



Retired Public Employees Council of Washington

OFFICIAL CONVENTION CALL

Pursuant to the RPEC Constitution, the 50th Retired Public Employees Council of Washington Convention is hereby called to convene at:

Wenatchee Convention Center, 121 N Wenatchee Ave, Wenatchee, WA 98801
September 22nd – 24th, 2026

Committee meetings begin at 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, September 22nd, 2026
Session convenes at 9:00 AM on Wednesday, September 23rd, 2026
Session adjourns Thursday, September 24th, 2026

Timeline of Convention Related Deadlines/Dates:

Saturday, February 28	Delegate Allocation
Monday, March 2	Convention Call sent to Chapters
Friday, March 13	Pre-Convention Webinar and Q&A, 10:00am-12:00pm
Friday, June 12	Chapter Financial Assistance Request Deadline
Monday, July 6	Registration Form & Fees Deadline
Monday, July 6	Committee Requests (see <i>Registration Form</i>)
Monday, July 20	Committee Assignment Letters sent to Delegates
Friday, August 7	Amendments/Resolutions due in Council Office
Monday, August 24	Amendments mailed to EB, Chapters & Delegates
Saturday, September 5	Hotel Reservations Cutoff Deadline
Tuesday, September 8	Resolutions mailed to Delegates
Tuesday, September 22	Convention Committee meetings
Wednesday, September 23	Convention convenes
Thursday, September 24	Executive Board Elections/Convention concludes

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Section 1 – NOTICE OF ELECTIONS

Nominations for Executive Board Officers will be held during session on Wednesday, September 23rd. **Executive Board Officer elections** and District Board member elections will be held during session on Thursday, September 24th.

Section 2 – DELEGATES/ALTERNATES TO THE CONVENTION

Pursuant to Article V, Section 13 of the Constitution, *“the number of delegates each chapter is entitled to elect shall be based on the number of dues-paying members on record with the council office as of the last day of February...”*

The Constitution also provides that each chapter may elect or designate a chairperson of the delegation and an alternate chairperson; please note on registration form. No delegate may be seated unless the registration fee is paid in full, and they have been certified as a delegate.

Section 3 – EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Please note:

1. The Council Office reserves hotel rooms for the Executive Board members and covers the cost of their rooms and travel.
2. The Council Office covers the cost of Convention registration for the Executive Board members.
3. Executive Board members are encouraged to be a member of their chapter's convention delegation.

ARTICLE IX – DUTIES AND AUTHORITY OF EXECUTIVE BOARD AND OFFICERS

Section 3. The executive board members shall attend conventions at the expense of the Retired Public Employees Council.

Section 4. By virtue of their office, the executive board members shall have a vote at conventions on all matters except elections. Only board members who are also a delegate from their chapters may vote in elections. On roll call votes, they may vote as a board member or a delegate, but not both.

Section 4 – CONVENTION CALL DISTRIBUTION

The following are being sent to the Executive Board, Chapter President, Chapter Vice-President, and Treasurer:

1. One copy of this Convention Call.
2. One copy of Delegate Allocation.
3. One copy of the minimum expectations for Executive Board members.

The following are being sent to each Chapter Secretary:

1. One copy of this Convention Call.
2. One copy of Delegate Allocation.
3. One copy of the minimum expectations for Executive Board members.

4. Two copies of the Convention Registration Form (return one to the Council Office and keep one for the chapter).

Section 5 – INSTRUCTIONS FOR REGISTRATION & FEES

The convention registration fee for each delegate and alternate has been set at **\$160**. This includes a convention packet and three meals – lunch and banquet on Wednesday, September 23rd, and breakfast on Thursday, September 24th.

The goal is to have every chapter represented at the convention. If your chapter needs financial assistance, contact the Council Office **no later than Friday, June 12th**.

The Convention Registration Form accompanied by full payment of convention registration fees for delegates, alternates, and guests should be sent to the Council Office **no later than Monday, July 6th**. Please ensure that the Registration Form is signed by either the Chapter President or the Chapter Secretary.

