

As Proposed  
**Constitution & Bylaws**  
**Republican National Hispanic Assembly of Washington**  
 As approved on March 24, 2001

PREAMBLE

Be it resolved, that we, American citizens of Hispanic and non-Hispanic origin, have chosen to organize and establish a political organization, to be known as the Republican National Hispanic Assembly of Washington, hereinafter referred to as "RNHA Washington." The purpose the RNHA Washington shall be to serve as a bridge between the Hispanic community of Washington and the principles and philosophy as espoused by the Republican Party of Washington and other Republican Party organizations in the United States.

That like the Republican Party, the Washington RNHA will not discriminate its membership and will encourage all persons to join and participate in the organization, so long as they agree to adhere to and promote the principles for which this organization was founded.

It is the intent and purpose of this Constitution and Bylaws to facilitate and encourage and facilitate the broadest possible participation of Hispanic citizens in the activities, organization, and leadership processes of the Republican Party.

We hold forth that the values of the Hispanic family are consistent with the values promulgated by the Republican Party. We perceive Hispanic values as those that adhere to the work ethic, promote religious convictions, respect tradition, demonstrate patriotism and cherish the principles of self-reliance and independence. These are similar values that the Republican Party promulgates through public policy positions.

**Article I                      Name and Address**

The name of the organization shall be the Republican National Hispanic Assembly of Washington, hereinafter referred to as RNHA Washington. The address shall be designated by the Chair of the RNHA Washington.

**Article II                      Structure and Affiliations**

The RNHA Washington will serve as the state governing body of the local or county RNHA Chapters (hereinafter referred to as "local chapters") in the state of Washington. As the governing body, the RNHA Washington will collect dues from local chapters; authorize and certify the creation of new local chapters, reaffirm the good standing of established local chapters, and require the timely submission of copies of rosters and constitution/bylaws from these chapters. The RNHA Washington does not lay claim to any assets, financial or otherwise, that are the property of local chapters. The RNHA Washington does not assume liability for any debts of, or fines, penalties or judgements imposed on, local chapters. The RNHA Washington will make an annual determination of an associative relationship with the Republican National Hispanic Assembly of the United States of America (hereinafter referred to as RNHA USA). The RNHA Washington does not lay claim to any assets, financial or otherwise, that are the property of the RNHA USA. The RNHA Washington does not assume liability for any debts of, or fines, penalties or judgements imposed on, the RNHA USA.

Any other associative relationships or affiliations with other entities will be determined by the RNHA Washington.

**Article III                      Objectives**

**Section 1.                      Purpose: The purpose of the RNHA Washington shall be:**

- a. To support the Constitution and Laws of the United States of America and the Constitution and Laws of Washington to the end that Government shall truly be, in fact, "A government of the people, by the people, for the people."
- b. To support the principles, objectives and platforms of the Republican Party of the United States of America and the Republican Party of Washington.
- c. To develop and maintain a strong, effective and informed Republican Hispanic constituency throughout the state of Washington.
- d. To recruit and encourage qualified, Hispanic Americans, as registered Republicans, to seek office at all levels of government.
- e. To elect Republican candidates to office at all levels of government.
- f. To adopt resolutions and policy positions on local, state and national issues and to seek to implement these resolutions and policy positions through networks of the Republican Party and other appropriate means.

- g. To promote and encourage citizen participation in Republican activities and to support the principles, objectives and platforms of the Republican Party of the United States of America and the Republican Party of Washington.
- h. To insure the participation of citizens of Hispanic heritage in the American political process and in all levels of the Republican Party.

#### **Article IV Duration and Jurisdiction**

The duration of the RNHA Washington shall be perpetual.

The jurisdiction of the RNHA Washington shall be within the legal boundaries of the state of Washington.

#### **Article V Membership**

##### **Section 1a.**

Voting membership shall be composed of Republicans who are registered to vote and who have chosen to pay voting membership dues, through local chapters, to the RNHA Washington in order to effect good standing.

##### **Section 1c.**

Associate membership shall be available to Hispanics and Non-Hispanics who for one reason or another are not citizens of the United States, but wish to be identified with the Washington RNHA by paying the required dues.

##### **Section 1d.**

Persons who reside where a local RNHA Chapter does not exist may elect to join the RNHA Washington directly by paying non-voting membership dues; or they may elect to join a local chapter located in an adjacent county, by paying either non-voting or voting membership dues through that local chapter. In the case that a local chapter is formed during the annual membership period of a member under this section, those persons shall automatically be considered members of that newly formed local chapter.

