

C O N S T I T U T I O N
OF
RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION
AT
MOREHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY

Article I - Name

The name of this organization shall be the Residence Hall Association at Morehead State University. (Hereinafter referred to as RHA).

Article II - Purposes

The purposes of this organization shall be:

- a. to provide support for the Residence Hall Councils within the limits of this constitution and the regulations of Morehead State University, fully realizing that the powers of making and administering the rules and regulations pertaining to the residence hall belongs to the University.
- b. to exchange ideas, to promote, plan, and implement educational, recreational, social, and cultural programs for fulfilling the needs of residence hall students.
- c. to promote cooperation and communication among members of the residence hall community, Student Association, ADUC Program Council, and the University's faculty, staff, and administration.

Article III - Membership

Membership shall consist of the president and vice president of each residence hall council, and the president of the RHA.

Article IV - Officers and Duties

- Section 1. The officers shall be president, vice president, and secretary-treasurer; and these officers shall constitute the executive committee. The qualifications of the elected officers of the RHA shall be that they must have at the time of their election, a minimum grade point standing of 2.0 in a 4.0 system and shall not be on academic or social probation.

Section 2. Duties.

- a. President - It will be the duty of the president to call and preside at all meetings of the RHA -- both regular and called meetings.
- b. Vice President - It shall be the duty of the vice president to assume the duties of the president in the absence of the president and to succeed the president, if necessary.
- c. Secretary-treasurer - It shall be the duty of the secretary-treasurer to maintain an accurate record of all meetings; to maintain a record of attendance, to handle correspondence of the RHA; and to file with the advisor(s) after each meeting a copy of the RHA minutes and all committee reports.
- d. Executive Committee - It shall be the duties of the executive committee to meet prior to the regular meeting and establish the agenda, and to meet in emergency sessions.

Article V - Advisor(s)

The Associate Director(s) of Student Housing shall serve as advisor(s) to the RHA with no voting privileges.

Article VI - Elections

Section 1. Election of residence hall presidents and vice presidents shall be held as specified in the constitution of each residence hall at Morehead State University.

Section 2. RHA President -

- a. Election of RHA president shall be held in the spring semester during the week prior to the election of residence hall presidents. Election of the RHA president shall be by the RHA membership.
- b. The RHA president shall be elected from RHA membership. Voting shall be by secret ballot.
- c. The term of office shall be from spring semester election to the date of election of RHA president the following spring semester. He/she may not hold a hall office during his/her term as RHA president.

Section 3. RHA Vice President & Secretary-Treasurer -

- a. The RHA vice president and secretary-treasurer shall be elected by secret ballot from the RHA membership at the second meeting of the RHA in the fall semester.
- b. They shall continue to serve their residence hall council positions after their elections to RHA offices.

Section 4. Vacancies -

- a. If the office of president becomes vacant prior to the time of election of vice president and secretary-treasurer in the fall, a president shall then be elected adhering to the election process as authorized in Article V, Section 3, with the term of office ending at the time of spring election of RHA president.
- b. If the office of president becomes vacant after the election of vice president in the fall, the vice president shall become the president.
- c. If the office of vice president or secretary-treasurer becomes vacant, the president may appoint the office with approval of two-thirds of the RHA members present.

Article VII - Meetings

Section 1. The RHA shall meet twice a month during the academic year. The day and time of regular meetings shall be determined at the beginning of the fall semester.

Section 2. A called meeting of the RHA may be called by the president at any time during the year or by a petition of two-thirds of the RHA membership.

Section 3. A quorum shall be a majority of the total RHA membership.

Section 4. Parliamentary Law shall be the latest edition of Sturgis Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure. The president shall appoint a parliamentarian from RHA membership at the second meeting in the fall semester.

Article VIII - Voting

- Section 1. There shall be one vote per hall on amendments and any activities involving individual hall monies. The motion must be presented at one RHA meeting, taken back to hall councils for discussion, and brought back for vote at the next meeting of the RHA.
- Section 2. Other items of business may be voted on by all RHA members present at the time the motion is made.

Article IX - Amendments

- Section 1. An amendment may be proposed by any member of the RHA.
- Section 2. This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the RHA, provided notice of the proposed amendment is given in writing at a preceding regular meeting. The amendment must be presented to each hall council and voted on before being brought back to the RHA for final vote.
- Section 3. Amendments to this constitution must be approved by the Committee on Student Life before becoming effective.