Guests may either pay **\$150** for all meals, or they may purchase individual meal tickets at a cost of **\$48 for lunch, \$67 for the banquet, and \$35 for breakfast (\$150 for all three meals)**.

Please note the submission deadline for registration, payment of registration fees, and individual meals needs is Monday, July 6th.

Section 6 – MENU

Note: **(GF)** = gluten free, **(VEG)** = vegetarian, **(DF)** = dairy free, **(A)** = vegan, vegetarian, dairy free, and gluten free.

Tuesday, September 22nd:

- Delegates, alternates, and guests are responsible for their own meals.

Wednesday, September 23rd:

- Breakfast: Delegates, alternates, and guests are responsible for their own meal.
- **Lunch Buffet:** Hot Slider & Soup Buffet – pesto chicken slider with grilled chicken breast and provolone cheese; ham & cheese slider with Hormel cure 81 ham and Tillamook sharp cheddar; hearty minestrone (DF/VEG/V); tater tots (A); whole grain salad (GF); pasta salad (VEG); hearty green salad (A); iced tea.
- **Banquet (Choice):** Both feature a salad and dessert.
 - **Creamy Chicken Fricasse** – sauteed chicken breast in a rich creamy sauce topped with fuji apples and chives, served with wild rice pilaf.
 - (or) -
 - **Pan Seared Pork Tenderloin Medallions (GF)** – topped with brie and sour cherry preserves with natural jus, served with baby and sweet potatoes.
 - (or) -
 - **Vegan Risotto Cakes (GF/DF/V/VEG)** – vegan risotto cakes in chickpea “cream” sauce, served with roasted potatoes and seasonal vegetables.

Thursday, September 24th:

- **Breakfast Buffet:** Breakfast House Buffet – Belgian-style waffles (VEG); french toast (VEG); berry topping (A); caramel apple topping (A); vanilla bean whipped cream (VEG); applewood smoked bacon (GF); sausage links (GF/DF); scrambled eggs (GF); breakfast potatoes (A); oatmeal (A); fruit bowl (A); apple juice, freshly brewed coffee, and herbal teas.
- Lunch: Convention is expected to adjourn around Noon. If you have dietary needs that require a snack or eating, please be prepared by bringing your own items.

Please note the submission deadline for registration, payment of registration fees, and individual meals needs is Monday, July 6th.

Section 7 – LODGING AND RESERVATIONS

RPEC has contracted room blocks and rates with the following hotel, for the nights of Tuesday, September 22nd, and Wednesday, September 23rd.

Coast Wenatchee Center Hotel (*Primary*) – 201 N Wenatchee Ave, Wenatchee, WA 98801

RPEC rate: \$123.00 per night, plus tax and fees for single or double occupancy.

Please follow these steps to make your room reservations:

1. Call Coast Wenatchee Center Hotel at (509) 662-1234 or email at fom@wenatcheecenter.com
2. Let them know you are with the Retired Public Employees Council of WA.
3. Complete reservation with the agent. Reservations must be accompanied by credit card information to guarantee the reservation.

Reservations are the responsibility of the delegates, alternates, and guests attending the convention. Some chapters prefer to make a reservation block for their delegates, so please coordinate with your chapter prior to making reservations. **All reservations must be made no later than September 5th.** The hotel(s) will accept reservations at the group rate until this cut-off date or until the block is filled, whichever is first.

Accessible rooms are available upon request but are limited in number, so please make reservations as soon as possible.

RPEC cannot guarantee the contracted rates for any other nights than those listed above.

Section 8 – RPEC REFUND POLICY

Chapters whose delegates cancel their registration to the convention must provide documentation proving hardship in order to receive a refund, and the refund may not exceed 50% of the registration fee paid. Refund requests must be made in writing, along with proof of hardship (e.g. doctor's note), to the Finance Committee. No refunds will be granted on individual meal tickets. Requests for exceptions to this policy must be submitted in writing and will be reviewed by the Council Executive Committee to determine whether the refund will be granted.

