

Article I - Name

The name of this organization shall be the Order of the Blue and White of the National Residence Hall Honorary, hereafter referred to as NRHH.

Article II - Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to recognize those individuals who have demonstrated positive leadership and outstanding service to residence hall life at Georgia Southern University and to serve as a stimulus for developing residence hall involvement. Through these stated purposes, the NRHH strives to improve the quality of residence hall life on the Georgia Southern University campus. This organization is not a profit organization.

Article III - Membership

Section A - Types of Membership

This organization shall consist of Active Members, Inactive Members, Alumni Members, and Honorary Members.

Section B - Qualifications and Responsibilities for Membership

1. **Active Membership**
 - a. Active members shall be selected through a selection process, described in Article IV of this constitution.
 - b. Must currently live on the Georgia Southern University campus in a residence hall.
 - c. Must be a full time student, as defined by the Registrar's office.
 - d. Must have paid dues as set by the executive board, if necessary.
2. **Inactive Membership**
 - a. Inactive members are former active members that have not paid dues, if necessary.
 - b. Inactive members may become active by meeting the qualifications for active membership set forth by the Executive Board.
3. **Active-Alumni Membership**
 - a. Active-Alumni members are former active members who have moved off campus.
4. **Alumni Membership**
 - a. Alumni members are former active or inactive members no longer attending Georgia Southern University.
5. **Honorary Membership**
 - a. Honorary members are members who do not meet the initial qualification requirements.
 - b. Honorary members are chosen by the Active membership during the selection process.
 - c. Honorary membership is intended to recognize those members of the Georgia Southern University community who have actively contributed to Residence Life.

Section C - Membership Cap

1. Membership in NRHH is limited to 1% of the total resident population at Georgia Southern University as determined by the University Housing. This limit shall apply to the sum of Active and Inactive membership. This limit shall determine the number of spaces open to the selection process.
2. There is no limit on the number of Active-Alumni, Alumni, and Honorary members.
3. Should a person who is a member of a NRHH chapter at another NACURH NRHH affiliated school transfer to Georgia Southern University, and live on Campus, they shall be automatically declared a member of NRHH. Should this person cause the cap to be exceeded, special dispensation must be sought according to the terms of the National NRHH Policy Book.
4. The number of honorary members a chapter shall be able to induct per academic year will not exceed 10% of the chapter's membership cap.
5. Students currently living in the residence halls and students not meeting the GPA requirements may not be considered as honorary members.

Article IV - Selection of New Members

Section A - Selection Committee

1. Application and letters of support

- a. The selection committee shall be composed of any interested active and active-alumni members of NRHH.
 - b. The Vice President of Selection shall chair the committee.
2. Powers and Duties
- The Selection Committee shall be responsible for:*
- a. Creating the advertising process.
 - b. Distribution, collection, compilation, and destruction of all selection materials.
 - c. Enforcing the rules and procedures for selection as laid out by Article IV, Section B.

Section B – Selection Process

- 1. Selection Process
 - a. Once the selection committee sets the schedule, it must be approved at a NRHH meeting by a majority vote. This schedule must be set by the first general meeting in October and the first general meeting in March.
 - b. Once the schedule is set, it may not be deviated from, without advance notification of NRHH.
- 2. Nomination Forms
 - a. Nomination forms shall be distributed to:
 - i. Active NRHH Members
 - ii. Honorary NRHH Members
 - iii. Housing Professional Staff
 - iv. Housing Graduate Staff
 - v. RHPC Executive Board
 - vi. Area Government Presidents
 - vii. Any other person as deemed appropriate by the selection committee
 - b. Nominations shall be made in concurrence with the form(s) approved by the selection committee.
 - c. The due date of the nomination forms must be more than one week after the date of distribution.
 - d. Individuals cannot nominate themselves for NRHH.
- 3. Eligibility for Selection

In order to be selected into NRHH, a nominee must:

 - a. Possess minimum 2.25 GPA.
 - b. Live in the Residence Halls.
 - c. Must not currently be on conduct probation at Georgia Southern University.
 - d. Have completed at least two semesters (including the current semester) of service to Residence Halls and has completed at least one semester of service at Georgia Southern University.
- 4. Application Forms
 - a. Application forms shall be sent to all eligible nominees.
 - b. Applications must be submitted on a form approved by the selection committee.
 - c. Two recommendation forms shall be required. One shall be from someone who has supervised and/or worked with the nominee and one from someone in a Residence Hall setting:
 - i. Any housing professional or graduate staff member.
 - ii. Any member of the RHPC Executive Board, active NRHH member, or Action Team president.
 - d. All forms must be turned in by the deadline established by the tapping committee. Any exceptions must be approved in advance by the selection committee.
- 5. Selection Meeting
 - a. Selection shall be held at a special meeting chaired by the Vice President of Selection.
 - b. Quorum for this meeting shall be 50% of the Active members of NRHH involved with the selection committee. Active-alumni shall not be used in calculating quorum.

