

Bylaws
Leadership DeKalb County

Article I

Name

This organization shall be known as Leadership DeKalb County.

Article II

Meetings

Meetings shall be held on a monthly basis with dates and times to be determined by the chairperson.

The rules contained in the current edition of "Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised" shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable, unless they are superseded by these bylaws or any special rules of order the Corporation may adopt.

Article III

Purpose & Goals

The purpose of Leadership DeKalb County, is to provide enhanced educational opportunities designed to promote and build leadership within DeKalb County. The goals of Leadership DeKalb County are:

- a.) To bring together participants and current leaders to discuss the present and future direction of DeKalb County.
- b.) To examine programs and agencies that currently operates in DeKalb County.
- c.) To motivate and prepare participants to develop their leadership skills and achieve their leadership potential.
- d.) To challenge participants to greater community service through involvement in volunteering roles in DeKalb County organizations and programs.

Article IV

Participation and Graduation Requirements

Applications for participation in Leadership DeKalb County shall be in writing, on forms provided for that purpose, signed by the applicant and sponsor and submitted to the Board of Directors for selection.

- a.) The entire board will consider all the applications for the upcoming Leadership DeKalb County class.
- b.) Maximum class size will be 25 participants, minimum class size of 17.
- c.) The final number of nominee applicants selected by this process shall pay the required tuition within 14 days of notification of acceptance.
- d.) Tuition fees shall be set by the Board of Directors. Tuition fees will not be refunded after 14 days from the date on which the nominee paid said fees.

- e.) Participants must meet the following attendance requirements to be eligible for graduation: A maximum of one and one-half absence will be permitted throughout the Leadership DeKalb County year to graduate in that year. The absence cannot involve more than two sessions. If a participant has two absences they will automatically be disqualified from the current year's Leadership DeKalb County program. They may reapply again at a later time.
- f.) Participants must also complete 4 additional requirements which include attending one of each: Chamber of Commerce Event/Function, Government Function and an Education Function, also working a Community Event. These requirements must be completed before the last program date. Not fulfilling these requirements would automatically disqualify the participant.
- g.) Class must participate in a COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT. The project must have Board approval. The project must be hands on project and must be completed before the last program date. (The entire class must participate)

Article V

Board of Directors

The Leadership DeKalb County Board of Directors shall be comprised of nine (9) voting members, with board representation of DeKalb County as a whole. Each director shall be elected to serve for a three year term.

1. The election of members of the Board shall be according to the following process:
 - a.) The Chairperson Elect shall appoint a five member nominating committee, not later than April 1, of each year, with one of those committee members being a current Leadership DeKalb County class participant.
 - b.) The nominations committee shall present a slate of three nominees, at the May meeting of the Board of Directors for consideration. Elections shall be by secret ballot vote of the Board at its June meeting, to determine the replacements for the directors whose terms will expire.
 - c.) The first regular meeting of the new Board of Directors shall be at the June meeting.
2. Any director, who misses more than three board meetings per board year, or two consecutive meetings, may be removed from the board by a majority vote of the directors present at a meeting where one or both of these absence limits are reached. Replacement directors shall be appointed by the board to serve the remaining term of the director being replaced. No director shall serve more than two consecutive terms, but may be re-elected after an absence from the board for one full term. Each board member shall participate in at least one (1) scheduled Leadership DeKalb County class per year.
3. Responsibilities: The Board of Directors shall serve as the governing body of Leadership DeKalb County and is charged with establishing the goals and outline of the program, consistent with these Bylaws, and ensuring the implementation of such. The Board of Directors shall hire an Executive Director to oversee the general operations of Leadership DeKalb County and to establish the job description of such employee.

Article VI

Officers

The Leadership DeKalb County Board of Directors shall elect its officers at the April meeting, in every odd number year, by majority vote of those directors in attendance. The officers will consist of the Chairperson, Chairperson Elect, and Secretary/Treasurer. The duties of the officers are as follows:

- a.) The Chairperson shall preside over Board meetings; oversee the entire Leadership DeKalb County program during his/her term as Chairperson; and have the power to assign duties and tasks to other officers and/or directors.
- b.) The Chairperson Elect shall take charge of Board meetings in the absence of the Chairperson; work closely with the Chairperson on various projects, tasks, etc; and shall serve as Chairperson of the nominating committee.
- c.) In the event of vacancy, the office will be filled at the next meeting.

Article VII

Alumni Association

The Alumni Association shall be available to all graduates of the Leadership DeKalb County program and shall adopt its own bylaws establishing its purpose and activities.

Article VIII

Amendments

These bylaws may be amended or altered by the Leadership DeKalb County Board of Directors by a majority vote.

Any proposed amendments or alterations shall be submitted in writing at least ten (10) days before the meeting that the amendments are to be acted upon.