##### **Section 2a.**

Dues for voting membership and non-voting membership shall be decreed annually by the RNHA Washington Executive Committee, hereinafter referred to as EC. Membership will be completed when an application for membership and payment for the appropriate amount of dues are forwarded by a local chapter and received by the RNHA Washington.

##### **Section 2b.**

Membership dues are for a calendar year and must be renewed on an annual basis. Dues are not pro-rated, in other words, if dues, for a new member, are paid in June, those dues credit membership from June through December and expire on the last business day of December. However, if a new local chapter is created in the last quarter of a calendar year, the EC can decree that any dues paid through that new local chapter shall be credited for membership in the succeeding calendar year. If this is decreed, the EC is, in effect, waiving the membership dues for the new local chapter in the remaining days of the last quarter of the calendar year in which the new local chapter is created.

##### **Section 2c.**

Notification of membership expiration for a calendar year and the criteria necessary to establish good standing for a new calendar year must be conveyed to local chapters at least one month in advance of the end of the calendar year. The notification must be addressed to the last known address of the local chapters, as retained in the records of the RNHA Washington.

#### **Article VI Organization**

##### **Section 1a:**

The EC shall have the authority to serve as the general management board for the RNHA Washington, subject to its own policies and procedures, the policies and procedures prescribed by vote of the State Convention of the RNHA Washington and guidance provided by the Constitution and Bylaws of this organization. The RNHA Washington shall

only be a viable organization if it represents a minimum of two (2) local chapters in the state and those chapters each contain at least ten (10) dues paying members as recognized by the EC.

**Section 1b:**

The whole number of voting members of a local chapter residing in each county, in addition to those members residing in adjacent counties where no local chapters exist, will constitute a local chapter. No person shall be eligible to be elected as an officer of, or assume an officer position in, a local chapter unless that person actually lives, resides, and occupies a place of abode, in the area that defines that local chapter and is a voting member of that local chapter. A minimum of ten (10) voting members shall be required to organize as a local chapter. There shall only be one recognized RNHA Chapter per county or other approved region and the EC shall have the sole authority to recognize such local chapter.

**Article VII                      Officers: Duties, Qualifications, and Removal**

**Section 1:                      The Elective Officers**

The Elective Officers of the RNHA Washington shall consist of a Chair, Vice Chair, National Committeeman, National Committeewoman, Secretary and Treasurer. The Elective Officers may also include an Assistant Secretary and an Assistant Treasurer to assist and/or assume the duties of those officers, respectively, in case those officers require assistance or are unable to perform their duties for whatever reasons.

**Section 2:                      Duties of the Elective Officers**

**Section 2a:                      The Chair**

The Chair shall:

- a. fulfill any responsibilities required to accomplish the business of the State Republican Executive Committee;
- b. serve as the official spokesperson of the RNHA Washington;
- c. preside at all regular or special meetings of the Executive Committee of the RNHA Washington;
- d. have primary duty for calling quarterly meetings of the Executive Committee of the RNHA Washington;
- e. make qualified appointments when vacancies occur in the ranks of Elective Officers, with approval of the EC;
- f. appoint Appointive Officers and the Chairmen of all committees of the RNHA Washington, with the approval of the EC;
- g. submit an annual budget, for approval, to the EC;
- h. approve expenditures and bills relating to expenditures that are in accordance with the approved annual budget;
- i. decide whether or not to contract an Executive Director for the RNHA Washington, with the approval of the EC;
- j. appoint, or contract with, an auditor to conduct an audit of the financial records of the RNHA Washington, with the approval of the EC;
- k. interpret or determine criteria to effect good standing in the RNHA Washington for each new calendar year for established and new local chapters;
- l. announce the local chapters that have effected good standing in the RNHA Washington at the State Convention or the first quarterly meeting of the RNHA Washington in a calendar year;
- m. select a State Convention site, based on the report of the Site Selection Committee, with the approval of the EC;
- n. terminate any financial authority in the business of the RNHA Washington, as soon as possible, and transfer that authority to a successor or replacement Chair, when his term expires or upon removal or resignation;
- o. transfer all records, files, property of the RNHA Washington to a successor or replacement Chair, within 30 days of the date his term expires or the date of removal or resignation.

