

# CONSTITUTION of the WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION

## **Article I: Organizational Foundations**

*Section 1.* The name of this organization shall be the West Virginia University Residence Hall Association (hereafter "RHA").

*Section 2.* The Residence Hall Association serves as the voice of all residents living in West Virginia University residence halls. RHA provides an open atmosphere for the exchange of ideas. RHA also provides equal opportunities for all residents to access quality programming and to experience positive living environments.

*Section 3.* The purpose of this organization shall be to serve as the umbrella organization for all Community Councils and other housing-based groups; to provide quality programs to the residents of all residence halls; to develop the leadership skills necessary for the future of the WVU community; to provide a liaison between student residents and Residential Education; to act as a forum for the exchange of ideas; to allocate funds to Community Councils and residents for programs and services beneficial to residents; to facilitate communication between Community Councils, residence hall residents, and the entire Residential Learning Community; and to foster the idea that the students and organizations within RHA are accountable to the University and the entire Residential Learning Community.

*Section 4.* This organization shall adhere to the West Virginia University Conduct Code.

## **Article II: Membership**

*Section 1.* This organization shall not deny membership on the basis of race, sex, age, disability, veteran status, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, color, or national origin.

*Section 2.* The RHA General Body shall consist of three (3) residents from each of the twelve (12) residence halls for a total of thirty-six (36) voting members.

**Section 3.** Definitions, requirements, and election procedures for voting members shall be set forth in the RHA Policy Book.

### **Article III: Officer Roles**

**Section 1.** The officers of this organization shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and National Communications Coordinator.

**Section 2.** All officers shall abide by the same common requirements:

- A.) Must be elected by the General Body or otherwise appointed.
- B.) Must maintain a cumulative 2.5 GPA while in office.
- C.) Must be a full-time student as defined by West Virginia University.
- D.) Shall serve a term lasting from May 1st to April 30th.
- E.) May not be on academic or disciplinary probation while in office.

**Section 3.** Duties of the President shall include presiding over General Body meetings, serving as chair of the Executive Board, and maintaining ultimate responsibility for the operation of RHA.

**Section 4.** Duties of the Vice President shall include fulfilling the President's duties in their absence, maintaining contact with key administrators, and serving as a liaison to other student organizations.

**Section 5.** Duties of the Secretary shall include maintaining accurate meeting minutes, keeping voting records for the academic year, and keeping attendance records for the academic year.

**Section 6.** Duties of the Treasurer shall include maintaining accurate records for each RHA finance account, processing all fund allocation requests on behalf of RHA, and presenting a Treasurer's report at each General Body meeting.

**Section 7.** Duties of the National Communications Coordinator shall include attending NACURH-affiliated conferences as a voting member, organizing conference delegations on behalf of RHA, and serving as a liaison to other institutions.

*Section 8.* In the event that WVU is hosting a member of the Regional Board of Directors (hereafter “RBD”) or NACURH Board of Directors (hereafter “NBD”), this person shall in exchange serve as an ad-hoc member of the RHA Executive Board with no voting privileges.

*Section 9.* Further duties for each officer shall be set forth in the RHA Policy Book.

#### **Article IV: Meetings**

*Section 1.* The RHA General Body shall hold biweekly meetings unless otherwise noted.

*Section 2.* Specific dates, times, and venues for RHA General Body meetings shall be announced at the beginning of each semester.

*Section 3.* Special meetings may be called by the Executive Board with at least three (3) days’ prior notice.

*Section 4.* Quorum for different voting and meeting procedures shall be defined in the RHA Policy Book.

#### **Article V: RHA Policy Book**

*Section 1.* The RHA Policy Book serves as a supplementary governing document separate from the Constitution for the combined sake of flexibility and amendability.

*Section 2.* The RHA Policy Book shall be adopted by the RHA General Body with a simple majority vote at the first General Body meeting of the year.

*Section 3.* The RHA Policy Book may be amended at any time by unanimous agreement of the RHA Executive Board.

#### **Article VI: Amendments**

**Section 1.** All amendments to the RHA Constitution must be presented by, or with the support of, an RHA Executive Board member.

**Section 2.** Constitutional amendments shall be approved by a simple majority vote of the General Body.

**Section 3.** The RHA President shall hold the power to veto any or all parts of passed Constitutional amendments.

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