

## **PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 4**

### **STATEMENT OF JUSTIFICATION**

1. Retired Public Employees Council of Washington is a membership organization affiliated with the American Federation of state, county and municipal employees; and
2. RPEC members value full disclosure and open debate of all of the issues that affect and interest its members; and
3. The Covid pandemic has opened on-line communications and meetings to the members without the necessity of travel to attend meetings; and
4. The State of Washington values and has instituted open meetings legislation that creates an atmosphere of openness.
5. THE RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COUNCIL OF WASHINGTON should amend its Constitution and other applicable Rules and regulations to include the requirement that ALL meetings of Standing Committees, The Executive Board and The Executive Committee as well as any other committees established by RPEC leadership be open to all RPEC Members and that the members be given advance notice of such meetings by email and other methods and be allowed to attend and comment on all issues brought for discussion at those meetings.

## **Article X**

### **Meetings and Conventions**

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

11 **New Section 2. All meetings of RPEC committees including the Executive**  
12 **Committee shall be open to all Members of RPEC with the exceptions of**  
13 **Executive sessions to discuss personnel issues and lawsuits. Such meetings**  
14 **may be held in person or electronically, provided that all participants can hear**  
15 **all other participants while the meeting is in progress, such as by Zoom or**  
16 **other such program or application.**

17 **A. Members shall be given notice of all Meetings of all committees at**  
18 **least (7) seven days in advance by email or telephone or postal**  
19 **service to their addresses of record.**

20 **B. Participation at such meetings by non-members of the committee**  
21 **meeting in session shall be allowed before the committee**  
22 **members vote on each issue to be decided. That participation may**  
23 **be reasonably limited by time and numbers of persons speaking**  
24 **for or against a particular motion.**

25 Section 2 3. A convention shall be held every other year, in even-numbered

1 years beginning in 2016, between August 1 and October 31. The convention  
2 shall be of not more than two days' duration. Elections of officers and district  
3 board members shall be held at the biennial convention. A quorum for the  
4 transaction of business shall consist of not fewer than one- third of the  
5 delegates seated in the convention.

6 Section 3 4. The annual convention shall be held at such time and place as is  
7 determined by the Retired Public Employees Council Executive Board.

8 Section 4 5. Special conventions may be called by a majority vote of the  
9 Retired Public Employees Council Executive Board.

10 Section 5 6. Notice of the annual convention shall be sent to affiliated chapters  
11 at least ninety (90) days prior to the date set for the convention. At-large  
12 members shall be notified of the Retired Public Employees Council convention.

13 Section 6 7. Registration, rules, resolutions, legislative, constitution, sergeant-at-  
14 arms and elections committees shall be appointed by the president prior to  
15 the convention and these committees shall function at the annual convention  
16 or as required.

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20 Approved by Chapter 8 on June 9, 2022.

21 Submitted by Chapter 8 on August 1, 2022.

22 John Smith President  
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1 Reviewed by Executive Board: August 24, 2022

2 Executive Board Recommendation to Constitution Committee: No  
3 recommendation.

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5 Committee Assignment: Constitution Committee

6 Committee Recommendation: **No Concurrence**

7 Convention Action: **Passed**