

Next Generation NACo Network
BYLAWS
Adopted by NACo Board of
Directors Revised October, 2020

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. Dues shall be payable no later than immediately preceding the annual election of officers. Dues are \$25 per annum running the Calendar year rather than the NACo Fiscal Year. Payment of dues permits voting during the NextGen Annual Meeting at the NACo Legislative Conference.

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 a current elected official, appointed official or staff member of 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 to include the gifting of scholarships. As such no current NextGen Officer shall be eligible to apply or be awarded any scholarship funds specifically earmarked for members of NextGen.
- 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.
- F. The position of Chair shall serve as the NextGen representative to the NACo Board and as such shall be elected in odd years for a two-year-term with a cap of two elected terms as Chair. All other officers shall be elected annually without term limits.

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 elected, the Coordinator must reside with their designated geographic area of the country, as referenced in Attachment A.

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

Regional Coordinator Geographic Locations

Southern Region

AL, AR, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, NC, SC, TN, TX, VA, and all U.S. Territories

Northeast Region

CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, WV, VT, and the District of Columbia

Central Region

IA, IL, IN, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, OH, OK, WI

Western Region

AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, ND, NM, NV, OR, SD, UT, WA, WY