

Augustana
College

Constitution

of the

Residence Hall Association

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residence hall association

Article I: Name

The name of this association is the Residence Hall Association, hereafter referred to as RHA.

Article II: Purpose

The purpose of RHA shall be to represent residents' ideas and concerns, to provide diverse social, educational, and philanthropic programs within the residence halls, to facilitate the recognition of residence hall leaders, and to otherwise improve residential life by facilitating the ideas and suggestions of the students of Augustana College.

Article III: Membership and Term of Office

Section I: General Membership

The membership of the RHA shall consist of all students living in the area that each RHA represents.

Section II: Officers

Clause I: The officers of RHA shall consist of those residents elected in accordance with this Constitution, including, but not limited to, the President, Vice President, ASA Representative, Communications Coordinator, and Programming Coordinator.

Clause II: All elected Officers of RHA shall be currently enrolled students at Augustana College, shall remain in good academic standing, and shall live in the residence that corresponds to their position

Section III: Peer Advisors and ASA Senators

No residence life student staff member or ASA Senator shall be eligible for any position within the RHA, with the exception of the ASA Representative, who is voted into the RHA during the ASA fall election.

Section IV: Advisors

Returning Peer Advisors (RPAs) shall act as advisors to the RHA of the building they live in. RPAs act as ex officio members of the RHA, and do not hold voting privileges.

Section V: Term of Office

The term of office for an officer shall commence upon the selection of the voting constituents of his or her residence. The term of office shall conclude at the end of the academic year.

Section VI: Elections

Clause I: Voting by Residence. Candidates seeking membership in the RHA are only eligible for candidacy for the residence of which they reside. Constituents may only vote for candidates of their residence.

Article IV: Duties of Officers

Section I: Duties and responsibilities of the President

Clause I: The RHA President shall serve as the primary student representative of the RHA.

Clause II: The President shall preside at all RHA meetings.

Clause III: The President shall create detailed agendas for all sessions of the RHA.

Clause IV: The President shall establish and direct committees of RHA as necessary.

Clause V: The President shall collaborate with officers of the other RHAs.

Clause VI: The President shall make his or herself available to the residents and act as the face of the association.

Section II: Duties and responsibilities of the Vice President

Clause I: The RHA Vice President shall serve as appointed representative to committees in the President's stead.

Clause II: The Vice President shall oversee all officer training and development, including retreats, Fall and Spring training sessions and ongoing leadership development sessions.

Clause III: The Vice President shall oversee the expenditure of funds by the Programming Coordinator.

Clause IV: The Vice President shall collaborate with officers of the other RHAs.

Section III: Duties and responsibilities of the ASA Representative

Clause I: The RHA ASA Representative shall serve as the communicator between ASA and RHA.

Clause II: The ASA Representative shall attend all ASA meetings, as outlined in the ASA constitution.

Clause III: The ASA Representative shall communicate all pertinent information with the RHA they represent.

Clause IV: The ASA Representative shall update the ASA on events and information regarding the RHA.

Section IV: Duties and responsibilities of the Communications Coordinator

Clause I: The RHA Communications Coordinator shall be the primary communicator of events and information for the RHA.

Clause II: The Communications Coordinator shall email surveys and information to the residents of the community as necessary.

Clause III: The Communications Coordinator shall work with the Programming Coordinator to advertise for upcoming events.

Section V: Duties and responsibilities of the Programming Coordinator

Clause I: The RHA Programming Coordinator shall coordinate events and activities sponsored by the RHA.

Clause II: The Programming Coordinator shall have the power to establish committees as necessary to plan events.

Clause III: The Programming Coordinator shall collaborate with other RHAs to plan events for the larger Augustana Community.