

BYLAWS  
SOUTHCENTRAL CHAPTER  
OF THE  
RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES OF ALASKA  
APEA/AFT, AFL-CIO  
LOCAL 4900R

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Article I  
NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Retired Public Employees of Alaska, Southcentral Chapter.

Article II  
OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Southcentral Chapter are to support the aims and objectives of the Retired Public Employees of Alaska (RPEA), and to support programs that will advance the best interest of our members, including, but not limited to:

- a. keeping informed on issues which might impact the health and welfare of members, including, but not limited to pensions, medical insurance, social security, and taxes.
- b. sharing information about these issues with the members.
- c. obtaining input from members about their concerns, and taking action when appropriate.
- d. seeking amicable relationships with other RPEA Chapters, as well as the appropriate agencies and boards.

Article III  
MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Regular Members

Any public employee who retired under the State of Alaska Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) or the Teacher Retirement System (TRS) may become a member of RPEA. Any dues paying member of RPEA who is not a member of another RPEA chapter is entitled to membership in the Southcentral Chapter.

Section 2. Associate Members

Current public employees may become associate members of the Southcentral Chapter. Associate members may not vote or hold office.

Section 3. Spouses of Regular Members

Spouses of members in good standing are included as members, but without a vote. The surviving spouses of any regular members may continue membership and spouses' voting rights by continuing to pay dues to the parent organization.

Article IV  
OFFICERS

Section 1. Chapter Officers

Southcentral Chapter shall elect the following officers:

1. Chair
2. Vice Chair
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer

Section 2. Duties of Chapter officers:

- a. The Chapter Chair presides over membership and board meetings and sets agendas. Chair serves ex officio on all committees but Nominations and holds a voting seat on the State RPEA Board.
- b. The Vice Chair acts in the absence of the Chair.
- c. The Secretary is responsible for the minutes of the membership and chapter board meetings and alerts the Chair about unfinished business.
- d. The Treasurer is responsible for all funds, maintains a permanent record of all moneys received and paid out, reports to the membership and the board at meetings and cooperates with the annual audit.

Section 3. Term of Office

Chapter officers shall serve for a term of two (2) years.

Section 4. Conflict of Interest

No elected officer of the Chapter shall hold an elective office in RPEA.

Section 5. Vacancies

Any vacancy occurring among the officers or committee Chairs shall be filled by appointment of the Chair, with concurrence of a majority of the rest of the Chapter Board. The person filling the vacancy shall serve the remaining term of office.

Article V  
COMMITTEES

Section 1. Standing Committees

The Chapter shall have the following standing committees:

- a. Legislative
- b. Membership
- c. Medical
- d. Program
- e. Hospitality
- f. Communications

Members at Large (3)

Section 2. Standing Committee Chairs

Standing Committee Chairs shall report to the Chapter Board and the membership on the activities of their Committees.

Section 3. Organizational Unity

Each committee shall act in coordination with related RPEA Committees so that RPEA presents a unified approach. Each shall work in cooperation with statewide committees, addressing area-specific concerns when necessary.

Section 4. Ad Hoc Committees

Ad hoc committees shall be created on an as needed basis by the Chair with concurrence of the Chapter Board.

Article VI  
CHAPTER BOARD

Section 1. Membership

The Chapter Board shall include the elected officers and Standing Committee Chairs designated in Article V.

Section 2. Meetings

- a. No fewer than six (6) Chapter Board meetings shall be held each fiscal year.
- b. The time and location of Chapter Board meetings shall be at the discretion of the Board.
- c. The Chair, with the consent of a majority of the other Board officers, may call a special meeting as needed.
- d. Six members of the Chapter Board shall constitute a quorum.

Article VII  
NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. Chapter Elections

Elections shall be held in even numbered years.

Section 2. Election Procedures

The Nominating Committee shall conduct all elections.

- a. The Nominating Committee Chair shall notify all members in April concerning the opening of nominations for officers and shall invite members to submit nominations.
- b. The Nominating Committee Chair shall present a slate of officers to the membership at the June meeting. Nominations from the floor will be entertained at this meeting. The election of officers shall be held by secret ballot or acclamation and acceptance of the slate presented. The votes will be tallied by the Nominating Committee and the results presented to the membership. The candidates for office receiving a majority of votes cast shall be declared elected and shall assume office July 1.
- c. A person must be a member in good standing with RPEA and the Chapter to be elected or hold office.
- d. A list of elected officers shall be distributed to the RPEA Chapter Board and made available to members upon request.

Section 3. Recall Procedures

A petition to recall an officer must be signed by at least twenty Chapter members, and shall be submitted to the Chapter Board. The Board shall address the matter within 15 days and shall take appropriate action within 45 days from receipt of the petition.

Should the recalled officer wish to appeal a Board decision then the question shall be submitted to the membership. If the recall is presented to the membership, it must state both the reason for the recall and the officer's response to those allegations.

Article VIII  
CHAPTER MEETINGS

Section 1. Membership Meetings

- a. Regular meetings may be held at such intervals as the Chapter may desire but no fewer than six (6) times a year.
- b. The time and location of meetings shall be at the discretion of the Chapter.
- c. Minutes of all Chapter meetings shall be filed at RPEA headquarters within 30 days after the meeting.
- d. Minutes of Chapter meetings shall be sent to Webmaster for posting within 30 days after the meeting.
- e. The Chapter Chair, with the consent of a majority of the other Chapter officers, may call a special meeting.
- f. Twelve (12) members of the Chapter shall constitute a quorum.

Section 2. Chapter Policy

The Southcentral Chapter shall take no action in opposition to the policies and directions of RPEA. If any such conflicts do arise, then the bylaws of RPEA shall rule.

Article IX  
BIENNIAL CONVENTION

Section 1. Biennial Convention

The Chapter shall provide information to the State Board on any ideas, goals and priorities as expressed by members of the Chapter.

Section 2. Chapter Delegate(s)

- a. The Chapter shall be represented by the current Chair and will elect delegates and alternates (number to be specified by the State Board) to the Biennial Convention through secret ballot or acclamation of the members.
- b. Delegates shall attend the meeting on behalf of the Chapter and shall be responsible for presenting and supporting the Chapter's views.

Article X  
FINANCES

Section 1. Dues

- a. The annual dues of RPEA shall be set by State RPEA.
- b. Southcentral Chapter sets its own dues structure. The dues structure shall be voted on by the membership.

Section 2. Southcentral Chapter Funds

- a. Funds provided by State RPEA shall be used for postage, office supplies and other related expenses.
- b. The Chapter Treasurer shall deposit funds in a local bank account, and checks shall require two signatures.
- c. The Chapter Chair, Treasurer and two other Board members shall have the authority to sign on the account.
- d. The Treasurer shall provide a financial report at each Board and Chapter meeting.
- e. All requests for reimbursement shall be accompanied by supporting receipts.
- f. There shall be an annual audit of the Chapter's finances.

Section 3. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Southcentral Chapter shall be from July 1 to June 30.

Section 4. Dissolution

In the event the Southcentral Chapter dissolves, any moneys remaining in the Chapter account shall be turned over to the State RPEA organization.

Article XI  
PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

Parliamentary procedure not specifically provided for in these Bylaws shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, most recent edition available.

Article XII  
AMENDMENTS *and* REVISIONS

Amendments and revisions to these bylaws shall be considered at a regular membership meeting. Members must receive notice of the proposed amendment 30 days prior to the date on which the amendment is voted. Amendments and revisions will be effective immediately upon their approval at the Chapter meeting in which they were considered. Copies will be made available on request.

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