CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES
FALL 2012

Below, find the old and new wording for constitutional changes to Articles IV and V. **Each Mu Alpha Theta chapter has one vote.** Email your chapter ID, the name of your school, and a vote "for" or "against" the new wording.

OLD WORDING:
Article IV-- **Chapters**

SECTION 1: **Qualifications for Chapters**

Any high school, two-year college, or other academic institution giving training equivalent to one of these, may petition to have a chapter, providing it meets the following minimum requirements.

(1) At least three semesters of algebra and two of geometry or their equivalent, and one semester of more advanced mathematics (or, in the case of two-year colleges, courses for which these are prerequisites, and which include at least three courses in calculus, linear algebra, or statistics) must be offered. These requirements cannot be fulfilled by courses in general mathematics, general business mathematics, or arithmetic.

(2) During the two semesters preceding that in which a petition is submitted, the school must have employed at least one teacher whose primary teaching field is mathematics and who has completed an undergraduate mathematics major or its equivalent at an accredited college or university. The equivalent of a mathematics major shall be understood to include differential and integral calculus and at the very least, six semester hours of mathematics content courses above that.
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(5) High School chapters shall be admitted for membership on the approval of the President and the Governor of the appropriate region. Two-Year College chapters shall be admitted for membership on the approval of the President and the AMATYC Representative. Should either deny a petition for membership, the school may appeal the decision to the Governing Council for consideration. Here a favorable two-thirds vote of the Governing Council shall be required to elect a chapter to membership.

NEW WORDING:
Article IV-- **Chapters**

SECTION 1: **Qualifications for Chapters**

Any high school or two-year college, with accreditation from a recognized accrediting agency and offering courses in mathematics, may petition to have a chapter, providing it meets the following minimum requirements.

(1) High schools must offer at least two years of algebra and one year of geometry, or their equivalent, and a minimum of one year of more advanced mathematics. These requirements cannot be fulfilled by courses in general mathematics, general business mathematics, or arithmetic. Two-year colleges must offer at least three courses beyond pre-calculus, which include calculus, differential equations, linear algebra, or statistics.

(2) The school must employ at least one teacher whose primary teaching field is mathematics and who has completed an undergraduate mathematics major or its equivalent at an accredited college or university. The equivalent of a mathematics major shall be understood to include a minimum of six college mathematics courses at the calculus level or above.

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(5) High School chapters shall be admitted for membership on the approval of the President and the Governor of the appropriate region. Two-Year College chapters shall be admitted for membership on the approval of the President and the AMATYC Representative. Should either deny a petition for membership, the school may appeal the decision to the Governing Council for consideration. A two-thirds vote of the Governing Council shall be required to approve such a chapter for membership.

OLD WORDING:
Article V--**Membership**

The following minimum requirements for full and associate membership shall be common to all chapters:

(2) Full membership:
> a) High school students in grades 9 through 12, at the school where their permanent record resides, who have completed the equivalent of four semesters of college preparatory mathematics and in addition have completed or are enrolled in a still more advanced course, are eligible for full membership providing their mathematical work was done with distinction. On the 4-point grading scale, this shall mean at least a 3.0 grade point average.

(3) Associate Membership:
> 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 are enrolled in, or have completed, a semester of geometry or of second year algebra, are eligible for associate membership. Associate members do not pay the initiation fee, but should be registered with the national office so that they may attend the National Convention. They are not entitled to vote on national policy, however. They are entitled to attend and be heard at meetings and presumably are likely candidates for full membership.

NEW WORDING:
Article V—**Membership**

The following minimum requirements for Members and Associates shall be common to all chapters:

(2) Members:
> a) High school students in grades 9 through 12, at the school where their permanent record resides, who have completed the equivalent of two years of college preparatory mathematics, including algebra and geometry, and in addition have completed or are enrolled in a still more advanced course, are eligible for membership providing their mathematical work was done with distinction. On the 4-point grading scale, this shall mean at least a 3.0 grade point average.

(3) Associates:
> High School students in grades 9 through 12, at the school where their permanent record resides, who have completed one year of algebra, or its equivalent, with distinction and are currently enrolled in a higher math course are eligible to be Associates of Mu Alpha Theta. **Associates are not members of Mu Alpha Theta but are likely candidates for membership.** Associates do not pay the initiation fee but are eligible to be listed with the National Office, should they wish to participate in Mu Alpha Theta national math contests. While they are not entitled to vote nor hold office in their chapter, they are entitled to attend and be heard at meetings. A student may remain an Associate for only one year and then, if eligible, must be inducted as a Member of Mu Alpha Theta