**Section 2b.                      Vice Chair**

The First Vice Chair shall:

- a. have primary responsibility for assisting the Chair to fulfill his/her duties;
- b. temporarily assume the duties of the Chair, in the event that, for a short time, the Chair is indisposed or not available, for any reason;
- c. act as the Temporary Chair, in the event that the Chair resigns, is removed, or, for whatever reason, is no longer available to perform his/her duties;
- d. call for a special State Convention of the RNHA Washington, with EC approval, to nominate and elect a new Chair, if he/she has to serve as the Temporary Chair for a period longer than six months.
- e. perform other duties as assigned by the Chair or the EC.

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**Section 2e. The Secretary**

The Secretary shall:

- a. keep correct minutes of all meetings of the RNHA Washington, as well as State Convention minutes and minutes of any committee to which he/she is assigned by the Chair;
- b. maintain all official correspondence of the RNHA Washington;
- c. disseminate all notices of meetings;
- d. maintain the official calendar for the RNHA Washington;
- e. transfer all records, files and property of the RNHA Washington to a successor or replacement Secretary, within 10 days of the date his term expires or of the date of removal or resignation.

**Section 2f. The National Committeeman and the National Committeewoman**

The National Committeeman and the National Committeewoman shall:

- a. attend the national convention of the RNHA USA, as representatives of RNHA Washington, if RNHA Washington directs that a delegation attend such a convention;
- b. attend the quarterly or regular meetings of the RNHA USA, as representatives of RNHA Washington, if RNHA Washington directs that a delegation attend such meetings.

**Section 2g. The Treasurer**

The Treasurer shall:

- a. oversee the accurate accounting for all funds received and disbursed by the RNHA Washington;
- b. prepare quarterly financial reports for the dissemination to the EC, with such reports illustrating the financial posture of the RNHA Washington;
- c. oversee the preparation and submission of all federal state and local financial reports required for the RNHA Washington;
- d. maintain the primary depository for membership information;
- e. maintain the financial records of the RNHA Washington in a manner and style that would lend those records to inspection by an auditor.
- f. terminate any financial authority in the business of the RNHA Washington, as soon as possible, and transfer that authority to a successor or replacement Treasurer, when his term expires, or upon removal or resignation;
- g. transfer all records, books, checkbooks, files and property of the RNHA Washington to a successor or replacement Treasurer, within 10 days of the date his term expires or of the date of removal or resignation.

**Section 2h. The Assistant Secretary**

The Assistant Secretary shall:

- a. assist the Secretary when requested;
- b. temporarily assume the duties of the Secretary, in the event that, for a short time, the Secretary is indisposed or not available for any reason;
- c. assume the duties of the Secretary in case the Secretary becomes unavailable to serve;
- d. transfer all records, files and property of the RNHA Washington to a successor or replacement Assistant Secretary, within 10 days of the date his term expires or of the date of removal or resignation.

**Section 2i. The Assistant Treasurer**

The Assistant Treasurer shall:

- a. assist the Treasurer when requested;
- b. temporarily assume the duties of the Treasurer, in the event that, for a short time, the Treasurer is indisposed or not available for any reason;
- c. assume the duties of the Treasurer in case the Treasurer becomes unavailable to serve;
- d. terminate any financial authority in the business of the RNHA Washington, as soon as possible, and transfer that authority to a successor or replacement Assistant Treasurer, when his term expires or upon removal or resignation;
- e. transfer all records, books, checkbooks, files and property of the RNHA Washington to a successor or replacement Assistant Treasurer, within 10 days of the date his term expires or of the date of removal or resignation.

**Section 3a: The Appointive Officers**

The Appointive Officers of the RNHA Washington may consist of a General Counsel, a Parliamentarian, a Legislative Director, Regional Directors and an Executive Director. (The Executive Director may, in fact, be a contracted official.)

**Section 3b:**

The Appointive Officers of the RNHA Washington shall be appointed by the Chair, with the approval of the EC. They shall serve at the pleasure of the Chair, except that the Executive Director shall serve under the contractual agreement negotiated by the Chair, and approved by the EC.

**Section 3c: Duties of the Appointive Officers**

The General Counsel shall:

- a. provide legal advice for the RNHA Washington, as directed by the Chair and/or EC;
- b. provide legal services for the RNHA Washington, as directed by the Chair and/or EC.

The Legislative Director shall:

- a. formulate and recommend a legislative agenda for the Chair and EC;
- b. serve as ex-officio member and coordinator of all Special Committees dealing with issues;
- c. chair the Resolutions Committee.