Section 9 – RESOLUTIONS AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

If your chapter wishes to submit resolutions or amendments to the Constitution, they must be submitted in accordance with Article XI and Article XII of the RPEC Constitution.

ARTICLE XI – AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Section 1. Proposed amendments to this constitution and bylaws shall be submitted in writing to the Council Office, Olympia, Washington, at least forty-five (45) days prior to the annual convention of the Retired Public Employees Council. They shall bear the signature of the chapter president or secretary submitting them.

Section 2. Amendments may also be submitted by the council executive board and shall bear the signature of the council president or secretary.

Section 3. Each proposed amendment must be accompanied by a brief statement explaining why the amendment is needed.

Section 4. The council office shall submit proposed amendments to the executive board members and to all chapters and convention delegates at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual convention. The Retired Public Employees Council Executive Board shall review and make a recommendation to the convention on any proposal to amend the constitution.

Section 5. Two-thirds of the delegates voting shall be necessary for adoption of a constitutional amendment. Any adopted changes to the constitution must be sent to the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees within thirty (30) days of the adjournment of the Retired Public Employees Council Convention.

Section 6. Nothing contained in Appendix A (the chapter constitution) shall be in conflict with this constitution. In all cases, the council constitution shall prevail. Properly adopted amendments to this constitution shall, where applicable, automatically be incorporated into Appendix A (the chapter constitution).

ARTICLE XII – MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS – RESOLUTIONS

Section 1. Resolutions to the Retired Public Employees Council convention shall be submitted in writing at least forty-five (45) days prior to the convention to the council office, Olympia, Washington. They shall bear the signature of the chapter president or secretary submitting them.

Section 2. Resolutions may be submitted by the executive board of the council and shall bear the signature of the president or secretary of the council up till noon of the first day of convention.

Section 3. Each resolution must be accompanied by a brief statement explaining why the resolution is needed.

Section 4. Copies of properly submitted resolutions shall be sent to delegates fifteen (15) days before the opening day of the convention.

Section 5. The president shall review all proposed resolutions and assign them to the appropriate convention committee. The convention committee will make any necessary changes in them, consolidate resolutions where appropriate, and report its recommendations to the convention delegates.

Section 6. Resolutions may be submitted by chapters from the floor of the convention with copies provided to all delegates prior to the afternoon recess on the first day of the convention; provided: that the resolutions are accepted for consideration by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those delegates in attendance. A special meeting of the appropriate committee shall be convened to consider these resolutions.

Section 7. A majority of the delegates voting shall be necessary for adoption of a resolution.

Please note the deadline for receipt of Constitutional Amendments and Resolutions in the Council Office is Friday, August 7th. The provision for Late Resolutions can be found in Section 6 above.

Section 10 – CONVENTION COMMITTEES

The following Convention-specific committees will be appointed by the RPEC President following the **Monday, July 6th** registration deadline: Constitution, Elections, Legislative, Registration, Resolutions, RPEC-PAC Raffle, Rules, and Sergeants-at-Arms.

Notice of committee appointment letters with meeting times will be sent on **Monday, July 20th** to the appointed individuals and to chapter presidents.

There will be a President & Committee Chairs Zoom meeting in early August to discuss roles and responsibilities. Committee chairs will be notified in advance of the meeting date and time.

Convention committee meetings will be held on Tuesday, September 22nd between 12:00 PM and 5:00 PM, and the morning of Wednesday, September 23rd prior to the convention convening.

Please indicate on your Convention Registration Form if any of your delegates wish to serve on one of the following committees:

- Constitution
- Elections
- Legislative
- Registration
- Resolutions
- RPEC-PAC Raffle
- Rules
- Sergeants-at-Arms

Please refer to the front page of the Convention Call for a list of all deadlines.