- c. A nominee must receive at least a 2/3 majority vote of all voting members at the selection meeting to be inducted.
 - d. Voting procedures shall be left to the discretion of the selection committee.
 - e. In the event that more nominees apply than seats are available, those nominees with the highest vote ratio (Affirmative/Negative) shall be inducted. In the event that there are still too many nominees, there shall be a revote on those who created the tie.
 - f. No more than 75% of the open seats shall be filled in the Fall selection process, to ensure a spring process.
6. Selection Notification
- a. Nominees for selection will be notified of their status within one week of the completion of the Selection Meeting.

Article V - Executive Board

Section A - Overview

The officers of NRHH shall be the CEO, Senior VP of Organizational Structure and Leadership, Senior VP of Administrative Services, Senior VP of Finance, Senior VP of Recognition, Senior VP of Selection, and Senior VP of Service.

Section B - Qualifications

- 1. Must be an Active member in NRHH.
 - a. The residency requirement may be suspended by a 2/3 majority vote at a general meeting with the exception of the Presidency.
- 2. Must meet all requirements of Georgia Southern University and University Housing for leadership positions.
- 3. May not hold any office in the RHPC or other campus Executive Board, without prior permission from their current NRHH Advisor.

Section C - Officers

1. CEO of NRHH

The powers and duties of the president shall be:

- a. To preside at all regular, special, and executive meetings.
- b. To represent NRHH, Georgia Southern University, University Housing, and the community.
- c. To serve as the primary liaison to the regional and national NRHH officers.
- d. To serve as, or appoint, the NRHH representative to all state, regional, and national conferences.
- e. To ensure NRHH maintains good standing with NRHH, SAACURH, NACURH, and Georgia Southern University.
- f. To uphold this constitution.
- g. To be non-voting ex-officio member of all committees.
- h. To appoint, remove, or oversee committee chairs. This duty can be delegated to another Executive Board officer at the discretion of the CEO.

2. Senior Vice President of Organizational Structure and Leadership

The powers and duties shall be:

- a. To act in the capacity of the President in their absence.
- b. To coordinate communication with various committee Vice Presidents'.
- c. To coordinate the constitutional revision process.
- d. To serve as parliamentarian at all meetings.

3. Senior VP of Finance

The duties shall be:

- a. To handle all financial matters of NRHH.
- b. Update membership on weekly budget.
- c. Work with the NRHH Advisor on reconciling the budget bi-weekly.
- d. To organize the annual t-shirt order/collection of money.

4. Senior VP of Administrative Services

The duties shall be:

- a. To take and make available minutes at all meetings
- b. To coordinate publicity.
- c. To maintain an accurate listing of all members.

5. Senior VP of Recognition

The duties shall be:

- a. To coordinate the campus OTM process.
 - b. To submit winning OTMs at the state and regional level.
 - c. To be responsible for recognition items for members of NRHH.
6. Senior VP of Service
The duties shall be:
- a. To coordinate community service opportunities.
 - b. To work with local non-profit organizations and agencies.
 - c. Provide at least two large scale service projects each semester.
7. Senior VP of Selection
The duties shall be:
- a. Coordinate the selection process.
 - b. Coordinate the induction ceremonies
 - c. Provide development activities for membership.
8. Advisor of NRHH
The duties of the Advisor shall be:
- a. To advise all officers of NRHH.
 - b. To evaluate the actions of NRHH to ensure compliance with all applicable regulations.
 - c. To hold bi-weekly meetings with the president.
 - d. To provide a historical perspective.
 - e. To attend all general meetings.
 - f. To attend, when practical and possible, state, regional, and national conferences to assist the NRHH representative.
 - g. The Advisor shall be appointed by University Housing on a yearly basis.

