Next Generation NACo Network
BYLAWS
Adopted by NACo Board of Directors
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I. NAME

The name of the organization shall be Next Generation NACo Network, hereinafter called
“NextGen. NACo” or the “Network.” “NACo” refers to the National Association of Counties.

II. PURPOSES AND POLICIES

The Next Generation NACo Network is affiliated with NACo and was first formed as an
initiative of NACo in 2012-2013 under the leadership of NACo President Chris Rodgers.

The purpose of NextGen. NACo is to:

A. Provide a grassroots, member-driven forum for young county officials to communicate
and network with each other.

B. Identify and serve the unique educational and professional development needs of young
county officials.

C. Help young county officials become engaged in and influence NACo, and help develop a
new generation of leaders for the association.

D. Draw on the energy, ideas and talent of young county officials to strengthen NACo and
inform the association’s strategic plan and programs and services for the future.

III. MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

A. Voting Members: Any current elected official, appointed official or staff member of a
NACo member county, parish or borough shall be eligible for voting membership in the
Network.

B. Affiliate Members: Any individual, regardless of NACo member status, shall be eligible
for affiliate membership in the organization but shall be non-voting and ineligible to hold
office.

C. Each voting member shall have one (1) vote in the election of officers, and all other
matters submitted to a vote of the Network as a whole.
D. Annually, the Officers shall establish and determine an equitable dues structure (see Attachment A) and a specified time and prescribed procedure for notifying members when they become delinquent in the payment of dues. Voting and affiliate members shall maintain full rights of membership commensurate with their dues payment. Dues shall be payable annually at a date no later than the annual election of officers.

IV. OFFICERS

A. Officers shall consist of a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and four Regional Coordinators. They shall be elected at the annual meeting and hold office until the next annual meeting, or until their successors are elected.

B. Officers must be elected officials from a NACo member county, parish or borough and must be voting members of the Network.

C. The officers shall manage the affairs of the Network.

D. Vacancies shall be filled by a vote of the remaining officers with the exception of a vacancy in the Chair, which will be filled by the Vice Chair.

E. An officer may be removed at any time by a majority vote of the voting members; or the result of a change in their voting membership status.

V. DUTIES

A. Chair: The Chair shall call and preside at meetings, and appoint such committees as necessary to fulfill the needs of the Network. The Chair shall have the authority to make interim policy decisions. These decisions may be subject to a vote of the membership at the next official meeting;

B. Vice Chair: The Vice Chair shall preside at meetings in the absence of the Chair and shall be responsible for long range planning;

C. Secretary: The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings, keep files on all committee reports, keep the official membership rolls, and all official records, and perform other duties assigned by the Chair; and

D. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall collect dues, make and maintain all financial reports, and issue checks after approval of the Chair, while coordinating such responsibilities with support staff at NACo.

E. Regional Coordinator: There shall be four Regional Coordinators that represent various geographic areas of the country. The Regional Coordinators shall communicate with Network members within their designated regions regarding Network events, as well as coordinate regional activities for their area throughout the year. In order to be appointed,
the Coordinator must reside with their designated geographic area of the country, as referenced in Attachment B.

VI. MEETINGS

A. NextGen will hold a meeting at both the NACo Legislative Conference and the Annual Meeting. The NextGen Annual Meeting shall be held during the NACo Legislative Conference.

B. A NextGen meeting may also be held at any other official meeting of NACo, as deemed necessary by the Chair.

C. Meeting agendas shall be established by the officers. Members may also submit items for inclusion on the agenda.

D. Quorum: The voting members present shall constitute a quorum for all meetings of the Network.

E. A majority vote of voting members present shall be necessary to elect any officer and decide any other matter, except as otherwise provided for in these bylaws.

VII. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

A. Nominations for all officer appointments will be submitted prior to or during the Annual Meeting. Voting members and affiliate members can provide nominations; however, only the voting membership is eligible to be elected to an officer position.

B. A majority vote of voting members present is necessary to decide the election. Votes will be conducted by the Secretary and Treasurer by secret ballot in contested elections.

VIII. MAINTENANCE OF FINANCES

A. Monies obtained from dues and other sources shall be maintained in a checking account. Adequate records of all business transactions shall be kept.

B. The Treasurer shall provide an annual financial report of the Network's finances to assure the safekeeping and complete accounting of funds.

C. The funds received by NextGen NACo are to be used to assist voting and affiliate members in areas such as leadership development, community service projects, networking events or other activities deemed necessary by the officers of the Network.

D. All dues received by NextGen NACo are to be accounted for and can be accumulated beyond a single fiscal year for the sole purpose and use of the Network.
IX. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of ROBERT’S RULES OF ORDER NEWLY REVISED shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the organization may adopt.

X. AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended by a majority of voting members present if ten days notice has been given, or by 2/3 of voting members present without prior notice. Such notice shall include a complete description of proposed amendments with rationale.
ATTACHMENT A

Voting Membership and Affiliate Membership Dues

Fiscal Year July 1st – June 30th
Dues Fee: $25 per year

Voting Membership Due: January 1st

Payment of dues permits voting during the NextGen Annual Meeting at the NACo Legislative Conference.

Communication of membership dues from NACo staff via electronic mail
ATTACHMENT B

Regional Coordinator Geographic Locations

Southern Region
VA, NC, AL, AR, FL, GA, LA, MS, SC, TN, TX, KY

Northwest Region
MD, NJ, NY, PA, WV, DE

Central Region
IL, KS, IA, MI, MN, NE, ND, OH, SD, WI, IN

Western Region
OK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, NM, OR, WA, WY, MT, UT, NV, AK