

**Nevada Association of Counties  
Committee of the Emeritus  
Bylaws  
Revised 2021**

The name of this committee shall be the "Committee of the Emeritus," and shall be referred to as such.

**Article I. Purpose**

As a result of the Nevada Constitution being amended to limit the term of office to 12 years for County Commissioners and Carson City Supervisors, the Nevada Association of Counties (NACO) voted to create the Committee of the Emeritus in an effort to preserve institutional knowledge regarding policy and best practices in public service.

The mission of the Committee of the Emeritus is to share their institutional knowledge with, and act as mentors to, newly-elected and current County Commissioners and Carson City Supervisors; to serve as policy champions in any particular field of expertise; to represent NACO's approved positions in testimony before the Nevada Legislature and elsewhere as needed; and make recommendations to the NACO Board of Directors regarding the Association's positions and policies.

**Article II. Committee of the Emeritus Duties**

- A. Mentoring new and existing County Commissioners
- B. Assisting NACO in lobbying efforts during the Legislative Session
- C. Assisting NACO staff in Annual Conference curriculum planning
- D. Participating in NACO Legislative Committee and Public Lands and Natural Resources Committee. Participation in these committees is contingent on past experience
- E. Committee Members may serve on these other NACO committees if asked, but only as a non-voting, advisory member
- F. Making recommendations to the NACO Board of Directors regarding the Association's policies and positions.

**Article III. Membership**

Membership on the Committee of the Emeritus is open by invitation to any former County Commissioner or Carson City Supervisor who served as a member of the NACO Board of Directors or any former County Commissioner or Carson City Supervisor who has been inducted into the NACO Honor Roll.

In January of odd-numbered years upon recommendation by the Nominating Committee, eligible individuals with a history of representing the positions of NACO before legislators, and/or who possess in depth knowledge of a specific area of concern (such as taxation,

indigent funding, transportation, public land, renewable technologies) and/or is a recognized expert in the structure, functions, or management of state or local governments will be invited by the NACO President to serve a two-year term as members of the Committee of the Emeritus.

The NACO President shall choose nominees for appointment from eligible members who have been chosen by the NACO Nominating Committee. The NACO Nominating Committee is appointed by the NACO Board to nominate NACO Officers, pursuant to Article V, Section 7 of NACO's Bylaws - this Committee meets annually prior to the NACO Annual Conference.

#### **Article IV. Meetings**

The Committee of the Emeritus will meet quarterly during even numbered years and monthly during odd numbered years while the Nevada Legislature is in session, at which time they will meet monthly, or at any other time at the direction of the chair. The Committee will have no official meeting location.

The Committee of the Emeritus will conduct all meetings under Roberts Rule of Order. In the absence of the Chair the committee shall vote to designate one individual to lead the meeting.

#### **Article V. Officers**

The Committee of the Emeritus' sole officer will be the Committee Chair, who will be responsible for leading meetings.

The Past President of the NACO Board of Directors, or NACO's current Executive Director, will serve as Chair of the Committee of the Emeritus. If for any reason the Past President is unable or unwilling to serve as Chair, a replacement Chair shall be selected and appointed by the NACO Board of Directors from the members of the NACO Board.

#### **Article VI. Attendance**

Members shall make every attempt to be present for all Committee of the Emeritus meetings but in the event an absence is necessary, the member should contact the Committee Chair to be excused. A minimum attendance requirement of 75% in any calendar year is required to maintain active status with the Committee.

#### **Article VII. Subcommittees.**

The Committee of the Emeritus will adopt subcommittees as the Committee Chair or membership deems necessary.

**Article VIII. Amendment of the Bylaws**

These Bylaws may be amended during any meeting of the Committee of the Emeritus by a majority vote of the committee.

**Article IX. Removal of Committee Member**

The NACO Board President has the authority to remove a committee member at any time and for any reason, including unexcused absences, using his or her own discretion.