



Georgia Phi Beta Lambda, Inc. Bylaws

Article I. Name

The name of this organization shall be Georgia Phi Beta Lambda, Inc., and may be referred to as "Georgia PBL" or "Georgia Phi Beta Lambda".

Article II. Purpose

Section 1. The purpose of Georgia Phi Beta Lambda, Inc. is to support the parent organization, FBLA-PBL. Georgia PBL is to provide opportunities for postsecondary students to develop vocational competencies for business and office occupations and business teacher education. Georgia PBL is an integral part of the instructional program and in addition promotes a sense of civic and personal responsibility.

Section 2. The specific goals of Georgia PBL are to:

- Develop competent, aggressive business leadership.
- Strengthen the confidence of students in themselves and their work.
- Create more interest in and understanding of American business enterprise.
- Encourage members in the development of individual projects, which contribute to the improvement of home, business and community.
- Develop character, prepare for useful citizenship and foster patriotism.
- Encourage and practice efficient money management.
- Encourage scholarship and promote school loyalty.
- Assist students in the awareness of occupational goals.
- Facilitate the transition from school to work.

Article III. Membership

Section 1. Georgia PBL membership shall consist of members of chartered local chapters within the state of Georgia. These members shall also hold membership in the national chapter. Should no state chapter exist or it ceases to exist, members shall be recognized by the national association.

Section 2. Membership shall be open to:

- Active Members shall be postsecondary students enrolled in business and/or business-related fields, who accept the purpose of PBL, subscribe to its creed, demonstrate willingness to contribute to good school-community relations, and possess qualities for employment. Active members shall pay dues as established by PBL and may participate in national, state, or chapter events or conferences, serve as voting delegates to the National Leadership Conference, hold national office and otherwise represent their state and local chapters as approved by their respective state and local advisers.
- Honorary Life Members shall be elected by the local chapter by a majority vote. They shall be persons who are assisting in the advancement of business and office education and/or who are rendering outstanding service to PBL. Honorary life members shall not vote, hold office, or be required to pay dues.

Section 3. Students who have not paid their dues shall not be considered a member of the local chapter nor Georgia PBL. A person who has not paid dues shall not be entitled to vote, run for office, or represent their local chapter at state or national events or conferences.

Section 4. Voting delegates to state or national conferences shall be selected by a majority vote of the local chapter members attending the conference.



Article IV. Dues and Finance

Section 1. Dues. Dues shall be \$18; composed of dues to the state (\$8) and national (\$10) organizations as determined by the respective state and national bylaws. Membership is unified on the local chapter, state and national levels and are not available separately.

Section 2. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of Georgia PBL shall be July 1 through June 30.

Section 3. The affairs and property of Georgia PBL shall be managed by the Executive Committee of Georgia PBL, Inc. which shall have the powers and duties of a board of directors.

Section 4. The State Executive Director and the State Financial Director shall administer all PBL finances, submit an annual budget to the Executive Committee for approval, and provide the Executive Committee and members with a triennial audit.

Article V. Officers and Elections

Section 1. Georgia PBL shall be an association of local chapters, each operating in accordance with a charter granted by FBLA-PBL, Inc. Only chapters that have received charters, Greek names, and numbers issued by FBLA-PBL, Inc. and which are currently in good standing shall be referred to as "Phi Beta Lambda" or "PBL".

Section 2. The Executive Committee of Georgia PBL, Inc. shall serve as the policymaking body of this organization. Members of the Executive Committee shall be nominated and elected by the local Georgia PBL local chapter advisers and Professional Division members for three-year terms in accordance with the nominating and voting procedures determined by the Executive Committee.

Section 3. Each local chapter shall have an adviser who is either a faculty member teaching a business and/or business-related class or school staff member. A local chapter may have as many special-emphasis groups under the chapter charter as it deems necessary to meet the interests of all students. The local chapter of PBL shall assume full responsibility for coordinating the program for these interest groups

Section 4. State Officers. The State Officers of Georgia PBL shall be: president, vice president for state projects, vice president for national projects, vice president for membership, vice president for March of Dimes, and vice president for public relations. Offices may be combined by the Executive Committee based on the slate elected at the State Leadership Conference. Officers may be elected as positions become vacant. Officers will be elected as a slate at the State Leadership Conference and not specific offices. The slate will participate in officer training which culminates in their placement into specific officer positions.

Section 5. Term of Office. State Officers shall hold office for a term of one year or until their successors are elected, whichever occurs first. Officers shall assume their duties July 1. State officers may only serve two terms in total.

Article VI. Duties of PBL State Officers

Section 1. The President shall (a) preside over meetings of Georgia PBL, (b) appoint all committees and committee chairmen, (c) serve as an ex-officio member of all chapter committees, (d) appoint the chapter parliamentarian, and (d) promote the growth and development of Georgia PBL.

