# **BYLAWS**

#### THE NATIONAL RESIDENCE HALL HONORARY

# **PREAMBLE**

We, the members of the National Residence Hall Honorary, as the honorary branch of the National Association of College and University Residence Halls, Incorporated (NACURH), in order to recognize individuals who contribute outstanding service and who provide important leadership in the advancement of residence hall systems; and to maintain a commitment to scholastic achievement; do hereby ordain and establish these bylaws.

### **ARTICLE I**

#### NAME

The name of this organization shall be the National Residence Hall Honorary, hereinafter referred to as the NRHH.

# ARTICLE II NRHH VALUES

NRHH is a leadership-based honorary comprised off exemplary residential students who value recognition and service.

#### **ARTICLE III**

#### CHAPTER AFFILIATION

- Membership of NRHH shall consist of chapters from colleges and universities, which remain active in this association by:
  - a. Having NACURH affiliation fees on record
  - b. Submitting a Chapter Affiliation Form
  - c. Submitting a Membership List
  - d. Remaining financially solvent with NACURH
- 2. Affiliated chapters of NRHH shall be entitled to one (1) vote at any special or regular meeting, election or on any question that may arise.
- Institutions interested in creating an NRHH chapter must submit an affiliation form, membership list, and a copy of the chapter's proposed constitution to the NACURH

Information Center, hereinafter referred to as the NCO.

- a. Chapter constitutions shall meet all criteria set forth by the NRHH Constitution Checklist, as defined in the NRHH Policy Book.
- b. Chapter constitutions shall be subject to the approval and provisions of the Associate Directors for NRHH (ADNRHH).

#### **ARTICLE IV**

#### RE-AFFILIATION AND STANDING

- Chapters may re-affiliate by completing a NRHH Chapter Affiliation Form, submitting a current Membership list, and a current chapter constitution to the NCO, contingent on approval of institutional affiliation materials and receipt of fees.
- 2. Chapters will be considered in good standing according to the following requirements:
  - a. Affiliation with NRHH
  - Submission of and approval of an updated constitution and a current membership list to the NCO
  - c. Institution in good standing with NACURH, Inc.
  - d. No outstanding debt with NACURH, Inc.
- 3. Chapters considered to be in good standing shall have voting rights.

#### **ARTICLE V**

#### CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

- There shall be four kinds of NRHH
   Membership: Candidate Membership, On Campus Membership, Off-Campus
   Membership, and Lifelong Membership.
- 2. The total membership of a chapter may include up to, but not more than, 1% of the total residence hall population that year, or 20 members, whichever is larger. The total 1%



membership does not include Candidate, Off-Campus, or Lifelong Members.

- a. Residence halls being defined as any college and university housing unit.
- b. The 1% membership cap is defined as a proportion of the total housing census of the residence halls.
- c. Upon request, the NACURH Associate for NRHH (NAN) may exempt a chapter from this requirement, allowing the chapter to exceed the membership cap. Such an exemption is limited to the time period between the request being made and the chapter's next induction ceremony at which time they must return to their membership cap.
- d. To be inducted as an On-Campus
   Member of an NRHH Chapter, Candidate
   Members must meet the following
   requirements:
  - i. On-campus resident at the time of nomination
  - ii. Have lived in one-campus housing for at least one academic term as defined by the affiliated institution
  - iii. Have exhibited outstanding leadership and service to the residence life community
  - iv. Have finished new member education
  - v. Possess at least a 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale, or its equivalency
- 3. Membership selection procedures shall be prescribed in chapter constitutions.
- 4. Anyone who leaves the chapter and institution in institutional good standing and meets the chapter's requirements for membership for life would become a Lifelong Member.

#### **ARTICLE VI**

## NRHH BUSINESS MEETINGS

- Organization-wide meetings of the NRHH shall take place at the Annual NACURH Conference and shall include at least one business meeting.
- This meeting shall be conducted in accordance with the NACURH Governing Documents.

# **ARTICLE VII**

#### **GOVERNANCE**

 The authority of the NRHH shall be vested in the NACURH NRHH Board, hereinafter referred to as the NNB.

# ARTICLE VIII

#### **EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

- The officers of NRHH shall be the NACURH Associate for NRHH and the NACURH NRHH Advisor.
- 2. Duties of the NACURH Associate for NRHH:
  - a. The Associate for NRHH shall administer the affairs of the NRHH.
  - b. The Associate for NRHH shall assist and advise the NNB.
  - c. The Associate for NRHH shall vote in the case of a tie in NRHH business meetings.
  - d. The Associate for NRHH shall determine if a chapter is in good standing.
  - e. The Associate for NRHH shall preside at the meetings of the NRHH and the NNB.
  - f. The Associate for NRHH shall oversee the workings of the Associate Directors for NRHH.
  - g. The Associate for NRHH shall have the authority to call meetings of the NRHH and the NNB.



