

RECOMMENDED STANDING RULES FOR THE EASTERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE

(By unanimous recommendation of the ERC Rules Committee Dec. 3, 1967)

Article 1 -- The Eastern Regional Homophile Conference is a constituent but autonomous body of the North American Homophile Conference.

Article 2 -- The purposes of the Eastern Regional Homophile Conference shall be:

- a. To formulate, plan, discuss, co-ordinate, and implement strategy, tactics, ideologies, philosophies, and methodologies for the improvement of the status of the homosexual as a homosexual;
- b. To discuss, plan for, implement and co-ordinate the decisions and operations of the North American Homophile Conference on a regional basis;
- c. To speak as and to represent the collective voice of the homophile organizations in the Eastern Region.
- d. To stimulate the formation of, encourage, and provide assistance to new homophile organizations within the Eastern Region;
- e. To meet the needs of and to represent the homosexual community in those areas within the Eastern Region not represented by any accredited homophile organization.

Article 3 -- The Eastern Region shall include Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Maine, Massachusetts, New Brunswick, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Nova Scotia, eastern Ohio including Cleveland, but excluding Columbus, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Article 4 -- The Eastern Regional Homophile Conference shall convene in November and April of each year. Other meetings of the Conference may be called by the Executive Committee or by petition of one-half of the accredited organizations. Dates and specific locations shall be determined by the Chairman after consultation with the Executive Committee or the accredited organizations. In these decisions the Chairman may be overruled by the Executive Committee or the Conference in session, or may be given instructions by them.

Article 5 -- The Chairman shall be chosen each year at the November Conference by a majority of votes cast, and shall hold office to the final adjournment of the next November meeting. He shall preside over the Conferenas and over the Executive Committee. He shall, together with the Secretary, perform such other technical tasks as shall be necessary. In all cases his decisions may be overruled by the Conference in session or the Executive Committee.

Article 6 -- The Secretary shall be chosen each year at the November Conference by a majority of votes cast, and shall hold office to the final adjournment of the next November meeting. He shall perform such tasks as are the usual function of a secretary. He shall collect agenda items of the meetings of the Conference. He shall act as Secretary of the Executive Committee.

Article 7 -- In the event of a vacancy in the office of Chairman or Secretary, the Executive Committee shall elect an interim officer. An officer may also be removed by a majority vote of either Conference or Executive Committee, but such removal shall not take effect until a successor has been chosen.

Article 8 -- The Executive Committee shall consist of one representative from each accredited organization, plus any officers who shall not have been elected or designated representatives. In such cases, the officers shall have no vote. The Executive Committee shall be responsible to the Conference. Meetings shall be called with the concurrence of one-third of the representatives at a site predetermined by the Committee or Conference. The Executive Committee shall act as the interim voice of the Conference, and may make statements in the name of the Conference by a two-thirds majority.

Article 9 -- The decisions of the Eastern Regional Conference shall be binding upon all accredited organizations, unless for any particular organization alone, that organization has chosen to dissociate itself from any specific decision and has formally so notified the Conference through the Conference Secretary.

Article 10 -- The Conference shall elect such delegates as are required of it by the North American Homophile Conference in accordance with the regulations of the North American Homophile Conference. In the absence of regulations, the delegates shall be elected by majority vote of the Conference in session and may be replaced, or vacancies may be filled, as in Article 7.

Article 11 -- In the event the Conference shall decide to raise its own funds for general purposes, the Executive Committee shall prepare an annual budget to be submitted to the April Conference. No mandatory contribution shall be voted except by a two-thirds majority of a Conference in session. No organization may exempt itself from the mandated contribution.

Article 12 -- (the Credentials program)

Article 13 -- Amendments to these Standing Rules shall take effect upon passage by a two-thirds majority of a Conference or upon passage by a three-fifths majority of the Executive Committee followed by ratification by two-thirds of the accredited organizations.

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NOTE ON STANDING RULES BY STEPHEN DONALDSON

As author of the standing rules which were recommended by the Rules Committee, I am taking this opportunity to present some amendments and oversights which I ~~have~~ believe are needed to them, and which I shall present at the Conference.

