

**BYLAWS**  
**Nebraska Hospital Association**  
**Political Action Committee**

**ARTICLE I**

**Name**

The name of this association shall be the Nebraska Hospital Association Political Action Committee (hereinafter "NHA PAC").

**ARTICLE II**

**Principal Office and Address**

The principal office of the NHA PAC shall be located at 3255 Salt Creek Circle, Suite 100, Lincoln, Nebraska.

**ARTICLE III**

**Organization**

The NHA PAC shall be a voluntary, nonprofit, unincorporated association operating as a separate, segregated fund of the Nebraska Hospital Association (NHA).

**ARTICLE IV**

**Purposes and Powers**

Section 1. The purposes of the NHA PAC are to:

- A. Promote and strive for the improvement of government by encouraging members of the health care industry in Nebraska to take a more active role in the affairs of state and federal government;
- B. Educate candidates for elective offices of the challenges and goals of the health care industry; and
- C. Provide the opportunity for individuals interested in and concerned with the future of the health care industry to contribute to the support of candidates who will work for the principles to which the industry is dedicated.

Section 2. The NHA PAC is empowered to:

- A. Solicit, directly and indirectly, and accept voluntary contributions and to make expenditures and disbursements in connection with the selection, nomination or election of any candidate to elective office;
- B. Delegate to its members, officers and advisory committees, if any are established, all of the powers and privileges set forth herein;
- C. Set basic policies with respect to the solicitation, acceptance and disbursement of funds by the NHA PAC; and
- D. Determine the organization, staffing and procedures relating to the collection, custody and distribution of funds, including decisions regarding the amount of all expenditures and disbursements by the NHA PAC for its administration and for candidates, political committees and purposes described in Section 1 of Article IV hereof, and to generally administer, manage and supervise the staff, if any, and the affairs of the NHA PAC.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **Steering Committee Membership**

Section 1. Subject to Article VII of these Bylaws, members of the NHA PAC Steering Committee (hereinafter "Committee") shall be appointed by the Nebraska Hospital Association Board of Directors. Such membership shall be as follows:

- A. The immediate past chair of the NHA Board of Directors shall serve as chair of the Committee for one year;
- B. Two member hospital representatives from each of the five NHA hospital districts;
- C. Two at-large member hospital representatives;
- D. The president of the NHA; and
- E. One member of the NHA staff who shall serve as Treasurer.

Section 2. The term of membership on the Committee shall be for three years. Members shall be limited to serving two consecutive terms, provided, however, that eligibility for membership shall again be established after a one-year absence from such membership.

Section 3. The member hospital representatives on the Committee from each of the five NHA hospital districts shall be appointed for staggered terms of three years. To achieve staggered terms, the initial appointment of these members will be as follows: three for terms of one year, three for terms of two years and four for terms of three years.

Section 4. The initial two at-large members shall be appointed to staggered terms. One such member will serve a term ending in 2012; the other at-large member will serve a term ending in 2013. Subsequent at-large members will serve three year terms.

Section 5. Any vacancy in the Committee caused by death, resignation, removal, disqualification or otherwise may be filled by the Committee for the unexpired portion of the term.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **Solicitation, Contributions and Participation**

Section 1. The NHA PAC is authorized to solicit and accept contributions from any person or entity from which contributions may be lawfully solicited and accepted.

Section 2. All contributions to the NHA PAC shall be voluntary. No contribution to the NHA PAC may be solicited or secured by any form of coercion, reprisal or discrimination or threat thereof as a condition of employment.

Section 3. No contribution shall be accepted and no expenditure shall be made, by or on behalf of the NHA PAC at a time when there is a vacancy in either the office of Chair or Treasurer of the NHA PAC.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **Advisory Committees**

The membership of the Committee is authorized to appoint such advisory committees deemed necessary to assist in the performance of any of the functions of the Committee.

**ARTICLE VIII**

**Officers**

Section 1. The officers of the Committee shall be a Chair and Treasurer. The Chair and Treasurer shall be appointed by the NHA Board of Directors.

Section 2. The Chair of the Committee shall preside at all Committee meetings. Should a vacancy occur in the office of Chair, the NHA Board of Directors shall appoint a new Chair. For purposes of compliance with all applicable accountability and disclosure reporting requirements, the Chair may delegate his/her responsibilities to the President of the NHA.

Section 3. The Treasurer shall be the chief financial officer of the NHA PAC; shall keep the financial and other records of the NHA PAC; shall comply with all applicable requirements and regulations imposed by law; and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the NHA Board of Directors or the Chair of the Committee.

Section 4. The President of the NHA shall prepare an agenda for each meeting of the Committee; shall be responsible for the minutes of each Committee meeting; and shall perform other duties as assigned by the NHA Board of Directors or the Chair of the Committee.

Section 5. Any officer or any member of the Committee may be removed without cause by resolution of the Committee.

**ARTICLE IX**

**Adoption and Amendments**

Section 1. The establishment of this Committee shall be effective upon appointment of a Chair and Treasurer.

Section 2. These bylaws may be amended by the majority vote of the Committee.

**ARTICLE X**

**Dissolution**

The NHA PAC may be dissolved at any time by resolution of the Committee. In the event of such dissolution, all property and assets under the control of the NHA PAC shall be promptly distributed as determined by resolution of the Committee consistent with the purposes set forth in Article IV of these bylaws and in accordance with all applicable laws.

**APPROVAL**

Approved by the NHA Board of Directors

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Vic Lee, Chair, NHA Board of Directors      Date

Approved by the NHA PAC Steering Committee

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Ron Cork, Chair, NHA PAC Steering Committee      Date