

The Constitution of the Residence Hall Association of Montana State University-Bozeman

ARTICLE I: ORGANIZATION NAME

The name of this organization shall be the "Residence Hall Association of Montana State University-Bozeman." It may be abbreviated as "RHA." The governing body of this organization will be known as "Residence Hall Association Executive Board." It may be abbreviated as "RHA Executive Board."

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The Residence Hall Association has been organized in order to improve the overall quality of life for students living within the residence halls.

It seeks to accomplish this primary goal through the following specific goals:

- SECTION I:** RHA shall provide a platform of representation for on-campus residents with the authority to act on the behalf of all residents regarding interaction with other groups, organizations and administrations.
- SECTION II:** RHA shall organize, implement and promote quality activities, educational programming and services for the on-campus resident population.
- SECTION III:** RHA shall promote personal growth and development by providing continued opportunities for leadership and involvement.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

All Montana State University-Bozeman (MSU-Bozeman) students who live in the residence halls and have paid their social fee for the current semester are enrolled as active members of RHA.

ARTICLE IV: AFFILIATION

The MSU-Bozeman RHA is affiliated with the following organizations:

1. National Association of College and University Residence Halls (NACURH)
2. Intermountain Affiliation of College and University Residence Halls (IACURH)
3. National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH)
4. Montana State University Department of Residence Life
5. Other organizations as described within the Constitutional By-laws

ARTICLE V: ORGANIZATION OF GOVERNMENT

There shall be three levels of government within the RHA. These levels are the Floor, Hall and RHA Executive levels.

SECTION I: Floor RHA

1. Each floor shall have a representative platform.
2. This body will be advised by the floor Resident Advisor(s) and will maintain the office of President. Other offices may be created as a need or interest arises.
3. The Floor RHA shall preside over any of the floor's activities.

SECTION II: Hall Council

1. Each hall shall have a representative platform.
2. This body will be advised by the Hall's Resident Director, Assistant Resident Director or an appointed Resident Advisor.
3. Each hall will maintain the office of President, Vice-President, Vice President of Business, RHA Representative, Social Chair, Sustainability Chair and three Senators. Other offices may be created as a need or interest arises.
4. The Hall Council shall preside over any of the hall's activities.

SECTION III: RHA

1. This body will be advised by the Coordinator of Student Leadership.
2. The RHA will have an Executive Board consisting of seven (7) officers plus one (1) RHA representative from each hall. Other offices may be created at the discretion of the Executive Board.
3. The RHA will preside over any of the campus-wide activities.
4. The RHA will also have a legislature, the RHA Legislature.
5. The RHA Legislature will be comprised of three (3) representatives from each hall and the RHA Executive Board who governs the RHA Legislature.

ARTICLE VI: RHA EXECUTIVE BOARD

The RHA Executive Board shall maintain the following offices:

1. President (1)
2. National Communications Coordinator (NCC) (1)
3. Vice President of Community Outreach (1)
4. Vice President of Business (1)
5. Director of Technology (1)
6. Director of Programming (1)
7. Director of Marketing (1)
8. Hall Council RHA Representatives (8)

ARTICLE VII: RHA LEGISLATURE SECTION I

The legislature for the MSU-Bozeman RHA shall consist of representatives from the following residence halls:

- Hannon / Atkinson Quadrangle (Quads)
- Hapner
- Johnstone / Mullan
- Langford
- North Hedges / Suites
- Roskie
- South Hedges
- Freshman Appartments

SECTION II

Each hall will have three (3) voting members attend each meeting of the RHA Legislature. Meetings are called to order by the RHA President and adjourned by the RHA Legislature.

ARTICLE VIII: ELECTIONS

Elections that will be held throughout the course of the academic year include Fall and Spring elections at the Floor, Hall, and RHA Executive levels. In addition, semester-end Hall RHA Elections may be held. Alternate Elections may be called in case of an emergency.

ARTICLE IX: FUNDING

A social fee shall be charged to all members of RHA at the beginning of each semester. This fee will be distributed for use in the budget voted upon in the RHA Legislature and within individual Hall Council budgets. Fund requests may be made to RHA by Hall Councils and requests may be made to Hall Councils by floor RHAs, other Hall Councils or the RHA.

ARTICLE X: OFFICER CONDUCT

All people holding an officer position at the floor, hall or RHA Excecutive level shall agree to uphold to a high standard of personal conduct. Officers are expected to abide by and uphold the expectations set forth in the Residence Hall Handbook, RHA Constitution and Constitutional By-laws. Failure to do so may result in the removal of the officer from his/her position.

ARTICLE XI: INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM AND RECALL

SECTION I: Initiative

RHA shall have the power of initiative. This power may apply to any matters pertaining to the government of RHA, including action of the RHA Legislature.

SECTION II: Referendum

The RHA Legislature shall have the power of referendum. A referendum may be held on any matter pertaining to the government of the RHA.

SECTION III: Recall

RHA shall have the authority to recall any member of the RHA Legislature.

ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Constitution shall be voted upon by the RHA membership. This vote shall follow the guidelines for elections in the Constitution and Constitutional By-laws. Amendments to the By-laws shall be voted upon by the RHA Legislature.

ARTICLE XIII: RATIFICATION AND ENACTMENT

A vote shall be put forth to the IRHA Legislature for adoption of the Constitution of the Residence Hall Association of Montana State University-Bozeman. This Constitution, dated March 25, 2010 shall supersede all previous constitutions and shall become effective with 1) two-thirds (67%) majority of ballots cast in favor of ratification and enactment 2) the signatures of the President of RHA and the Vice-President of Business to verify the vote and 3) the signature of the Coordinator of Student Leadership to finalize ratification.

Tannur Oakes, RHA President	Date
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Wesley Turner, RHA VP of Buisness	Date
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Ryan Drake, Coordinator of Student Leadership	Date
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