1. A ~~rule~~ provision for Robert's Rules.
2. An article on Committees~~s~~, how they are set up and how they function, to whom they report, who co-ordinates them.
3. Provision for Ex Comm and others to adopt own rules of procedure as far as they don't conflict with Conference decisions or the Standing Rules themselves, subject to overruling by the Conference.
4. Provision for a Treasurer~~s~~.
5. Provision for a Vice-Chairman.
6. More detail on elections, nominations, secret ballots, runoffs/
7. Authority for ExBd to designate assistants to the officers.
8. Rename Standing Rules to By-laws.
9. In Article 2c, "movement" instead of "organizations"
10. In Article 3, add Labrador and Newfoundland
11. "April" to "late April or early May"
12. In Art. 6, make provision for a provisional agenda.
13. In Art. 8, tie-breaking vote to Chairman. Also, Chairman sets date.
14. In Art. 11, instead of "no mandatory contribution shall be voted except by 2/3" change to "no mandatory contribution shall be first established or raised except by a 2/3"..

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EASTERN REGIONAL HOMOPHILE CONFERENCE
 TREASURER'S REPORT
 October 26, 1968

BALANCE ON HAND: April 28, 1968 \$ 68.51

RECEIPTS:

<u>Mandatory contributions</u>			
C E H	\$30.00		
D O B	30.00		
H Y M N	30.00		
I S E	30.00		
M S W	30.00		
S H L	30.00		
W S D G	30.00		
Anonymous	<u>30.00</u>	\$240.00	240.00
			<u>ST\$308.51</u>

EXPENSES:

<u>July 4 Demonstration.</u>			
*(Budget: \$100.00)			
Village Voice ad	\$33.60		
M S W expense	55.73		
Leaflets	<u>3.75</u>	\$ 93.08	
<u>Credentials Comm.</u>			
*(Budget: \$40.00)			
Foster G.	\$ 3.70		
Jane K.	<u>23.94</u>	\$ 27.64	
<u>Secretary.</u>			
*(Budget: \$65.00)			
Barbara G.	\$ 4.14	\$ 4.14	
	8.00		
	<i>Gunnison</i> 13.95		
	12.47		
<u>Treasurer.</u>			
*(Budget: \$18.00)			
6.28.68	Service Chgs.	\$.99	
7.31.68	" "	.93	
8.30.68	" "	.98	
9.30.68	" "	<u>.98</u>	\$ 3.88
			<u>(4128.74)</u>

BALANCE ON HAND: October 26, 1968 \$179.77

* Budget: April 1968 through April 1969

Respectfully submitted, Kenneth Warren

DONALDSON AMENDMENTS TO STANDING RULES OF ERC RECOMMENDED BY
ERC RULES COMMITTEE

1. (bylaws)
 - A. In Article 13, strike "Standing Rules" and insert "By-laws"
 - B. Change title to "By-laws of the Eastern Regional Homophile Conference"
2. In Article 2c, strike "organizations" and insert "movement".
3. In Article 3, insert "Labrador, Maryland, Newfoundland" in the alphabetical order.
4. In Article 4, strike "April" and insert "Late April or early May".
5. In Article 11, strike "voted" and insert "first established or raised".
6. (Vice-Chairman)
 - A. Insert after Article 5 a new article reading "The Vice-Chairman shall be chosen each year at the November Conference by a majority of votes cast, and shall hold office to the final adjournment of the next November Conference. The Chairman shall retain the right to veto the selection of a particular Vice-Chairman. The Vice-Chairman shall perform the duties of the Chairman in his absence, subject to the instructions of the Chairman, the Executive Committee, and the Conference in session. He shall assist the Chairman in the performance of his tasks."
 - B. In Article 5, strike "Secretary" and insert "other officers".
 - C. In Article 7, strike "the office of Chairman or Secretary" and insert "an elective office".
7. In Article 6, add the sentence "He shall establish a provisional agenda, with the approval of the Chairman, for the semi-annual Conferences."
8. (Treasurer)

Insert after Article 6 a new article reading "The Treasurer shall be chosen each year at the November Conference, and shall hold office to the final adjournment of the next November Conference. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the financial affairs of the Conference, and shall prepare a proposed budget for the consideration of the Executive Committee. He shall see that all expenditures are made in accordance with the budget adopted at the April Conference or subsequent modifications thereof. This article shall not come into effect until the Conference shall decide to raise funds, in which case the first Treasurer shall be chosen at that time for a term running to the next following November Conference."
9. (Elections)

Insert after Article 6 and after any other articles on the duties of officers a new article reading "All elections of officers shall be by secret ballot, unless only one candidate is nominated. Nominations may be made only by accredited organizations. In the event no majority shall be reached where required, a run-off shall be held with the candidate with the lowest number of votes being eliminated. Candidates shall have the opportunity to speak and be questioned before balloting. In the event that it prove impossible to elect a successor, the incumbent shall continue in office until the election can be completed."