Section D - Election of Officers

- 1. The Executive Officers shall be elected during the first general meeting after spring induction.
- 2. Officers shall take office at the last meeting of the semester.
- 3. The term of office shall be from Spring Induction to the following Spring Induction of the next year. If a Spring Induction is not held, the term of office shall begin 2 weeks after the elections.
- 4. Election Process
*Elections shall take place in the following order:
(Based on the order in Article V.)*
 - a. Nominations shall be taken from active members at the election meeting. Should no qualified candidate accept nomination for an office, its election shall move to the end of the process.
 - b. Officers must be elected by simple majority of all voting members present at the elections.
 - c. All votes will be taken by secret ballot.
 - d. In the event of a tie, an immediate run-off election shall be held between the top two vote receivers.
 - e. The executive board shall decide the exact procedure for elections.
- 5. Should no qualified candidate accept nomination by the end of the election process, the new executive board shall hold interviews and appoint an officer.
- 6. University Housing shall appoint the advisor.

Section E- Vacancy of Office

- 1. Should the office of the CEO become vacant, the Senior Vice President of Organizational Structure and Leadership shall be appointed.
- 2. Executive Board Appointment
 - a. In the event that an Officer leaves office, the Executive Board shall appoint an Active or Active-Alumni member to finish that office's term.
 - b. This appointment shall be made within two weeks following the office's vacancy.
 - c. Approval of this appointment shall be made by the membership, with a vote of 50% plus one of the voting members present.
 - d. In the event that the approval is not granted, the floor shall be opened for nominations, and an election shall be held.
 - e. This election shall be governed by the election code in Article V, Section D.

Section F- Removal of Officers

- 1. Grounds for impeachment of the officers of NRHH shall be:
 - a. Misfeasance- the performance of a lawful action in an illegal or improper manner

- b. Malfeasance- wrongful conduct especially by a public official
- c. Nonfeasance- failure to perform the assigned
- 2. Any active member may move for the impeachment of an Executive Board member.
- 3. The member recommending the impeachment of an Executive Board member must submit a written statement to the CEO, or the highest-ranking officer not accused, consisting of reasons for removal and the signatures of 20% of the current active voting membership. A copy of this statement shall be delivered to the Executive Board member in question and the Advisor at least one week prior to the statement's presentation at the next general meeting.
- 4. In order for the impeachment proceedings to proceed, the matter of impeachment must be presented at the next general meeting. The CEO, or the highest-ranking officer not accused, must call a special meeting. This meeting must be approved by a simple majority of the voting membership. The meeting must occur within one week of the general meeting and may be held concurrently with the general meeting.
- 5. The Executive Board member in question may speak to the general membership on his/her behalf and may present any witnesses he/she desires.
- 6. A 2/3 majority of active voting members present is required to remove a person.
- 7. Any impeached officer can be reinstated by a 4/5 vote of the active membership.

Article VI - Committees

Section A - Standing Committees

- 1. The CEO shall appoint all committee chairs with the concurrence of the Executive Board.
- 2. In the case of a committee chair vacancy, the CEO shall appoint a committee chair from the active and active-alumni membership within two weeks of the vacancy.
- 3. Should the CEO not be able to find a suitable appointment, the CEO may appoint an executive board member to be the committee chair until the next induction.
- 4. The standing committees of NRHH shall be Selection, Recognition, Service, and Historian.
- 5. Ad-Hoc committees may be appointed at any time by the CEO, or by a majority vote of NRHH.

Article VII - Parliamentary Procedures

- 1. All rules of parliamentary procedure shall be decided by the chair's interpretation of *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*.
- 2. Quorum for all meetings, except where otherwise noted, shall be 50% of the active membership.

Article VIII – Ethical Considerations

- 1. The National Residence Hall Honorary shall not haze any prospective, current or previous member for the purpose of admission into or affiliation with the organization. NRHH shall follow the guidelines set forth in student conduct code at Georgia Southern University.
- 2. Members of the NRHH are free to leave or dissociate without fear of retribution or harassment.
- 3. NRHH shall not discriminate based on race, gender, age, ethnicity, able-bodiedness, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, or religious affiliation.

Article IX – Affiliations

- 1. NRHH shall be a dues-paying member of the National Office of NRHH.
- 2. NRHH shall remain in good standing with the National NRHH and the National Association of College and University Residence Halls (NACURH).

Article X - Amendments

- 1. Any amendments to this Constitution must be announced and presented to the NRHH membership at least one week prior to the meeting at which it will be voted on.
- 2. Amendments must be presented in writing at the meeting.
- 3. Any amendments must pass by a ¾ vote of active members present.

Article XI - Constitution

- 1. This constitution shall replace and supercede all previous constitutions of the Order of the Blue and White chapter of NRHH at Georgia Southern University.
- 2. This constitution shall be ratified upon a ¾ vote of the active NRHH body, as defined in this constitution at 2 consecutive meetings of NRHH.