

BYLAWS OF CENTRAL WASHINGTON REGION NURSES ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I – NAME, JURISDICTION, PURPOSES, AND FUNCTIONS

SECTION 1. Name and Jurisdiction

The name of this association shall be Central Washington Region Nurses Association (“CWRNA”). CWRNA is a Region of the Washington State Nurses Association (“WSNA”), comprised of Kittitas and Yakima counties as the Board of Directors of the WSNA has designated.

SECTION 2. Purposes

The purpose of the CWRNA shall be to:

- A. Work for the improvement of health standards and the availability of health care services for all people,
- B. Foster high standards of nursing, and
- C. Promote the professional development of nurses.

These purposes shall be unrestricted by consideration of age, color, creed, disability, gender, health status, life style, nationality, race, religion, or sexual orientation.

SECTION 3. Functions

The functions of the CWRNA shall be to:

- A. Promote standards of nursing practice, nursing education, and nursing service as defined by the American Nurses Association, hereinafter referred to as the ANA.
- B. Promote adherence to the ANA Code for Nurses.
- C. Promote the advancement of nurses.
- D. Provide for the continuing professional development and leadership training of nurses including creating scholarship opportunities.
- E. Encourage research in nursing and the utilization of research findings as a basis for nursing.
- F. Represent nurses and promote relationships with allied professional, community health, homeless community agencies, emergency response and disaster preparedness, governmental groups and with the public.
- G. Assume an active role as consumer advocates in health by making nurses more visible in our communities.
- H. Meet the qualification requirements as a constituent of the WSNA.

ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. Composition and Qualifications

The CWRNA shall be composed of WSNA members in good standing as defined in WSNA's Bylaws who work or live within the boundaries of CWRNA.

SECTION 2. Membership Rights and Obligations

A. Members shall have the right to:

- a. seek an elective or appointive office in the CWRNA unless employed by WSNA,
- b. vote for the elected officials, bylaws, and dues rate of the CWRNA via secret ballot,
- c. attend unrestricted activities of the WSNA,
- d. receive a copy of the CWRNA bylaws,
- e. receive official CWRNA ~~publications~~ communications,
- f. participate in CWRNA meetings as a voting member,

B. Members have the obligation to:

- a. uphold the bylaws of WSNA, ANA, and AFT, and
- b. abide by the ANA Code of Ethics for Nurses.

ARTICLE III – DUES

SECTION 1. Authority

A. The rate of dues for members of the CWRNA shall be approved by a majority vote of the members voting through mail or electronic ballot.

B. Changes in dues rate shall be recommended by the CWRNA Board of Directors

C. The dues of a member of the CWRNA shall be for the membership year of twelve (12) consecutive months.

D. Dues shall be paid for the CWRNA at the same time that dues are paid for the WSNA.

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

A. Membership meetings shall be held annually in accordance with state law RCW 24.06.100

B. The quorum for a meeting shall be two (2) percent of the members eligible to vote in accordance with state law (RCW 24.06.115) at the onset of the meeting with two (2) Directors of the Board

ARTICLE V – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. Composition

The Board of Directors shall be composed of the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, whom shall comprise the officers of the CWRNA. The Board shall also be composed of up to five (5) members at-large elected by the membership. *The number of Directors may be changed from time to time by amendment to these Bylaws, but no decrease in the number of Directors shall have the effect of shortening the term of any incumbent Director.*

SECTION 2. Authority

The Board of Directors shall:

- A. Conduct business of the CWRNA between meetings of the membership assembly.
- B. Appoint committees as needed to carry out the functions of the region.
- C. Establish organizational policies as needed.
- D. Fill vacancies on the Board of Directors and committees.
- E. Adopt a budget for the region.
- F. Recommend members to WSNA for appointment to WSNA and ANA offices, committees, and councils.
- G. Appoint, define the authority and responsibilities, and review the performance of any paid staff (if any).

SECTION 3. Board of Director Meetings

- A. The Board of Directors shall meet at least quarterly.
- B. A quorum shall be at least one-half of the number of directors in office.
- C. A Director's absence from three (3) consecutive meetings without notification will constitute a resignation.
- D. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President with two days' notice to each Director.

SECTION 4. Elections

- A. All Board members shall be elected biennially by mail or electronic ballot.
- B. All Board members shall serve for two (2) year terms, not to exceed three (3) consecutive terms.
- C. President and Secretary will be elected in the odd years; Vice-President and Treasurer elected in even years.
- D. At-Large Board members can be elected in any year but will serve two (2) year terms, not to exceed three (3) consecutive terms.

ARTICLE VI – AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. Amendment with Notice

- A. These Bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the CWRNA membership by a vote of two-thirds of the members in attendance eligible to vote, provided that there is a quorum. These Bylaws may also be amended by mail or electronic ballot, by an affirmative vote of the responding CWRNA membership providing that previous notice has been given.
- B. Notice of the proposed amendments shall be given to the membership at least thirty (30) days prior to the date scheduled for the vote. Notice may be given by electronic communication.

SECTION 2. Amendment without Notice

- A. These Bylaws may be amended without prior notice at any regularly scheduled meeting by an affirmative vote of the responding CWRNA members voting.

SECTION 3. Harmony with WSNA

If at any time an amendment to these Bylaws is required to be in harmony as a constituent member of WSNA, the Board of Directors shall, and is hereby authorized to amend these articles to be in harmony with WSNA requirements.

ARTICLE VII – FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the CWRNA shall be January 1 through December 31 .

ARTICLE VIII – SEVERABILITY

Should any part of these Bylaws or any provision herein contained be rendered or declared invalid, such invalidation shall not invalidate the remaining portions hereof and they shall remain in full force and effect.

The foregoing Bylaws were adopted by the CWRNA Board of Directors on December 11, 2025.

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