University of Maryland Chapter
National Residence Hall Honorary Constitution

Article 1
Name

This organization shall be known as the University of Maryland National Residence Hall Honorary.

Article II
Affiliation

The University of Maryland Residence Halls Association Residence Hall Honorary is a member of the National Association of College and University Residence Halls, Inc.

Article III
Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to provide recognition members of the University of Maryland community who provide outstanding service or exceptional leadership which benefits the residence hall community.

Article IV
Sponsorship

The University of Maryland National Residence Hall Honorary shall be sponsored by the University of Maryland Residence Halls Association.

Article V
Membership

Section 1: Membership Requirements

A. Candidates for the University of Maryland National Residence Hall Honorary must have resided in the University of Maryland residence halls for at least one year prior to their active membership.
B. Candidates must engage in outstanding service or possess exceptional leadership skills which benefit the residence hall community.
C. Candidates shall possess a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
D. Candidates must be in good academic and judicial standing with the University of Maryland.

Section 2: NRHH Membership

A. Once an individual has been inducted as an NRHH member, he/she is an NRHH member for life.

Section 3: Active Membership

A. Active members of the University of Maryland National Residence Hall Honorary shall be defined as University of Maryland undergraduate students, residing in University of Maryland residence halls or University sanctioned housing, who have been chosen by the Selection Committee to become a member of the University of Maryland National Residence Hall Honorary and who fulfill the following requirements:
   a. Participation in at least three (3) hours of approved service each semester, as determined by the Vice Chair of Community Service.
   b. Write a leadership report each semester summarizing your leadership in the Residence Halls for that semester. The reports may be used for the website, newsletter, or in the induction ceremony program.
   c. Attend at least two meetings per semester and the Fall or Spring Induction Ceremony. Absences must be pre-approved by the Vice Chair of Membership.
      i. Optional committee meetings, according to chapter organization, either with one of the Vice Chairs or in a separate position (i.e., Webmaster, Secretary), and adequately accomplish all necessary tasks assigned by the Vice Chair. There will be four (4) executive committees consisting of 1) Communications, 2) Membership, 3) Recognition and 4) Community Service.
   d. Satisfactory completion of the minimum of one Of the Month award per semester as deemed by the majority of the Executive Board.
Section 3: Early Alumni Membership

A. An Early Alumni of an NRHH Chapter is a member that is still living on campus but can no longer meet the chapter membership expectations. These members do not count toward the 1% membership cap.

B. The following guidelines apply to the procedure of applying for early alumni membership status:

C. The member and/or chapter must complete the early alumni membership application which shall include the signatures of: NRHH Chair, Chapter Advisor, and chapter member for whom the form is being completed.

D. The completed early alumni membership application shall be submitted to the Regional AD-NRHH for approval.

E. The number of early alumni members a chapter shall be granted per academic year will not exceed ten percent of the chapter’s membership cap.

F. It is the right of the Regional AD-NRHH to deny requests for reasons including, but not limited to:
   a. The application form is incomplete.
   b. The Regional AD-NRHH does not believe that sufficient measures were taken by the chapter to address the member’s inactivity with chapter business before submitting the application.
   c. The chapter has exceeded its allotted early alumni membership approvals for the year.

G. If the member and/or University of Maryland Chapter wish to appeal the decision of the Regional AD-NRHH, they may appeal to the entire AD-NRHH board. The decision of the AD-NRHH board shall be final.
   a. Each AD-NRHH shall have one vote
   b. A simple majority shall be necessary, with the NRHH Chair casting the tie-breaking vote when necessary.

Section 4: Alumni Membership

A. An alumni member of an NRHH Chapter is a member that has moved off campus or is no longer a student. These members do not count in the 1% cap.

Section 5: Honorary Membership

A. Honorary members of the University of Maryland National Residence Hall Honorary shall be defined as a Department of Resident Life staff member or other staff member of a department of the University who directly affects resident students that is nominated for recognition but is not enrolled in the
undergraduate University program. Honorary members do not count in the 1% cap.

Section 4: Active Membership Rewards

A. To recognize active members for their continued service, several tiers of rewards have been established:
   a. All new inductees receive the National Residence Hall Honorary membership certificate lapel pin and their name will be engraved on the National Residence Honorary recognition plaques.
   b. After one year of active service, active members will receive a National Residence Hall Honorary stole at graduation.

