



Residence Hall Association By-Laws

ARTICLE I: DEFINING RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS

A by-law shall be considered as an addition to this constitution that is necessary in order to carry out the functions of the Residence Hall Association (RHA). A by-law:

- A. Shall be considered to be a standing rule of RHA and its constitution, but initiated by the governing body only, and
- B. Must not conflict with or attempt to change any provision of this constitution and shall not take precedence over any provision of this constitution, and
- C. Shall have precedence over any resolution of RHA, and
- D. In order to become effective, shall be passed by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the voting members, and shall be noted as a by-law when presented to the Student Government Association (SGA) Senate for consideration, and
- E. May be repealed or amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voting members and shall be noted as a repeal or amendment of a by-law when presented to the voting members for consideration.

ARTICLE II: NATIONAL RESIDENCE HALL HONORARY

- A. National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) is a branch of RHA.
- B. The NRHH Chapter at the University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK) shall be referred to as the Big Blue Chapter.
- C. The pillars of the organization are Recognition, Leadership, Service and Scholarship.
- D. NRHH will receive funding from RHA.
- E. The NRHH President, or otherwise appointed member of the organization, is considered a non-voting Representative of RHA.
- F. NRHH is to have its own governing documents as long as they do not conflict with the SGA Constitution or the RHA By-Laws.

ARTICLE III: COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY(IES) (CAN)

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- A. Community Assembly(ies) is/are the governing body(ies) of each residence hall.
- B. Community Assembly(ies) may exist in each residence hall area (Antelope/Nester, Centennial Towers East, Centennial Towers West, Martin, Mantor, Men's, Randall, University Residence North, and University Residence South.)
- C. Community Assembly meetings are to be held in a residence hall common area or otherwise designated location by each hall's Graduate Hall Director or Complex Director.
- D. Community Assembly Vice President(s) and RHA Representative(s) are considered Representative(s) of RHA.
- E. Each Hall Council has its own governing documents as long as they do not conflict with the SGA Constitution or the RHA By-Laws.
- F. Each CAN will be responsible for hosting a "Campus CAN" event as designated and scheduled by Residence Life. These events will occur once per month. The events, locations, and activities are at the discretion of the hosting hall under the advice of their Graduate Hall Director or Complex Director.

ARTICLE IV: EX-OFFICIO OFFICER(S)

- A. Any member(s) of either the National Association of College and University Residence Halls (NACURH) National Board of Directors (NBD) or the Midwest Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls (MACURH) Regional Board of Directors (RBD) shall serve as ex-officio member(s) of RHA.
- B. The Ex-Officio Officer(s) shall serve as Chair(s) without voting rights.
- C. The Ex-Officio Officer(s) must attend Executive Board meetings at least once per month.
- D. The Ex-Officio Officer(s) must attend RHA general assembly meetings at least once per month to give an official report.

ARTICLE V: ATTENDANCE OF OFFICERS

- A. Executive Board Members are expected to attend meetings and programs hosted by RHA per the expectations in the RHA constitution.

ARTICLE VI: OFFICE HOURS

- A. Each Officer/Chair must fulfill his/her office hour(s) as stated in the RHA Constitution.
- B. Each Officer/Chair must work the office hour(s) in the RHA/NRHH Office.

ARTICLE VII: BUDGET

- A. The RHA budget is allocated as \$10.00 from every \$30.00 received from on-campus students during hall check-in.
- B. The budget is maintained by the Treasurer, who must give monthly budget reports.
- C. Approval of funds must be conducted as is outlined in the RHA Constitution.
- D. The budget of RHA shall be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voting members by the second meeting of the fall semester.

ARTICLE VIII: RESIDENT ASSISTANT (RA) FUNDING

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- A. RHA will provide funding to RAs to help with the cost of programming in the halls.
- B. The procedures set by Article XI in the constitution are to be utilized in regards to requests for funds for RA Programming.
- C. These funds are encompassed in a separate fund from the general allocated funds budget line.

ARTICLE IX: LOPER LEADERS

- A. PLEASE NOTE: This is a welcome week program that RHA plans on setting up. More details will be available as we progress with the program. DETAILS TO BE DETERMINED AND VOTED ON LATER!

ARTICLE X: Advisor(s)

- A. Advisor(s) must attend RHA meetings and Executive Board meetings.
- B. At least one (1) Advisor must be present for the duration of all programs.
- C. At least one (1) Advisor must attend regional and national events with the delegation.

ARTICLE XI: Conference Travel

- A. The following officers or officer representative(s) must attend the conferences listed below:
 - a. MACURH: National Communication Coordinator (NCC), National Communication Coordinator In Training (NCC-IT) (if applicable), NRHH President, RHA President, Programming Chair, and Advisor.
 - b. No Frills: NCC, NCC-IT (if applicable), NRHH Representative, PCC and Advisor.
 - c. NACURH: NCC, NRHH Representative and Advisor.
- B. Each conference boardroom shall have proper representation.
- C. Delegation selection will be left to the Selection Committee comprised of NCC, NRHH Representative and the Advisor through application and interview process. The RHA President and/or Vice President shall also serve on application and interview decision committee so long as the RHA President /Vice President are not applying for delegation selection.
- D. Selection will be based on delegate's potential to represent the University properly and bring back information relevant to bettering RHA, NRHH, Community Assemblies, and UNK.
 - a. The Selection Committee will take into consideration the following guidelines for delegation selection but shall not be limited to these guidelines:
 - i. First Priority: Voting members with no conference experience, voting members who are presenting a program or are bidding for an award or position at the conference that requires them to be present.
 - ii. Second Priority: Voting members with conference experience, non-voting members who are presenting (presentation must be accepted) or are bidding for an award or position at the conference that requires them to be present.
 - iii. Third Priority: Non-voting members.

- E. Those required to attend conferences may make recommendations, which will be taken into consideration, regarding delegation selection.

ARTICLE XII: Elections

- A. The RHA President, Vice President, NCC, Programmer, and Secretary/Treasurer will be elected annually during the last month of the spring semester to begin service in the fall of the next academic year.
- B. The Election time will be set by the current Executive board and Advisor(s).
- C. Applications for these positions will be due no later than two weeks prior to the election date (which will take place during an RHA regular meeting).
- D. Elections will begin with a short presentation from the candidate(s) of the office currently up for election (this will be done one at a time while the other candidate(s) are asked to leave the room).
- E. After the presentation(s) is/are over, time for questions will be allowed. After the candidate(s) have all presented, closed door discussion will be allowed prior to the election of the position.
- F. The winner will be decided by a majority rule if there is more than one candidate. If only one candidate has elected to run for a given position, a two-thirds majority vote must be achieved to approve the election.
- G. Voting delegates include the Vice President and RHA Representative from each of the Residence Halls' Community Assemblies.
- H. Elections will be in the order as follows: President, Vice President, NCC, Programmer, and Secretary/Treasurer.
- I. CAN elections of the RHA Delegation (RHA Rep. and Vice President) and other Community Assembly officers for each hall are to be conducted per each hall's CAN constitution within the first two weeks of the Fall semester.