

Article VIII. Advisory Council

Section 1. An Advisory Council is established for the ongoing purposes of fostering communication, the resolution of issues and concerns which may arise and training among the Society's Board of Directors, the Society's chapters, and the members. The National officers shall seek the views of the Council on matters of importance to members, and the Council shall be given the views of the officers and staff of the Society. The Advisory Council may also make recommendations to the Board of Directors of the Society that certain actions be taken or refrain from being taken.

Section 2. Meetings of the Advisory Council shall be open to all members of the Society. Each meeting of the Advisory Council shall include a time period allocated for Society members to address the Council.

Section 3. Each chapter shall select a member in good standing of the Society, and of the chapter, as its National Representative. The election or appointment of the chapter's National Representative and the term of office shall be left to the governance structure of the chapter, provided that the selection of the National Representative is not governed by race, color, gender, religious affiliation or lack thereof, national origin, sexual orientation or age. The National Representative shall not be a member of the Board of Directors of the Society. The National Representative shall represent his constituency on the Advisory Council.

Section 4. In the event that a Chapter's National Representative is unable to attend any meeting of the Advisory Council, the Chapter, acting through its President or another individual with executive authority, may appoint a member in good standing to act as its Alternate Representative at the aforementioned meeting. The Alternate Representative shall have the duties and responsibilities of the National Representative for the term appointed. All persons serving as an Alternate Representative shall not be members of the Board of Directors of the Society.

Section 5. The Advisory Council shall meet at times and places that shall be set by the President, or pursuant to order of the Board of Directors, after consultation with the Advisory Council. These meetings shall take place at least two (2) times per year. Additional meetings of the Advisory Council shall be called by the Secretary, upon motion of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall direct not less than three Directors in addition to the Presiding officer of the Advisory Council to attend the Advisory Council meetings.

Section 6. The Secretary shall maintain the roll of the National Representatives. Chapters shall inform the Secretary of the appointment, within 15 days of its occurrence in writing, or via electronic means which are capable of being archived.

Section 7. Chapters of the Society may host the meetings of the Advisory Council, as may the Society.

Section 8. The Advisory Council shall elect a Chairperson from among Council members to chair Council meetings. The Council may also elect a Chair Pro Tempore to chair meetings if the Chairperson is absent or unable to Chair the meeting. The Chairperson (of the Chair pro tempore

in the Chairperson's absence) shall be responsible for planning, leadership and communications of the Council with the Board of Directors.

Section 9. The Advisory Council shall elect a Secretary from among its members to record meetings of the Council and perform other secretarial duties as assigned by the Chairperson. All such recordings shall be forwarded to the National Secretary as soon as practicable after each meeting of the Council so that such recordings may become part of the permanent records of the Society.

Section 10. The Advisory Council may create such Council Offices and Committees as it deems necessary from its membership and the NRHS membership to help it develop recommendations to the Board, and /or communications with the Chapters and NRHS membership.

Section 11. The election of Advisory Council officers shall take place at the Fall meeting of even numbered years by those Advisory Council members in attendance. A term of office shall be two years, pending continued selection to the Council by the Representative's home chapter. Election to fill vacancies will be for the remainder of the current term and shall take place at the next Council meeting. Any current Advisory Council member shall be eligible for election to Council Office.