

# PI DELTA NATIONAL PODIATRIC HONOR SOCIETY

## BYLAWS

### ARTICLE I: Chapter name

The organization shall be called the Delta Chapter of Pi Delta National Podiatric Honor Society of the William M. Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine.

### ARTICLE II: Chapter membership

Section 1: Candidate for membership in the Delta chapter of Pi Delta National Honor Society may be held by students of the William M. Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine who have successfully completed their first or second year with a cumulative GPA of 3.6 or greater and/or hold a class ranking in the upper 20% of their class. As a member, the candidate for membership will be able to participate in all functions and activities of the society as well as have the right to vote and hold office when he or she has satisfied eligibility requirements for membership and have paid their annual membership dues.

Section 2: Alumni membership of the Delta chapter of Pi Delta National Podiatric Honor Society shall consist of podiatric physicians who are former active members. Alumni members may attend meetings and functions, but may not vote or hold office.

Section 3: Honorary membership in the Delta chapter of the Pi Delta National Honor Society may be extended to individuals who have distinguished themselves in outstanding service and dedication to the profession of podiatric medicine and who have been selected to such membership in accordance with these bylaws.

### ARTICLE III: Eligibility for Membership

Section 1: Invitation to chapter membership shall be made in writing to the candidates.

#### Section 2: Candidate Membership

A student may become a candidate for active membership in Pi Delta Honor Society and participate in chapter activities and meetings who:

Has a grade point average of at least 90 percent (3.6/4.0) or its equivalent.

Is in the top 20 percent of his/her class

Possess an aptitude for achievement in the art and science of podiatric medicine.

Possesses high moral character.

Demonstrates leadership ability.

### Section 3: Active Membership

Active membership may be granted at graduation to the podiatric medical student who:

Has a grade point average of at least 90 percent (3.6/4.0) or its equivalent.

Has completed a suitable scholarly activity as determined by the Pi Delta advisor at the institution in which the student is enrolled. The possibilities include:

Preparing a paper suitable for publication.

Active involvement in a research project that includes a written description by the student of his/her participation in the project and verification of participation by the principal investigator.

An oral or poster presentation at a national, state, local or institutional meeting.

Possesses high moral character

Demonstrates leadership ability

Only candidate members who maintain a grade point average of 90 percent or higher throughout the program and complete the required scholarly activity will receive the Pi Delta certificate and recognition at graduation or the appropriate ceremony as desired by the local chapter.

### Section 4: Alumni Membership

Those eligible for alumni membership in the Delta chapter of Pi Delta Honor Society include former active members who have graduated. It is preferable that the Pi Delta Faculty Advisor be a Pi Delta member.

### Section 5: Honorary Membership

Honorary membership may be granted to graduates of colleges of podiatric medicine or other scientific, academic or professional schools who were not selected as active members during their graduate years but who, after graduation, have devoted themselves to and made creditable contributions in one

or more of the fields of professional, interprofessional or scientific podiatric medicine and whose undergraduate records meet the requirements for membership. These nominations plus the academic and personal vita of the nominee and reasons for nomination shall be presented in writing to the secretary at least one month prior to a meeting of the society. This time will allow for proper handling and voting for acceptance or rejection.

#### ARTICLE IV: Initiation

Section 1: Initiation of successful candidates into Pi Delta Honor Society for active membership or honorary membership shall be carried out at graduation or according to an official ceremony as deemed appropriate by individual chapters.

#### ARTICLE V: Faculty Advisor

Section 1: The Delta chapter of the Pi Delta National Honor Society will request a member of the clinical staff to act as faculty advisor to the society.

Section 2: The purpose of the faculty advisor is to give guidance to those members and be involved in the society's workshops and other functions.