**National Senior Beta Club**

**Arlington High School Chapter**

Believing that exemplary student effort and achievement should be encouraged and rewarded, and seeking to cultivate the ideals of service and leadership in our citizens of tomorrow, the governing body of the National Honorary Beta Club has instituted this organization for the promotion of these ideals and those stated in the Beta Creed, among elementary and secondary school students. To implement this purpose the following articles have been adopted.

**Article I—Name**

* The name of the chapter will be the Arlington High School Beta Club.

**Article II—Purpose**

The purpose of this organization shall be to promote the ideals of honesty, service, morality, ethical conduct, and leadership among elementary and secondary school students; to reward meritorious academic achievement; and to encourage and assist students in continuing their education after high school.

**Article III - Affiliation and Coordination**

This chapter of The National Beta Club is an integral part of the central organization of the National Beta Club, and shall be governed by the academic and financial policies laid down in the National Constitution of the central organization of the National Beta Club. Its coat ‐ of ‐arms, motto, colors, creed, and official insignia shall be those of the national organization of The National Beta Club.

**Article IV - Invitation and Induction of Members**

The induction of new students into the membership of this Chapter of the National Beta Club shall take place each year and be one of dignity appropriate to the ideals of the organization. Students who are eligible based on the GPA requirement will be allowed to submit an application for review. Those who are determined to meet the membership criteria will be notified and upon payment of the initiation fee, will be admitted into membership.

**Article V—Membership Requirements**

All students must be performing at or above grade level to be eligible for membership. The academic requirement for membership in the National Senior Beta Club at Arlington High School is to maintain a cumulative unweighted 3.6 GPA or higher.

The service requirement for membership in the National Senior Beta Club at Arlington High School is to complete 20 service hours per school year.

The character and behavioral requirements for membership in the National Senior Beta Club at Arlington High School are to exhibit exemplary behavior, character, and attitude.

Fall semester dues of $25.00 must be paid each school year **after** becoming a member.

Membership is an earned privilege, not a right.

**Article VI—Disciplinary Action**

A member of this chapter of the National Senior Beta Club may be put on probation or dropped from membership for the following reasons:

* If his/her academic record falls below the required unweighted cumulative 3.6 GPA
* If he/she fails to attain at least 20 service hours per school year (August – May)
* If he/she fails to pay fall semester dues of $25.00
* Any Level 1 infraction of ACS Discipline Policy 6.313 will lead to probation.
* Any Level 2 or higher infraction of ACS Discipline Policy 6.313 will lead to removal from the AHS Senior Beta Club

If a member is placed on probation, the student will continue to serve as an active member unless further violations of ACS Discipline Policy 6.313 continue at which point the student will be dismissed from the AHS Senior Beta Club.

If a member is put on probation, he/she will remain on probation through the duration of the following semester.

If a member is dropped from membership, a record of this action shall be relayed to the National Office of National Senior Beta immediately.

Any changes to the status of Senior Beta Club membership may be appealed directly to the AHS Principal.

A student who is dismissed or who resigns is no longer a member and may never again be considered for membership in the National Beta Club.

**Article VII - Service Projects**

As soon as possible after its activation in the Fall semester of the school year, the

Chapter will undertake programs of service which will be of benefit to the community. The service projects shall be decided upon by the teacher sponsors and student officers. At a minimum, Arlington High School National Beta Club will sponsor two service projects per year, one for the Fall semester and one for the Spring semester. Ten days BEFORE the end of each semester, members must submit their record of service. Each member must complete 20 hours of community service per school year from his/her own personal volunteer work (outside project) and should come from a minimum of two different volunteer activities. The record of service shall record the number of hours and the type of service performed, as well as whether the project was a club –sponsored or outside project. The student and the adult supervisor of the volunteer service event shall sign the record of service. The Beta Club will provide this form, “AHS BETA Community Service Record.”

**Article VIII - Local Dues**

Newly inducted members will pay dues of $30, $32 will be sent to the National Beta Club. Annual local dues of this Chapter of the National Beta Club shall be $25 per year due by the end of the second month of the new school term (fall semester).