Regional Directors shall develop new RNHA Chapters in those counties that are not served by a local chapter.

The Parliamentarian shall provide guidance and rulings on questions arising from Robert's Rules of Order and basic parliamentary procedures, when requested by the Chair.

**Section 4: Qualifications of Officers**

The qualifications of Elective Officers, in addition to U.S. citizenship, and except for the initial slate of officers, shall include that one year of membership in good standing is required prior to nomination as candidates for elective office. The National Committeeman must be a male, the National Committeewoman must be a female, further, each must be a member of a different local chapter. The Chair, Vice Chair, must each hold membership in different local chapters in order to serve in their respective offices. The General Counsel must have a license to practice law in the state of Washington. The Parliamentarian must have a working knowledge of parliamentary procedures.

**Section 5: Removal of Officers**

Any Elective Officer or Appointive Officer may be removed from office for the following reasons (a) actions prejudicial, or contrary to, or in violation of the Constitution and Bylaws of the RNHA Washington, (b) dereliction of duty, (c) incompetence in office, (d) misappropriation of funds, (e) misconduct in office, or (f) improper or immoral conduct. Charges must be in writing, sworn to by any member of the EC and introduced at a meeting of the EC. A vote to effect removal must be adopted by the EC by 2/3 vote of the members present. An appeal can only be made to a State Convention of the RNHA Washington, where the vote to remove may be repealed by a 2/3 vote of the delegates to the State Convention. Be it noted that an Appointive Officer serves at the pleasure of the Chair and his/her removal does not have to meet the above criteria and is an action without appeal options.

**Article VIII Executive Committee**

**Section 1: Composition**

The Executive Committee, or EC, will function as the board of directors of the RNHA Washington and will exercise all the executive and administrative functions of the organization. The EC will consist of (a) the Chair, (b) the First Vice Chair, (c) the Committeeman, (d) the Committeewoman, (e) the Secretary, (f) the Treasurer and (g) and the chairs of the respective local chapters. In addition, if officers were elected as Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer, then these, too, shall serve as members of the Executive Committee.

Ex-officio, but non-voting, members of the Executive Committee shall include (a) the Executive Director (b) the Appointive Officers and (c) the chairman of the Republican Party of Washington or his/her representative.

**Section 2: Duties**

The Executive Committee shall:

- a. declare vacant the seat of any officer of the RNHA of Washington who refuses to support the Republican nominee for President or Vice President;
- b. not endorse any Republican candidate in a primary election, unless the candidate is unopposed, or a motion to endorse carries by unanimous consent;
- c. not make a financial contribution to any candidate for office, unless that candidate has won the Republican Party primary election, or nomination of the Republican Party; with the exception that such a contribution can be made to a Republican candidate who will be unopposed in the primary election and the filing deadline for office has expired;
- d. determine the amount of the annual dues local chapters should pay, per member, to RNHA Washington;
- e. approve or disapproval of appointments made by the Chair;
- f. approve or disapproval the annual budget submitted by the Chair;

- g. approve or disapproval the employment, on a contracting basis, by the Chair, of an Executive Director for the RNHA Washington;
- h. adjudicate jurisdictional disputes between rival organizers of local chapters;
- i. devise policy to bring defunct chapters back into good standing;
- j. determine the need for an Advisory Board program, on an on-going basis, and develop policy to implement it;
- k. select the delegates/alternates to the RNHA USA Convention;
- l. transact any other business, not herein specified, for the good and welfare of the RNHA Washington.

## **Article IX                      Executive Director**

### **Section 1:                      Qualifications**

The Executive Director must be a Republican and must be a member of the RNHA Washington or become a member before he/she assumes official duties. The Executive Director may or may not be an Elective or Appointed officer of the RNHA Washington, except that he cannot be the Chair or Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer of the RNHA Washington.

### **Section 2:                      Duties**

- a. Shall serve as the agent and operations manager for the RNHA of Washington;
- b. Shall take direction from the Chair on coordinating projects, programs and publicity for the RNHA Washington;
- c. Shall serve as ex officio, non-voting, member of the Standing and Special committees of the RNHA Washington;
- d. Shall work closely with the Legislative Director to help develop and promote issue position papers;
- e. Shall work with the Chair and the Regional Directors to organize and charter new RNHA local chapters;
- f. Shall maintain the back-up depository of membership information;
- g. Shall direct and manage the Advisory Board program for the RNHA Washington;
- h. Shall develop fund-raising programs for the RNHA Washington.

