BYLAWS:

Article I: NAME

The name of the society shall be “Eta Sigma Delta, The International Hospitality Management Honor Society. The local chapter shall be called Eta Sigma Delta Wor-Wic Community College Chapter.

Article II: PURPOSE

Eta Sigma Delta is an international honor society that recognizes the scholastic and professional achievements of students and alumni from institutions granting diplomas, associate and baccalaureate degrees, graduate degrees, or their equivalents, in the field of hospitality, tourism, and culinary arts.

The five Points of Honor of Eta Sigma Delta are Excellence, Leadership, Creativity, Service and Ethics. Individual members pledge to uphold these values in their professional lives.

Article III: MEMBERSHIP

Section I: Eta Sigma Delta voting membership will include all Full time and Part time students who have been inducted in the organization and are currently enrolled in the Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Management program at Wor-Wic Community College, as determined by the semester enrollment in HMR.

Section II: Eligibility

Qualifying Students will meet the following criteria:

1. Student must have completed 50% of the credit hours required for graduation at Wor-Wic Community College, which has become a chapter of the Society.
2. Student must have completed 30 credits toward their Associate of Applied Science Degree in order to become a member with 50% of those credits being earned through Wor-Wic Community College.
3. The Student must be officially declared as a Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Management option major.
4. The student must have obtained a 3.00 GPA on a 4.00 GPA scale.
5. Membership is life-long.
6. Student must agree to uphold values of excellence, leadership, creativity, service, and ethics.
Section III: Benefits. (Information in Section III provided by www.Chrie.org)

A. “The professional benefits of Eta Sigma Delta include an opportunity for outstanding students to distinguish themselves in the eyes of educators, recruiters, and industry executives in an increasingly competitive industry. In addition, ESD provides a networking system through their chapters that allows for interaction and the exchange of information among students. Often, ESD meets for special events or functions at annual trade shows. An Eta Sigma Delta column regularly appears in the ICHRIE monthly newsletter as well.”

B. “From an organizational standpoint, ESD can serve as a means of uniting outstanding students for campus activities, fundraisers and volunteer programs.”

C. “Educational benefits include the opportunity for ESD chapters to provide a stimulus for students to strive for academic excellence. By functioning as a resource for the hospitality program, ESD chapters can also provide tutoring or other forms of academic support for students needing assistance.”

D. The members of the chapter will conduct, as a group, at least one (1) significant activity, other than the induction ceremony, each academic year.

Section IV: Induction of New Members.

A. Each chapter shall develop its own induction ceremony that recognizes the rituals and cultures of Wor-Wic Community College, so long as it includes the Eta Sigma Delta 5 points of honor.

B. Each inductee must send a completed application signed by the Faculty Advisor, along with the $30 initiation fee, to the International CHRIE office before induction.

Section V: Rights of Membership

All ESD members enjoy certain rights and privileges including, but not limited to:

1. Receiving an official certificate and pin
2. Wearing Eta Sigma Delta ribbons or cordons at graduation
3. Participating in Eta Sigma Delta activities at International CHRIE meetings

Section VI: Equal Opportunity

No applicant shall be denied membership because of age, disability, ethnicity, gender, national origin, race, religion or sexual orientation.
Article IV: OFFICERS

The Officers of Eta Sigma Delta shall be:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Publicity Secretary
- Faculty advisor

These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the organization. Officers must maintain satisfactory standing in accordance with program policies.

Section I: DUTIES

A: President of Eta Sigma Delta Honor Society:

It shall be the duties of the President to:

1. Be the official representative of the Eta Sigma Delta Honor Society.
2. Prepare an agenda for each meeting (bi-monthly)
3. Preside at all Eta Sigma Delta meetings
4. Serve as ex-officio member of all committees
5. Appoint members to appropriate committees
6. Administers Oath for members, conducts presentation of official membership certificates and pins.
7. Keep the Faculty Advisor informed at all times regarding the affairs of the Eta Sigma Delta Honor Society.

