

## **Article 1. Purpose**

Section 1. The purpose of this organization is to promote scholarship in, and enjoyment and understanding of, mathematics among the students of Apex High School.

## **Article 2. Name**

Section 1. The name of this chapter shall be the Mu Alpha Theta Chapter of Apex High School.

## **Article 3. Sponsor**

Section 1. The organization shall at all times have a designated sponsor.

Section 2. The national Secretary-Treasurer must be kept informed of the current sponsor's name and email address.

## **Article 4. Membership**

Section 1. Members are classified as Full or Associate members (for high schools).

Section 2. Full members are high school students in grades 9 through 12, at the school where their permanent record resides, who have completed four semesters of college preparatory mathematics and have completed or are enrolled in a fifth semester of mathematics, provided that this work has been done with distinction (a final average of over a 90%). On the 4-point grading scale (unweighted), this shall mean at least a 3.5 grade point average

Section 3. Associate members are high school students in grades 9 through 12, at the school where their permanent record resides, who have completed two semesters of algebra or their equivalent with distinction and who have completed, or are enrolled in, a semester of geometry or second-year algebra. Associate members do not pay the initiation fee. They are entitled to attend and be heard at meetings of the chapter, but are not entitled to vote on questions of national policy. Associate members planning to attend the National Convention or compete in national competitions must be registered with the National Office.

Section 4. Members shall demonstrate ability to work with others and to conduct independent research, and shall possess qualities of industry, initiative, and reliability. No student will be denied membership on account of race, religion, color, creed, ethnicity, national origin, gender, sexual preference and/or physical disability.

Section 5. Candidates for membership shall have spent at least one semester in High School. However this requirement shall be waived for students who were members in good standing of a Mu Alpha Theta chapter in another school.

Section 6. Selection of members shall be made by the Admissions Committee (See Article 7) composed of the sponsor and the officers of the chapter.

## **Article 5. Meetings**

Section 1. The chapter shall meet regularly on the last official school day of every month for no longer than 20 min following immediately after the final release bell in the room of the sponsor.

Section 2. Meetings are open to all interested persons. All full members of the chapter are required to attend all of the meetings except for two which must be for school related reasons. A warning must be submitted to the sponsor the at the latest of the morning of a scheduled meeting date.

Section 3. At regular meetings, the program shall consist of a mathematical presentation (e.g., talk, film, etc.), mathematical enrichment and recreational topics, as well as conducting any necessary chapter business.

Section 4. In all matters of conduct not specifically addressed in this constitution, the chapter shall be guided by Robert's Rules of Order.

## **Article 6. Officers**

Section 1. The chapter officers shall be the following: president, vice-president, secretary, and the treasurer.

Section 2. Election of officers shall take place during the final regular Spring meeting. Note, necessary to begin the chapter, a special election will be held on a pending date upon the approval of this local chapter from the national society.

Section 3. The term of office is one school year.

Section 4. An officer may not hold the same office for more than one year.

## **Article 7. Duties of Officers**

Section 1. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the chapter. He or she shall preside at all business sessions, and it shall be the duty of the president to direct the activities of the organization.

Section 2. The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President at times when the President is absent, and shall also serve as Program Chairman.

Section 3. The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of all proceedings and attendance records. He or she shall, with the approval of the sponsor, certify the names of new members, forwarding these (together with initiation fees) to the national office before the initiation.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall handle all money belonging to the Chapter and shall maintain an accurate record of financial transactions. (NOTE: There are no national dues other than the original \$10.00 initiation fee. Each chapter is free to assess local dues if desired.)

Section 5. The officers shall serve with the sponsors as the Admissions Committee and Executive Committee, having authority to transact all routine business and to select new members of the chapter.

## **Article 8. Emblems**

Section 1. Each member of this chapter shall be entitled to wear the Mu Alpha Theta insignia (buttons, pins, charms, shoulder patches, medallions, or t-shirts) available from the National Office. (Price lists and descriptions of items can be found online at the website of the national organization.)

## **Article 9. Constitution**

Section 1. Concurrence of two-thirds of the full members shall be required to accept this constitution.

Section 2. Any amendment to this constitution must be presented by a Full member in the form of a motion during a business meeting. It must then be placed on the table until the following meeting, at which time it will become effective provided it is passed by a two-thirds majority of the Full members.

Section 3. The local chapter constitution must not violate any stipulation of the national constitution.

(NOTE: The National Constitution is printed in Chapter XI of the Handbook for Sponsors.)

Section 4. By-laws may be adopted to amplify the constitution and to take care of details.

## Article 10. By-Laws

Preamble: As this document is required to ebb and flow with the maturity level of the club, the following by-laws are not set in stone and may be subject to change or repeal.

Section 1: All induction ceremonies shall be in accordance with the National Society. The first induction ceremonies for the first group of members shall occur on the first meeting of the group. All applications can be submitted for judging in accordance with the guidelines of the national organization at anytime during the school year; the application will then be reviewed as soon as possible. If the candidate is up to the standards, then they will be inducted at the next official meeting.

Subsection 1-1: There shall be no more than 30 members in the club at one time. Once the chapter reaches this number and a new application arrives, this application will be compared with the other 30 and the worst out of the 31 (excluding officers) will be removed from the club.