## **Article X                      Standing Committees/Special Committees**

Committee Chairs may appoint members of their committees as long as those members are in good standing with the RNHA of Washington.

### **Section 1:                      Standing Committees**

- a. Site Selection Committee shall recommend the site of the State Convention to the Chair.
- b. Credentials & Membership Committee shall certify the delegates and alternates to the State Convention.
- c. Rules Committee shall determine the rules for conducting the business of the State Convention.
- d. Committee on Arrangements shall plan and manage the programs and functions of the State Convention.
- e. Constitution & Bylaws Committee shall review and propose amendments to, or reconstruction of, the Constitution and Bylaws of the RNHA Washington. This committee will also publish and mail current versions of the Constitution and Bylaws of the RNHA Washington to the local chapters within 45 days of the conclusion of a State Convention.
- f. Resolutions Committee shall report resolutions adopted by committee members to the State Convention.

### **Section 2:                      Special Committees**

- a. The EC shall have to power to establish and dismiss any Special Committee by simple majority vote which serves the best interests of the RNHA Washington.

## **Article XI                      Parliamentary Procedures**

"Robert's Rules of Order," 1990 edition, shall govern in all meetings of the membership of the RNHA Washington. This includes meetings of the Executive Committee, all standing and special committees, sub-committees, and the State Convention. All meetings of the of the membership of the RNHA Washington shall be open meetings, except as provided for by "Robert's Rules of Order."

## **Article XII                      Meetings**

### **Section 1:                      Local Chapters Meetings**

Local chapters shall convene regular meetings, of the whole membership, at least once every sixty days. The local chapters shall convene a meeting during the last quarter of each calendar year for the purposes of election of officers and ratification or reaffirmation of local chapter constitution and bylaws. Furthermore, in years preceding the convening of the State Convention, delegates and alternates to the state convention shall be selected at this meeting. The meeting shall be called by the local chapter chair; or, if he fails to do so, by any other elected officer of the local chapter. Further, all members of a local chapter must be advised about the time, date and place of this meeting through a notice in the mail, at least 7 days before the date of the meeting. The written list of delegates and alternates to a State Convention must include complete home addresses, home phone numbers and email addresses. This information must be provided to RNHA Washington by the local chapters no later than 30 days before the convening of the State Convention. No proxy may be voted at any meeting of a local chapter.

### **Section 2: Executive Committee Meetings**

The Executive Committee shall meet at least quarterly, with a quorum consisting of four (4) Elective Officers and two (2) local chapter chairs. After the State Convention, the first meeting of the EC may take place immediately after the conclusion of the convention, at the convention site, or, within thirty (30) days of the convening of the State Convention. Quarterly meetings and special called meetings of the EC shall be convened by call of the Chair, who must provide at least 12 calendar days' notice by telephone, U.S. mail or email, with such notice requesting an RSVP. Further, such notice must specify place, time and date of the meeting, with an outline of the proposed agenda. No proxy may be voted at any meeting of the EC.

## **Article XIII Conventions**

### **Section 1: State Convention**

The state convention shall be convened once every two years, within one hundred twenty (120) days after the date of each general election. The site and dates of the convention shall be determined by the EC and announced to each convention delegate and alternate, selected by each local chapter, no later than 30 days prior to the convening of the convention. Each local chapter will be entitled to three delegates and three alternates at the state convention, based on a minimum chapter membership of ten (10) voting members. In addition, each chapter will be entitled to 1 more delegate and alternate for each increment of 20 voting members in their membership beyond the minimum chapter membership of ten (10) members. This allocation method of delegates and alternates shall become effective at any and all State Conventions that are convened after January 1, 2002.

No proxy may be voted at the State Convention.

A quorum shall be established if the Credentials & Membership Committee can certify that delegates and/or alternates, from at least 25% of the local chapters in the state, were able to meet the credentials criteria at the convention. The credentials criteria shall include the requirement that delegates and alternates to the State Convention must have paid their dues to the RNHA Washington no later than 30 days before the convening of the State Convention.

The business and conduct of the state convention shall be dictated through the Standing Committees enumerated in Article X, Section 1 of this Constitution and the Standing Rules for state conventions as specified in No. 1 of the Standing Rules.

### **Section 2: National Convention**

The EC will make a determination whether or not to send delegates or alternates to the National Convention of the RNHA USA. If a delegation is approved, the EC will determine a process to select members of the delegation. Delegates and alternates will participate in the National Convention in the manner prescribed in the Constitution and Bylaws of the RNHA USA.

