

# Minnesota Association of Collegiate DECA

## Constitution

### **Article I - Name**

The official name is Minnesota Collegiate DECA.

### **Article II - Purpose**

To provide opportunities for personal development in leadership, professionalism, teamwork, community spirit while creating an appreciation of the American free enterprise system.

### **Article III - Membership**

Membership in this organization is open to all college students and will not be restricted on the basis of age, disability, ethnicity, gender, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation or political affiliation.

Membership is through local chapters as defined by DECA, Inc. All members must pay state dues as determined by the Board of Directors and international dues as determined by DECA, Inc.

### **Article IV - Voting Delegates**

Each chapter of Minnesota Collegiate DECA will exercise its membership voting privileges through voting delegates.

### **Article V - Governance**

The Board of Directors will be the governing body for the association. The Board of Directors is the administrative body overseeing and approving the work of the Director of Operations, the Executive Director and developing the Policy and Procedures for the association.

### **Article VI - State Officers**

Student members of the association are eligible to seek a position as a State Officer. Election will be held at the Annual Business Meeting during the Career Development Conference.

### **Article VII - Advisors**

Local chapters must have an advisor that has been approved by the college he/she represents.

**Article VIII - Conferences**

Minnesota Collegiate DECA will provide a Professional Development Conference and a Career Development Conference on a yearly basis.

The association shall be represented by a Voting Delegation and competitors to the International Career Development Conference each year.

**Article IX - Financial Procedure**

The Board of Directors, with advice of the Director of Operations, will control all Minnesota Collegiate DECA finances.

**Article X - Amendments**

This Constitution may be amended at the Annual Business Meeting held at the Career Development Conference.

Proposed amendments must be submitted to the Chairperson of the Board of Directors sixty (60) days prior to the Annual Business Meeting.

The proposed amendment(s) shall be sent to all chapters at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Business Meeting.

The amendment(s) must pass by 2/3 vote of the Voting Delegates. Adoption of passed will be at the close of the Annual Business Meeting.