

University of Northern Colorado RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION Constitution

PREAMBLE

Hereby resolved: We, the members of the University of Northern Colorado (UNC) Residence Hall Association (RHA), help to ensure UNC student success and strive to maintain a positive working relationship between the UNC Department of Housing & Residential Education (HRE) and the students who live in the UNC residence hall system. We strive to do the following: provide communication and promote cooperation between the administration and residents; work toward satisfying the needs of both the residents and HRE; actively and positively participate in campus and community life while encouraging residents to do the same; help develop and recognize leadership in the residence life community; become a widely used resource for residence life; prepare students of residence life to become effective community leaders. To this end, we pledge to uphold this Constitution and work within the parameters of the mission of UNC and HRE.

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Residence Hall Association (RHA).

ARTICLE II - BRAND IDENTITY

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ARTICLE III - AFFILIATION

RHA shall meet all the requirements and maintain good standing with the following organizations:

1. National Association of College and University Residence Halls, Incorporated (NACURH)
2. Intermountain Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls (IACURH)
3. National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH)

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

All UNC students holding an active housing contract for any HRE property, which comprises the residence halls and University-owned apartments and houses, are granted RHA membership. Members shall be entitled to all rights and privileges as outlined in this Constitution. The General Council shall consist of the Executive Board (as defined herein), voted/elected Representatives, and any other student who holds an active housing contract within HRE.

ARTICLE V - REPRESENTATIVE BODY

The General Council shall be entitled to all powers and privileges granted to it by this Constitution.

ARTICLE VI -

The National Residence Hall Honorary Coordinator shall be responsible for NRHH and upholding its constitution and bylaws. The NRHH Coordinator shall also be responsible for NRHH membership and implementing the values of Recognition and Service as they pertain to NRHH.

ARTICLE VII – CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR THE RHA EXECUTIVE BOARD

1. Be a current resident and live in the residence halls.
2. Executives must live in the UNC Residence Halls for at least one semester prior to employment.
3. Maintain full-time student status by carrying and completing a minimum course load of twelve credits/semester, not to exceed 16/sem of

1. Academic Year Compensation for the position consists of a room (guaranteed space but may also have a roommate(s)/suite(s)) in an assigned community & board plan (250 meal plan which includes \$400 Dining Dollars) per semester.
2. Summer Term Compensation will consist of a room (guaranteed space but may also have roommate(s)/suite(s)) & Summer board plan.
3. Staff must maintain the compensation provided as listed above and may not alter the meal plan provided. Financial aid packages may be reduced while employed in this position. It is important to check with the Office of Financial Aid to see how this position may affect financial aid packages. If removed from this position, compensation including room and board will cease on the effective day of termination according to a prorated schedule.
4. HRE reserves the right to change staff room assignments, temporarily or permanently for health, safety, or repair reasons; for the unresolved incompatibility of roommates; or for other administrative reasons.

Compensation for the RHA President shall consist of the following:

1. Academic Year Compensation for the position consists of a room (guaranteed space but may also have a roommate(s)/suite(s)) in an assigned community & board plan (250 meal plan which includes \$400 Dining Dollars) per semester. In addition, the RHA President will be compensated with a \$1,000 yearly stipend, which will be divided and distributed each month throughout the academic year.
2. Summer Term Compensation will consist of a room (guaranteed space but may also have roommate(s)/suite(s)) & Summer board plan.
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Additional compensation for the RHA President, NCC, and NRHH Coordinator shall consist of the following:

1. The RHA President, NRHH Coordinator, and NCC will be compensated with travel and registration costs for the IACURH Regional Business Conference, IACURH Regional Leadership Conference, and the NACURH Annual Conference.

ARTICLE IX - ADVISOR

There will be at least one person employed by HRE to work with RHA as an Advisor. With input and recommendations from the Executive Board, the selection of the Advisor shall be the responsibility of HRE.

ARTICLE X – GENERAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

The RHA General Council shall meet weekly at a place and time determined by the Executive Board. The first meeting of the academic year shall be within thirty days of the first day of class, and the last meeting of the academic year shall be no later than one week before finals week. All General Council meetings shall follow HRE guidelines and policies.

Section A - Quorum

In order to conduct business at each meeting, four of the seven Executives must be present.

1. In the event that the Executive Board has any vacancies, the number of executives required to conduct business must be half of the Executive Board members, plus one additional Executive Board member.

Section B - Order of Authority

If the President is unable to oversee a General Council meeting or an Executive Board meeting

meeting. All other proposals will be voted on at the meeting they are presented at unless voted to be tabled by the General Council.

Section B - Constitutional Amendments

Upon a two-thirds majority vote of the members present, a constitutional amendment may be passed. The Chair shall determine whether the voting method is by hand or ballot.

Section C - Bylaws Amendments

Upon a majority vote of the members present, an amendment to the bylaws may be passed. The Chair shall determine whether the voting method is by hand or ballot.

ARTICLE XIV - COMMITTEE ESTABLISHMENT

Committees can be established if deemed necessary by the General Council, the Executive Board, or the Advisor. In order for a committee to be established, a proposal must be submitted to the President. A committee not outlined in this constitution may be renewed each year. If deemed necessary, an amendment to the bylaws may be introduced to make the committee a standing committee and passed by a simple majority.

ARTICLE XV - Residence Hall Advisory Committees

Each Executive Board Member will direct a Residence Hall Advisory Committee, and the function of the Residence Hall Advisory Committees is stipulated in Chapter Four of the Bylaws.

Section A - Purpose

The purpose of the Residence Hall Advisory Committees is to work with the RHA General Members to facilitate, maintain, and create a sense of community and develop leaders. These Councils shall also work as a part of RHA to ensure the community is developed, facilitated, and impacted campus-wide.

Section B - Duration

The Residence Hall Advisory Committees shall consist of representing members who attend RHA General Meetings. They will occur after RHA General Meetings and their duration is under the discretion of the RHA Executive Board Members running the Committees and the RHA Advisor.

Section C - Membership

All students attending RHA General Meetings are eligible members of a Residence Hall Advisory Committee. Members have the choice of which Committee they would like to attend.

Section D - Operational Procedures

1. Each Residence Hall Advisory Committee under its respective RHA Executive Board member will establish the operational procedures for its Residence Hall Advisory Committee.
2. The Residence Hall Advisory Committee is given to each Executive Board Member based on their position and duties. The assigned Residence Hall Advisory Committees per Executive Board members are as follows:

- a. Advocacy and Service: RHA President and NRHH Coordinator
 - b. Programming and Marketing: PRFC and STEC
 - c. Leadership and Involvement: NCC and LDC
3. Each resident in attendance at Residence Hall Advisory Committees is granted one vote.
- a. Resident Assistants, Community Assistants, Assistant Neighborhood Coordinators, and RHA Executive Board members are not granted the right to

ARTICLE XXI - APPENDICES

1. Glossary

	Organizations
UNC	University of Northern Colorado
RHA	Residence Hall Association
HRE	Department of Housing & Residential Education (UNC)
OFA	Office of Financial Aid (UNC)
SGA	Student Government Association
NACURH	National Association of College and University Residence Halls, Incorporated
IACURH	Intermountain Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls
NRHH	National Residence Hall Honorary
	RHA Board Positions
LDC	Leadership Development Coordinator
NCC	NACURH Communications Coordinator
BATC	Business Administration and Technology Coordinator
STEC	Social and Traditional Events Coordinator
PRFC	Public Relations and Fundraising Coordinator
NRHH Coordinator	National Residence Hall Honorary Coordinator

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