B. Vice President of Eta Sigma Delta Honor Society

It shall be the duties of the Vice President to:

1. Assume office of the President should position become vacant for any reason
2. Preside at all meetings in absence of President
3. Attend all meetings
C. Secretary of the Eta Sigma Delta Honor Society

It shall be the duties of the Secretary to:

1. Attend all Eta Sigma Delta meetings
2. Keep, publish and distribute the minutes of all Eta Sigma Delta meetings, including those of the Executive Committee
3. Prepare and Distribute ballots for organizational decisions

D: Publicity Secretary of the Eta Sigma Delta Honor Society

It shall be the duty of the Publicity Secretary to:

1. Create and maintain Wor-Wic approved social media pages for Eta Sigma Delta Honor Society
2. Help organize any functions including any activities and events
3. Publicize all Eta Sigma Delta activities
4. Recruiting members into Eta Sigma Delta Honor Society

E: Faculty Advisor of the Eta Sigma Delta Honor Society

It shall be the duty of the Faculty Advisor to:

1. Be present at all Eta Sigma Delta Meetings
2. Be fully informed at all times regarding the affairs of the Eta Sigma Delta Honor Society
SECTION II: Elections

A. Any nominations for elected officials shall be made at the first meeting of the organization held within thirty (30) days, and will be held yearly on the first Wednesday of the Fall Semester.

B. Election shall be held at the same meeting, using secret ballot. Results will be read when all ballots are in, by the Faculty Advisor(s), and results recorded.

SECTION III: Terms of Office

A. The terms of office shall be one year.

B. New elections will take place each Fall (see Section I: Elections)

C. The officers shall assume their duties as soon as they are elected.

D. If a vacancy in office occurs, the President may appoint a temporary officer. A special meeting of the organization shall be called as soon as possible to elect a successor.

Article V: MEETINGS

Section I: There shall be bi-monthly meetings held during the fall and spring semesters, at a date and time, other than class time, determined by the membership. Notice of meetings shall be announced in the Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Management classes, via Whiteboards, signs posted, email and approved social media sites.

Section II: Additional meetings of the organization may be called by the President or designate, or upon request from the majority (50%+1) of the membership. A notice of at least three school days is required.

Section III: Organization decisions. If there is less than a quarter of the members in attendance at meetings, decisions will be made by balloting each member and will require a return of ½ plus one of the membership. Ballots will be prepared and distributed by the organization secretary within 5 days of the meeting. Balloting must be completed within 10 days following the meeting.

Section IV: Place. The meetings will be held on the campus of Wor-Wic Community College.
Article VI: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section I: The Executive Committee of the Eta Sigma Delta shall have supervision in the affairs of the organization between meetings of the student body. The Executive Committee shall be subject to the orders of the organization, and none of its acts shall conflict with the actions taken by the organization as a whole.

Section II: Membership.

A. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the elected officials, and include the Faculty Advisor(s). There shall be no less than three (3) members, including Faculty Advisor(s) at any Executive Committee meeting.

Article VII: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order shall govern Eta Sigma Deltas’ Student Organization in all cases where applicable and are special rules of order the organization may adopt.

Article VIII: AMENDMENTS AND RATIFICATION

Section I: Amendments

The Bylaws may be amended by the following procedure:

1. 100% approval of the Eta Sigma Delta’s Executive Committee, who in turn, will publish notice of the intended amendment at least 15 days prior to the date of the vote.
2. Approval by the majority (50%+1) of the voting membership.
3. Approval by the Wor-Wic Community College Board of Trustees.
4. The secretary shall revise the constitution.

Section II: Ratification

These Bylaws will stand ratified upon approval of the Wor-Wic Community College Board of Trustees.

This constitution for the Eta Sigma Delta Honor Society was approved and last revised on the following dates:

Revised- Tuesday, September 23, 2014
Revised- Wednesday, September 24, 2014
Revised- Wednesday, October 22, 2014