#### PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 2

### STATEMENT OF JUSTIFICATION

- 1. As the Retired Public Employees Council of Washington is a memberdriven organization, and;
- As no mechanisms exist to afford Executive Board or Executive Committee
  members the ability to require special meetings of their respective bodies,
  and;
- 3. As justifiable member requests for special Executive Board and Executive Committee meetings have been denied,

### Article IX

# **Duties and Authority of Executive Board and Officers**

Section 5. An executive committee of the executive board shall be composed of the council president, who shall serve as chairperson; the council secretary, who shall serve as secretary; the council treasurer; and the vice-president. The executive director shall be a non-voting member. The Executive Committee shall meet on the call of the president or at the request of two or more of its members. The Executive Committee can meet by audio or video teleconference on the request of the president after the Executive Committee has adopted the policy set forth in Appendix E of the International Constitution. The Executive Committee shall develop and recommend to the executive board rules and regulations governing hiring of staff, employment standards, salaries, personnel practices and travel regulations. The Executive

Committee shall review and make recommendations to the executive board on the annual proposed budget in accordance with policies and programs as determined in convention. The Executive Committee shall have the power to act on all matters on which the executive board is empowered to act, when, in the judgment of the president, action cannot be postponed until the next full board meeting, subject to the approval of the executive board at its next meeting. Minutes of the Executive Committee meetings shall be sent to all members of the executive board within ten (10) calendar days after such meetings.

#### Article X

# **Meetings and Conventions**

Section 1. Meetings of the executive board shall be called <u>as necessary</u> by the president as necessary, <u>or at the request of three five or more of its members</u>, but there shall be at least two (2) meetings during each year. A majority of the members of the executive board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Meetings of the executive board shall be open to all members in good standing, except the president may call an executive session to discuss and act on personnel matters or active lawsuits where open discussion might do harm to the organization's cause. The executive board can meet by audio or video teleconference on the request of the president in accordance with Appendix E of the International Constitution. See Article VIII, Elections of Officers.

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