District representing DSU totaling five (5)
- (b) One (1) non-resident of the State of Mississippi.
- (c) One (1) representative of the Athletic Alumni Association
- (d) One (1) representative of the Golden Circle
- (e) One (1) representative of the Young Alumni
- (f) One (1) representative of the Black Alumni
- (g) Five (5) alumni who shall serve at the will and pleasure of the Alumni President
- (h) One (1) alumnus on faculty or staff at DSU
- (i) President of the Student Alumni Association
- (j) President of the Student Government Association

The President of the University, Executive Director Alumni & Foundation, Director of Alumni Affairs, Assistant Director of Alumni Affairs, and Senior Alumni Secretary shall be ex-officio members of the Board of Directors .

Section 4.

Vacancies. In the event a vacancy should occur in the office of President of the Alumni Association the Vice President shall act as President during the interim term. In the event a vacancy shall occur in any other elected office or elected Board position, the vacancy shall be filled by an appointment by the Board of Directors,

ARTICLE V

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section 1.

The Officers and Board of Directors shall be elected at the annual Fall Meeting of the Board of Directors. A nominating committee appointed by the President and chaired by the Vice-President shall meet prior to the meeting to nominate new Officers and Board members for the Association.

Section 2.

Vice President. Subject to Board approval, the Vice President shall succeed to the office of President at the appropriate annual Fall Meeting.

ARTICLE VI

TERM OF OFFICE

Section 1.

Officers. All officers shall be elected for terms of two (2) years, beginning with the date

of their election, but they shall hold office until their successors have been elected.

Section 2.

Board of Directors. Directors shall serve two (2) year terms beginning immediately upon their elections or appointment.

ARTICLE VII

DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1.

President. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors, and shall perform such other duties as ordinarily pertain to such office. The President shall, by and with the consent of the Board, appoint such standing committees and ad hoc committees as deemed advisable.

Section 2.

Vice President. The Vice-President shall have the duty of becoming familiar with all the affairs of the Association and prepare for assuming the presidency, and he shall work with under and in cooperation with the President. In addition, by the end of his first year as Vice-President, he or she will chair the nominating committee as set forth in Article V.