**Article IX - Amending the Bylaws**

The Bylaws will be reviewed yearly in April to determine if amendments are necessary.

**Article X—Chapter Advisor’s Duties**

* The chapter advisor shall be a member of the AHS faculty, appointed by the principal, and may serve consecutive terms
* The chapter advisor shall be responsible for the direct, day-to-day supervision of the chapter and act as liaison among students, faculty, administration, and community.
* The chapter advisor shall maintain files on membership, chapter history, chapter activities, financial transactions, and chapter bylaws.
* The chapter advisor shall regularly review each member for compliance with Beta Club standards and obligations.
* The chapter advisor shall help the chapter officers understand and carry out their duties.
* The chapter advisor shall be the major liaison between the local chapter and the National Office, submitting the membership information and fees, and any other items requested by the National Beta Club, and receiving for prompt distribution those items, pertaining to membership, sent by the National Beta Club.

**Article XI—Meeting Dates**

* The AHS Beta Club officers will meet at least once a month on after school. Additional special sessions will be called by the advisor as necessary.
* The advisor will meet with the Beta Club officers at least twice a month to discuss upcoming activities and other necessary information.

**Article XII—Officer Duties**

* President—The president presides at the meetings, initiates activities and sees that they are carried out, appoints committees and sees that they function, lends continuity to the chapter, and makes certain that the jobs are distributed among as many of the members as possible. The president should be aware of the importance of teamwork, and that the distinction of being elected president is an honor not to be treated lightly.
* Vice President-- The vice president presides in the absence of the president. This officer confers with the resident and chapter advisor often and should be kept informed and involved in the activities. The vice president, with the chapter advisor, may also assume the duties of (co)program chair of the induction ceremony. This requires inviting speakers and making other necessary arrangements and seeing that the program is effected in good order. As a committed chapter officer, the vice president can chair particular committees as needed and provide leadership for particular projects and activities.
* Secretary-- The secretary keeps the minutes of the meetings, both of the business transacted and of the programs and activities. He/she sends out announcements of future meetings and the minutes of previous meetings. Other duties of this officer may include corresponding (along with the chapter advisor) with the National Office by sending in the names of new members and reporting activities, being responsible for local speakers, acting as host or hostess at chapter programs, and possibly serving as chair for a particular activity or project.
* Treasurer-- The treasurer, working with the Chapter Advisor, handles the chapter's money matters. He/she should administer chapter funds and keep the other officers apprised of the status of chapter finances. Although the Chapter Advisor should be responsible for actually sending the national induction fees to the National Office, the treasurer may be enlisted to help with the collection of any local chapter dues. The treasurer should also take an active role in any fundraising projects in which the chapter engages.
* Historian—The historian maintains a permanent record of the chapter's members and activities. Clippings, rosters, programs, correspondence, etc., should be kept in some permanent form, perhaps in a scrapbook. In years to come, when members now on the scene have gone, these permanent records will become increasingly valuable. These materials should never be kept at a member's home but in the care of the chapter advisor or in a permanent location at school.

**Article XIII—Election of Officers**

* Positions will be decided by open nomination.
* After being selected by a vote of club sponsors, officers will be notified via personal letter.
* A special meeting will be held to induct and ratify the elected officers
* Officers who do not fulfill their duties will be removed from office and possibly from the organization.

**Article XIV—Rules of Order for Conducting Beta Club Business**

* Each officer will fulfill his/her duties when conducting meetings and Beta Club business.
* All members will follow general laws of conduct (Robert’s Rules of Order) during meetings.

**Article XV—Governing Document**

* The bylaws are the chapter’s governing document.

**Article XVI—Activities**

* The club will conduct service activities each school year. All members are encouraged to participate
* The club will sponsor a team to attend the state convention and the national convention on an annual basis as is financially feasible for the club and the membership. Current events may affect the feasibility of participating in these events.

**Article XVII—Amendments**

* If these bylaws become a hindrance to the chapter because they no longer suit the chapter or school situation or if essential information is hard to locate in the current format, it is the duty of the officers, working with the chapter advisor and Beta Club, to amend the bylaws as necessary.