

By-Laws of the Northern Wake National Home School Honor Society

For use in the School Year 2009-2010

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Article 1

Section I. Name

The chartered name of this organization is the Xi Zeta Chapter of the Eta Sigma Alpha National Home School Honor Society. It shall be referred to locally as the Northern Wake National Home School Honor Society (HSHS).

Section II. Mission

The Northern Wake National Home School Honor Society welcomes students who have demonstrated high academic performance. Its objectives are to create an enthusiasm for scholarship, render meaningful community service, encourage and develop leadership, and foster character and integrity.

Section III. Membership

A. Eligibility:

New membership is open to all home-schooled students who provide one of the following test scores from the most recent testing period:

- A score of 90%+ composite on the Iowa, CAT, or Stanford or
- A score of 1200 (old) or 1800 (new) on the SAT or
- A score of 120 (old) or 180 (new) on the PSAT or
- A score of 26 on the ACT

Returning members are not required to provide test results as noted above following a year in which the test scores were properly submitted and accepted.

Members running for office must meet the 'new membership' testing requirements as noted above for the year in which they have been elected to serve.

B. Application Process:

Students may apply as early as the summer of their upcoming 7th grade year.

Each youth's application shall be mailed or delivered to an HSHS advisor by October 1st of the upcoming school year.

A \$15 membership fee is due annually (to cover administrative costs) , and delivered with the application and copy of test scores.

C. Participation:

Induction: Upon acceptance, the new member is officially a member of the HSHS following participation in the induction ceremony in September.

Members who cannot attend the induction, due to extenuating circumstances, must make alternative arrangements with the advisors prior to the induction.

Attendance: Members must attend a minimum of two-thirds of all meetings. This includes service projects and social events.

Service: Members must participate in two service projects annually, either with the HSHS or independently. For service performed outside of HSHS to be recognized, the member must submit a description of the service activities and hours, signed by him/herself and a parent or project leader. This must be provided to an HSHS advisor one month prior to the last meeting of the year.

Renewed membership: Membership requirements must be fulfilled in order to rejoin in subsequent years.

Section IV. Meetings

Meetings will be held on the third Thursday of each month, September through May, at Open Door Baptist Church. Exceptions will be publicized by the advisors.

Section V. Officers

A. Positions:

The offices shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, Social Chair, Service Chair, and Historian.

B. Election Process:

- New officers will be elected by the membership with a simple majority.
- Elections will take place by secret ballot.
- Only members who have been members of HSHS for at least one year may be elected President.
- Vice-President shall be the runner-up in the Presidential election.

C. Duties:

President:

- The President shall prepare an agenda in advance, and preside at all member breakout meetings.
- The President shall supervise the execution of programs and events planned by HSHS.
- The President may appoint committees at the request of officers or of the membership.

Vice-President

- The Vice-President shall assist the President in the discharge of his/her duties
- The Vice-President shall preside at all breakout meetings in the absence of the President or upon his/her request.
- The Vice-President shall preside in the place of any absent officer.
- The Vice-President shall serve as communication coordinator, and shall be responsible for communicating with the membership information regarding the schedules of

activities and events. This should be accomplished mainly through email and telephone.

Secretary

- The Secretary shall take minutes at each breakout meeting.
- The Secretary shall keep records or attendance at all HSHS functions.

Service Chair

- The Service Chair shall facilitate the planning and execution of all service projects with the assistance of HSHS membership.

Social Chair

- The Social Chair shall facilitate the planning and execution of all social events with the assistance of HSHS membership.

Historian

- The Historian shall be responsible for keeping records of the activities of the HSHS. Possible record shall include photographs, scrapbooks, and written articles from any source.

Article II

Section I. By-laws

These by-laws may be amended at any regular or special meeting, provided the amendments have been submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting, or a notice of the proposed amendments has been given in writing to all members not less than one week in advance.

Adoption of the amendments shall require a quorum of fifty percent, and a two-thirds affirmative majority of members present.

Section II. Suspension of By-laws

Suspension of any part of these by-laws shall require a quorum of fifty percent, and a two-thirds affirmative majority.

Section III. Points Not Covered

In all points of order not covered by these by-laws, Robert's Rules of Order shall act as a guide.