B. Exceptions will be made for senior inductees who do not have the time to fulfill the requirements to receive the lapel pin and the recognition plaques. If a senior is inducted in their second to last semester, then they will receive the appropriate rewards as long as they meet the active member requirements for one semester.

Article VI
Selection of Members

A. Members of the University community can nominate residence hall leaders for membership by the established deadline.

B. Applicants shall submit an application to the National Residence Hall Honorary by the established deadline. Applications shall be approved by the Executive Board and advisor(s), and then voted on by the General Body. Applicants must receive a 2/3 vote of approval by the General Body to be inducted.

C. The members of the University of Maryland National Residence Hall Honorary will meet to select new members once during each of the fall and spring semesters.

D. The active membership of the University of Maryland National Residence Hall Honorary shall not exceed 1% of the students in the residence halls.

Article VII
Executive Structures

Section 1: Selection of Officers
The officers of the University of Maryland National Residence Hall Honorary shall be selected by a majority vote of all members present at a meeting prior to the induction ceremony of members in the spring semester.

Section 2: Officers and Duties

The executive structure of the University of Maryland National Residence Hall Honorary shall be as follows:

A. The Vice-Chair (VC) of Communications of the University of Maryland National Residence Hall Honorary shall be the official spokesperson and liaison for the National Residence Halls Honorary (NRHH) and will facilitate all communication and publicity functions for the organization. The VC of Communications shall be responsible for the successful communication between all members of NRHH. He/She shall be recognized as the official liaison for NRHH to the Residence Halls Association (RHA) and all other student groups, organizations and administrative bodies at the University of Maryland, College Park and abroad; shall oversee all publicity matters of NRHH; shall be charged with the power of upholding the image and dignity of NRHH according to the NRHH Constitution.

B. The Vice-Chair of Membership of the University of Maryland National Residence Hall Honorary shall coordinate the recruitment efforts of new membership. The VC of Membership will be responsible for the application and acceptance process as well as the coordination of any induction ceremonies as well as informational sessions or meetings for membership recruitment efforts.

C. The Vice-Chair of Recognition of the University of Maryland National Residence Hall Honorary will work as a liaison with other campus groups, specifically the Residence Halls Association, to coordinate, collaborate, and support campus activities designed mainly for the students living in the residence halls. He/She will also direct the Of-the-Month program and create systems of recognition for the University of Maryland campus. It is the responsibility of the Vice-Chair of Recognition to have typed nominations on the NACURH OTM official forms and send campus winners to the Regional NRHH Executive Officer on a monthly basis.

D. The Vice-Chair of Community Service shall coordinate service activities and programs to benefit the campus community and surrounding communities. The VC of Community Service shall also provide monthly service opportunities for members to complete their one-per-semester community service requirement.
E. Executives may appoint ad-hoc positions necessary for the organization and may appoint ad-hoc committees.

Section 3: Terms of Office

A. The term of office for the executive chairs of the University of Maryland National Residence Hall Honorary shall be one year from induction ceremony to induction ceremony.

B. If an executive chair on the University of Maryland National Residence Hall Honorary becomes vacant during the semester, it will be the discretion of the Executive Board and advisor(s) whether to fill the position immediately with a member of the University of Maryland National Residence Hall Honorary, or leave the position vacant until the end of the semester.

Article VIII

National Dues/Affiliation

The University of Maryland National Residence Hall Honorary will pay the required dues per year to the National Office of the National Residence Hall Honorary in order to retain membership.

Article IX

Chapter Reports

As mandated by the National Office of the National Residence Hall Honorary, the University of Maryland National Residence Hall Honorary shall submit to the National Office of the National Residence Hall Honorary a list of new members, the names of officers, the name of an advisor, a copy of a revised constitution (if amendments were made), a re-affiliation form, membership dues, and any other pertinent information as requested by the National Office of the National Residence Hall Honorary.

Article X

Amendments

Quorum shall be determined as 50% plus 1 of currently active membership for the University of Maryland National Residence Hall Honorary. To ratify an amendment, it must be approved by 2/3 of the active members present given that quorum is met.