

**CONSTITUTION**  
**Minnesota State University, Mankato**  
**Panhellenic Association**

**Article I. Name**

The name of this organization shall be the Minnesota State University, Mankato Panhellenic Association.

**Article II. Object**

*Minnesota State University, Mankato Panhellenic Association Mission Statement*  
*We the women of the Minnesota State University, Mankato Sorority System strive to achieve*  
*excellence in scholarship, leadership and community involvement. We will continue to value our*  
*sisterhood and traditions, while we promote pride within our campus and university.*

1. The collective goals of the sorority and fraternity system together should continually contribute to our campus and personal life.
2. We strive to continue to grow in our scholastic achievement.
3. Cooperate with member fraternities and sororities and the university administration, in maintaining high social and moral standards.
4. Act in accordance with National Panhellenic Conference UNANIMOUS AGREEMENTS and policies.
5. Act in accordance with such rules established by the Panhellenic Council so as not to violate the rights and privileges of member fraternities and sororities.

**Article III. Membership**

There shall be two classes of membership: Regular and Associate.

1. The REGULAR membership of the Minnesota State University, Mankato Panhellenic Association shall be composed of all chapters in good standing of National Panhellenic Conference fraternities and sororities at Minnesota State University, Mankato.
2. The ASSOCIATE membership of the Minnesota State University, Mankato Panhellenic Association shall be composed of all members in good standing of National Panhellenic Conference colonies or pledged chapters.

**Article IV. OFFICERS**

1. The officers of the Minnesota State University, Mankato Panhellenic Association shall be President, Vice President of Council Management, Vice President of Recruitment, Vice President of Member Development and Education, Vice President of Marketing and Public Relations, Vice President of Community Service and Philanthropy, Vice President of Risk Management, and Vice President of Conduct Review.

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- a. The office of the President, Vice President of Council Management, Vice President of Recruitment, Vice President of Member Development and Education, Vice President of Marketing and Public Relations, Vice President of Community Service and Philanthropy, Vice President of Risk Management, and Vice President of Conduct Review shall be elected positions.
2. The officers shall be representatives from fraternities and sororities holding regular membership in the Minnesota State University, Mankato Panhellenic Association. Representatives from fraternities and sororities holding associate membership shall not be eligible to hold an office.
3. The officers shall serve for a term starting January 1 through December 31.
4. Any delegate failing to perform her duties as outlined shall resign and a successor be designated by election as provided in Article VI, Section 3.
5. Any officer failing to perform her duties as outlined shall undergo a hearing during a normal Panhellenic Council meeting, as outlined in Article VI, Section 4 of the Panhellenic Council bylaws.

#### **Article V. Meetings**

1. Regular. The Minnesota State University, Mankato Panhellenic Association shall hold at least one regular meeting weekly.
2. Special. A special meeting of the Minnesota State University, Mankato Panhellenic Association may be called by the President when necessary and shall be called by her upon the written request of any regular or associate member fraternity or sorority at Minnesota State University, Mankato.
3. The delegate from each regular or associate member fraternity or sorority shall be responsible for notifying her chapter members of all regular and special meetings of the Minnesota State University, Mankato Panhellenic Association.

#### **ARTICLE VI. THE PANHELLENIC COUNCIL**

The administrative body of the Minnesota State University, Mankato Panhellenic Association shall be The Minnesota State University, Mankato Panhellenic Council.

It shall be the duty of the Minnesota State University, Mankato Panhellenic Association to compile rules governing the Panhellenic Association, including recruitment bidding, which do not violate the sovereignty, rights and privileges of member fraternities and sororities.

1. MEMBERSHIP. Minnesota State University, Mankato Panhellenic Council shall be composed of one delegate and one alternate delegate from each National Panhellenic Conference fraternity and sorority chapter at Minnesota State University, Mankato and from such National Panhellenic Conference fraternity and sorority colonies, national sororities, and local sororities seeking national affiliation at Minnesota State University, Mankato as the council may approve for membership.

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2. **SELECTION OF DELEGATES.** Delegates to Panhellenic Council shall be selected by their respective fraternity or sorority chapters to serve for a term of one year commencing no later than six weeks before the end of the calendar year. Whenever possible, the alternate delegate shall be the delegate for the succeeding year.

3. **DELEGATE VACANCIES.** When a delegate vacancy occurs, it shall be the responsibility of the fraternity or sorority concerned to select a replacement within two weeks and to notify the Panhellenic Council Vice President of Council Management of her name, address and telephone number. When a meeting of Panhellenic Council occurs while a delegate vacancy exists, the alternate delegate of the fraternity or sorority concerned shall fulfill the duties of the delegate. The alternate delegates name should be given to the Panhellenic Vice President of Council Management prior to the start of the meeting.

4. **OFFICERS.** Officers who shall serve as the Executive Board of the Panhellenic Council and have such powers and duties as are prescribed in the Bylaws of the Minnesota State University, Mankato Panhellenic Association.

5. **MEETINGS.** Regular Meetings of the Panhellenic Council shall be held at a time and place established at the end of the prior college semester.

**SPECIAL MEETINGS** of Panhellenic Council may be called by the President when necessary and may be called by her upon the written request of any member delegate of the Panhellenic Council.

**QUORUM.** Two thirds of the member fraternities and sororities shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

6. **VOTING.**

a) The voting body of Minnesota State University, Mankato Panhellenic Association shall be by its Panhellenic Council.

b) The voting members of the Panhellenic Council shall be the delegates of each fraternity or sorority holding regular membership. If a delegate is absent, the vote of her fraternity or sorority shall be cast by her alternate. If both delegate and alternate are absent, the vote may be cast by a member of the fraternity or sorority, provided that her credentials have been presented in writing to the Council Vice President of Council Management prior to the meeting.

c) Two-thirds of the voting members of the Panhellenic Council shall be required to establish recruitment rules and to establish Total Chapter Size, to set a date for recruitment and to add a chapter. A majority vote shall be required to carry all other questions, unless otherwise prescribed in the Bylaws.

7. **VOICE.** The alternate delegates to the Panhellenic Council shall have voice but no vote.

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### **Article VII. PANHELLENIC ADVISOR**

1. The Panhellenic Advisor shall be appointed by the Administration.
2. The advisor shall serve in the advisory capacity to the Minnesota State University, Mankato Panhellenic Association and its Council.

### **Article VIII. Unanimous Agreements and Policies**

1. All members of the Minnesota State University, Mankato Panhellenic Association shall act in accordance with fundamental Panhellenic policies established by the National Panhellenic Conference in the UNANIMOUS AGREEMENTS.
2. All Minnesota State University, Mankato Panhellenic Association rules and policies shall be in harmony with those currently established by the National Panhellenic Conference.

### **Article IX. Violations**

1. Violations of any regulation of this Constitution or its related Bylaws, of recruitment rules, of rules concerning other matters than recruitment, of the National Panhellenic Conference UNANIMOUS AGREEMENTS (The Panhellenic Compact, Standards of Ethical Conduct, College Panhellenic Agreements, Agreement on Questionnaires and Constitutions, and The Jurisdiction of a College Panhellenic Council) shall be the occasion for in conformity with those recommended by the National Panhellenic Conference (See College Panhellenic Agreement).
2. Any dispute growing out of the violation of Panhellenic Association rules and regulations shall be adjusted through arbitration principles of the National Panhellenic Conference.

### **Article X. Amendments**

This Constitution may be amended by two-thirds vote of the voting members of the Minnesota State University, Mankato Panhellenic Council, provided notice of the proposed amendment has been given in writing at the preceding regular meeting.

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