Section 2. The Vice Presidents shall (a) preside in the absence of the President, (b) assist the president in the promotion and development of PBL, (c) assist the President as he/she delegates, and (d) focus on the specific area for which the office they hold.

- a. The vice president for state projects will focus on the promotion and completion of state projects such as the Awards of Merit, the foundation activities, chapter of the year and adviser of the year criteria
- b. The vice president for national projects will focus on the promotion and completion of Career and Management Achievement program levels, the national Outstanding Chapter award, national programs such as Membership Madness, etc.
- c. The vice president for March of Dimes will focus on the promotion of and activities to support the March of Dimes
- d. The vice president for membership will work toward promoting PBL and increasing membership and communication with members.



- e. The vice president for public relations will (a) act as public relations officer, (b) see that news stories and photographs are delivered to the school paper, local newspapers, news bulletins, and national or state publications, (c) cooperate with the Executive Committee concerning assembly, radio and television programs, and (d) promote PBL via social media platforms.

Section 3. The state officers shall serve on the Executive Committee, and perform such duties as directed by the Executive Committee and not inconsistent with these Bylaws or other Rules adopted by the Chapter.

Section 4. No more than two officers shall be elected from the same chapter.

Section 5. The State Executive committee may fill a vacancy in any office and may combine offices.

Article VII. National Officer Candidates

Section 1. Any person wishing to be a candidate for a national office shall submit an application to the State Adviser no later than one month prior to the State Leadership Conference. To be considered as a candidate for national office, a person shall have the endorsement of his/her local chapter, be recommended by the local chapter adviser(s), complete an orientation session conducted by the Georgia Executive Committee of PBL, and meet the qualifications as outlined in Article VI, Section 2 of the National Bylaws.

Section 2. All persons wishing to be a candidate for a national office, and who have completed the steps outlined in Article VI, Section 1, shall be presented to the members of PBL at the State Leadership Conference. The National Officer Candidate to represent Georgia shall be elected from those who have applied by a majority vote of the voting delegates present at the State Leadership Conference and receive the complete support of all Georgia delegates present at the National Leadership Conference.

Article VIII. Committees

Section 1. Local advisers whose member(s) are elected as State Officers shall form a State Officer Advisory Committee, SOAC. This committee is to support State Officers at training events and Georgia PBL conferences.

Section 2. Georgia PBL may appoint additional committees to assist in the growth and development of the state chapter.

ARTICLE IX. State Leadership Conference

Section 1. A State Leadership Conference shall be held each year. A date a location will be recommended by the Executive Committee.

Section 2. Each local chapter in good standing shall be entitled to send two to four local voting delegates and alternates from its active membership to the State Leadership Conference in accordance with the following:
under 50 members—two voting delegates
50-100 members—three voting delegates
over 100 members—four voting delegates

Section 3. All voting delegates of local chapters shall be officially certified by their respective advisers and their names submitted to the state office postmarked no later than 20 days prior to the State Leadership Conference.

Section 4. Voting. Voting delegates shall be entitled to vote on all matters which come before the general sessions. There shall be no proxy voting.

Section 5. Quorum. The quorum for all business meetings of the State Leadership Conference shall be a majority of the registered voting delegates.

Article X. Emblems, Insignia & Colors

Section 1. The State emblems shall be the emblems of the national organization.



Section 2. The official emblem and insignia items and designs are described and protected from infringement by registration in the U.S. Patent Office under the Trademark Act of 1946. The manufacture, reproduction, wearing, or display of the emblem shall be governed by the national board of directors.

Section 3. Emblems and insignia of PBL shall be uniform within the chapter. Only members may use official emblems and insignia.

Section 4. The official colors of PBL shall be blue and gold.

Article XI. Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the chapter in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the rules of FBLA-PBL, Inc., these Bylaws, or any special rules of order the chapter may adopt.

Article XII. Amendments

Section 1. Local Amendments. Amendments to the Bylaws shall be submitted in writing and shall not be voted on until the following State Leadership Conference. A two-thirds vote shall be required for adoption. Amendments shall take effect immediately unless otherwise stated in the proposed amendment.

Section 2. Consistency. In areas inconsistent with the Bylaws or Rules of National PBL, these Bylaws may be amended by the Executive Committee to provide consistency. All members shall be informed of the exact changes within thirty (30) days in writing or electronically.

Section 3. Minor Changes. The Executive Committee shall be authorized to revise these Bylaws to correct punctuation, grammar, cross-references, article and section designations, and to make such other technical changes as may be necessary, where these changes shall be minor in detail and shall not alter the meaning or intent of the Bylaws. Notice of changes made under this authority shall be communicated in writing or electronically to the membership within thirty (30) days.