- h. The Associate for NRHH shall have the power to create and appoint members to NRHH standing and ad-hoc committees.
- The Associate for NRHH shall be responsible for the implementation of any policies and measures of the NNB.
- 3. Duties of the NACURH NRHH Advisor:
  - The NACURH NRHH Advisor shall be responsible for ensuring the policies of the NNB are carried out.
  - The NACURH NRHH Advisor shall be available for consultation on organizational matters at NNB meetings and at and by request.
  - The NACURH NRHH Advisor shall assist and support the NAN in advising the NNB.
  - d. The NACURH NRHH Advisor shall prepare a Semi-Annual and Annual Report as defined by the NACURH policy book.

#### **ARTICLE IX**

#### NACURH NRHH BOARD

- The NNB shall consist of the NAN, NACURH NRHH Advisor, NCO Associate Director for NRHH Operations and Affiliation, hereinafter referred to as ADNOA, and the Associate Directors for NRHH, hereinafter referred to as ADNRHH.
- 2. The NNB shall be empowered to determine general policies of the NRHH.

#### **ARTICLE X**

# ELIGIBILITY & RESPONSIBILITY OF THE NACURH NRHH BOARD

- To remain eligible for the NACURH NRHH Board, a student must:
  - a. Be an on-campus member of an affiliated NRHH Chapter.

- b. Be selected by their respective region before the Annual NACURH Conference.
- c. Currently be living in an "on-campus" living unit. This requirement may be temporarily waived by the NACURH Chairperson in coordination with the NACURH Executive Committee. Considerations for this exemption include, but are not limited to:
  - i. The student's academic program requires off campus living.
  - ii. Institutional housing policies outside of the students' direct control that prohibit on campus living.
- d. Be duly elected or appointed by these bylaws and/or each regional charter.
- e. Read, sign and have notarized a copy of the Corporate Liability Form, which is to be turned in to the NACURH Associate for Administration within thirty (30) days of the NACURH Annual Conference; signature indicates that they are aware of the material contained therein.
- f. Remain enrolled in an institution that is currently a member of good standing of NACURH, unless otherwise stipulated.
- 2. Responsibilities of the NNB:
  - a. Set goals for NRHH.
  - b. Be responsible for the recruitment and retention of chapters.
  - c. Approve chapter constitutions for the purpose of affiliations.
  - d. Maintain the NRHH bylaws and policy book.
  - e. Be responsible for maintaining, updating, and creating NRHH resources.
  - f. Assist the NACURH Board of Directors in the election of the NAN.
  - g. Perform duties assigned to them by the NACURH Executives.



- h. Maintain regular communication with:
  - All regional member institutions and chapters
  - ii. The NACURH Associate for NRHH
  - iii. The NNB

#### **ARTICLE XI**

#### **GOVERNING DOCUMENTS**

- 1. The policy book of NRHH shall be established to further define policies and procedures pertaining to the NRHH.
- Any additions or changes to the policy book shall be approved by a majority vote of the NNB.
- The NAN shall prepare and distribute email legislation to the voting members of the NNB for their consideration and disposition in accordance with the NRHH policy book.
- All changes to the Policy Book shall be reported at the Annual NRHH Business Meeting to the NRHH representatives and the NBD and reported in the NACURH Corporate Report.

#### **ARTICLE XII**

## NRHH REPRESENTATIVES

- Affiliated chapters shall select an NRHH
  Representative who shall serve as a liaison
  between NRHH on the NACURH, Regional,
  and Campus levels.
- 2. The NRHH Representative shall be responsible for submitting materials required for affiliations purposes.
- The NRHH Representative shall have the right to vote on NRHH business as prescribed by governing documents during regional and annual NACURH business meetings.
- 4. The NRHH Representative must be a voting member or Executive Board member of their NRHH Chapter.

a. An exception may be granted if the outgoing NRHH Representative graduated within the last three months and is serving as the voting representative at the NACURH Annual Conference.

## **ARTICLE XIII**

#### **AMMENDMENTS & RATIFICATIONS**

- 1. No changes in the bylaws may occur by phone, electronic communication, or mail ballots.
- Proposed bylaw changes must be presented in writing to the NRHH Representatives at least 24 hours before the NACURH Corporate Business Meeting.
- 3. Bylaws may be amended by the NNB upon a two-thirds (2/3) approving vote of those present and voting; such changes taking effect upon the same concurrence by the NRHH Representatives at the NACURH Corporate Business Meeting. All bylaw changes approved by the NNB must be brought to the floor, discussed and voted on by the NRHH Representatives at the NRHH Annual Business Meeting.
- 4. These bylaws may also be amended by an approving vote of two-thirds (2/3) of a quorum of NRHH Representatives at a regular or special meeting.
- 5. Amendments to these bylaws will become effective immediately upon adoption.
- 6. Ratification of these bylaws will become effective immediately after a two-thirds (2/3) vote by the NNB, and majority vote by NRHH Representatives.