## **Article XIV Elections**

Candidates for Elective Office in the RNHA of Washington shall be nominated from the floor of the State Convention. There shall not be a nominating committee. The elections shall take place at the regularly scheduled State Convention, except that a Special State Convention can be called by the Temporary Chair for the election of a new Chair, in accordance with Article VII, Section 2b. (d). A majority vote of the delegates at the State Convention shall elect candidates for Elective Office.

The terms of the Elective Officers shall be for two years and the terms shall commence immediately upon election. No Elective Officer shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in a respective office. By a 2/3 vote of the delegates at as State Convention, this term limit may be suspended for a particular candidate. Vacancies in the ranks of the Elective Officers shall be processed in accordance with Article VII, Section 2a (e) and Section 2b (c) and (d).

**Article XV                    Advisory Board**

The existence and policy for this program will be determined by the EC. If authorized, the Advisory Board program will be managed by the Executive Director.

**Section 1:                    Objective**

The objective of this program will be twofold. One will be to generate funding and the other will be to provide benefactors of the RNHA Washington access to the leadership and policy-making of the organization.

**Section 2                    Composition**

The Advisory Board will be composed of prominent and high-profile Republican leaders in both the private and public sectors who wish to belong to the Board by making financial contributions to the RNHA Washington, in a fashion and manner to be determined by the EC.

**Article XVI                    Amendments**

**Section 1**

The Constitution & Bylaws, or any part thereof, may only be amended or repealed at a session of the State Convention.

**Section 2**

Proposed amendments to and/or repeal of all or parts of the Constitution & Bylaws must be recommended by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee must submit, in writing, the proposed amendments and/or repeals to the identified delegates and alternates to the State Convention. This notice must be conveyed through the U.S. mail postmarked no later than thirty (30) days prior to the State Convention at which voting on the proposed amendments and/or repeals is to occur. Email transmissions of proposed amendments and/or repeals are also acceptable, provided the email transmissions also are completed in the same time frame and the delegates and alternates have email addresses, otherwise, the mailing must be effected through the U.S. mail. In cases where local chapters fail to provide names and addresses of delegates and alternates 30 days before the State Convention, the notice of amendments and/or repeals may be mailed to the local chapters' official addresses. In the case of amendments to the By-Laws, if a revision is authorized there shall be no other amendments proposed to the existing By-Laws.

**Section 3**

A two-thirds vote (2/3) of the delegates voting at a State Convention shall be necessary to enact amendments to and/or repeals of all or parts of the Constitution & Bylaws.

## **Standing Rules**

*(These Standing Rules may be amended or suspended, without prior notice, by a majority vote during meetings of the Executive Committee, Standing Committees or the State Convention.)*

### **No. 1 State Conventions**

- a. The State Convention shall proceed in the order of business prepared and announced by the Chair, with the approval of the Executive Committee.
- b. The report of the Committee on Credentials and Membership shall be disposed of before any other report at the State Convention.
- c. No persons except credentialed delegates shall be admitted to the section of the convention hall apportioned to delegates.
- d. Guests, Press and staff shall be admitted to the sections of the hall authorized for them.
- e. No delegate shall speak more than once or longer than five (5) minutes during the discussion of a motion or in nominating speeches.
- f. Each delegate to the convention shall be entitled to one (1) vote. Only those members whose dues have been paid at least 30 days before the State Convention will be eligible to vote.
- g. Resolutions must be submitted to the Resolutions Committee, in writing, before the announced deadline for submitting such resolutions. No resolutions shall be introduced from the floor. Minority reports may only be initiated by a member of the Resolutions Committee if he or she has obtained a signature of support from at least 33% of the membership of the committee. However, a motion to suspend the rules shall always be in order but only when made by authority of a majority of the delegates.

### **No. 2 Policy or Issues Positions Announcements**

At the State Conventions, policy or issues positions are adopted by vote of the delegates on the Resolutions Committee Report. Between sessions of the State Conventions, the Chair and the Executive Committee, with input from the Legislative Director and/or Special Committees on issues, have sole responsibility for articulating and announcing policy or issues positions on various issues for the RNHA of Washington. A local chapter, an officer or member of a local chapter, shall not advocate, in a public setting, a contradictory policy or issue position on a subject that has already been addressed by the RNHA Washington.