

NEVADA COUNCIL FOR THE PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BYLAWS

PREAMBLE

The Nevada Council for the Prevention of Domestic Violence is a state board established pursuant to NRS 228.480 and NRS 228.490, inclusive, and governed by the Nevada Revised Statutes, including, without limitation, the Open Meeting Law (NRS Chapter 241)

ARTICLE I

NAME

- A. **“Council” defined.** The name of this organization shall be the Nevada Council for the Prevention of Domestic Violence.
- B. **Use of Name.** Use of the name Nevada Council for the Prevention of Domestic Violence shall be subject to approval by the Council or its chair.

ARTICLE II

GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE

This Council shall cover the State of Nevada.

ARTICLE III

PURPOSE AND DUTIES

- A. The purpose of the Council is to work toward preventing and eliminating domestic violence in Nevada through:
 - 1. Awareness through education;
 - 2. Training;
 - 3. Legislation; and
 - 4. Funding.
- B. The duties of the Council are as follows;

1. To make recommendations for any necessary legislation relating to domestic violence to the Office of the Attorney General;
2. To provide financial support to programs for the prevention of domestic violence in the State;
3. To study and review all appropriate issues related to the administration of the criminal justice system in rural Nevada with respect to offenses involving domestic violence, including, without limitation, the availability of counseling services; and
4. With the assistance of the Court Administrator, based upon the study and review conducted pursuant to paragraph (3), to prepare and submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau on or before February 1 of each odd-numbered year, for transmittal to the next regular session of the Legislature. In preparing the report, the Council shall solicit comments and recommendations from district judges, municipal judges and justices of the peace in rural Nevada and include in its report, as a separate section, all comments and recommendations that are received by the Council.

ARTICLE IV

FINANCES

- A. **Funding.** This Council is funded through the Account for Programs Related to Domestic Violence pursuant to NRS 228.460, private donations, legislative appropriations and state and federal grants as available.
- B. **Gifts or donations.** The chair or any Council member may solicit gifts, donations or in-kind services to be used by the Council for the purposes stated in these bylaws in accordance with state law. The Council reserves the right to refuse any gift, donation or in-kind services.
- C. **Fund-raising events.** Council sponsorship of its own or other fund-raising events must be approved in advance by the Council or the Council chair.
- D. **Expenditures.** Expenditures of the Council shall be governed in accordance with NRS 228.460.

ARTICLE V

MEMBERSHIP

- A. Members shall serve a three (3) year term and may be reappointed.
- B. Members shall serve without compensation but while engaged in the business of the Council, are entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally.
- C. Members who have two absences per year may be subject to removal by the chair.
- D. Members may be recommended for removal by a two-thirds vote of the quorum present, subject to the chair's approval.
- E. All vacancies shall be recommended to the Council for replacement by a geographically balanced nominating committee, and subject to a two-thirds vote of the quorum present. The chair has the right to accept or reject the Council's recommendation in appointing new members.
- F. There shall be no more than 30 voting members of the Council. It is the Council's goal that the Council be comprised of a group of individuals who are geographically balanced, culturally diverse, and representative of the various disciplines involved in domestic violence issues.
- G. The chair may appoint other members as deemed necessary.
- H. The Domestic Violence Ombudsman shall serve as a non-voting ex-officio member of the Council.

ARTICLE VI

OFFICERS

- A. The officers of this Council will be comprised of a chair, a vice-chair, a secretary, and a treasurer.
- B. The chair will be the Attorney General or his/her designee.
- C. The vice-chair, secretary, and treasurer will be elected by the Council annually, at the first meeting of the calendar year.

- D. The Council may remove the vice chair, the secretary, the treasurer, or any chair elected by the Council by a two-thirds vote of the quorum present.
- E. The duties of the chair will be as follows:
 - 1. To serve as presiding officer during Council meetings;
 - 2. To plan the agenda and schedule meetings;
 - 3. To serve as spokesperson for the Council;
 - 4. To respond to correspondence on behalf of the Council; and
 - 5. To perform the duties as prescribed in these bylaws; and
 - 6. To perform other appropriate duties as they may arise.
- F. Should the chair be absent or unable to fulfill duties as outlined in section E, the vice-chair shall act in their place.
- G. In the event that both the chair and the vice-chair are absent, the Attorney General's designee will act as presiding officer.
- H. The secretary shall ensure that the minutes are accurate prior to being presented to the Council.
- I. The treasurer shall deliver a budget report at each Council meeting.

ARTICLE VII

MEETINGS

- A. The Council shall meet at least three (3) times each calendar year and may meet at other times upon the call of the Chair.
- B. At least one meeting in each calendar year shall be held at a location within the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, ~~or Seventh~~, or Eleventh Judicial Districts.
- C. A simple majority of the voting members shall constitute a quorum.
- D. Council meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the Open Meeting Law (NRS Ch. 241).
- E. Minutes will be taken at each meeting and draft minutes will be furnished to Council members prior to the next meeting.

ARTICLE VIII

VOTING

- A. Action on any matter requires a simple majority vote of the quorum present in accordance with NRS 241.015(1)(a).
- B. No proxy voting will be allowed.

ARTICLE IX

COMMITTEES

- A. ~~Every member of the Council, with the exception of the chair, shall serve on at least one committee.~~
- ~~B~~ B. Committees may be formed at the discretion of the chair upon advice of the Council or pursuant to Council action. Each committee will exist until its work is completed. Committees may consist of Council and non-Council members.
- ~~B~~ ~~C~~ C. Each committee shall designate a chair or co-chairs.
- ~~C~~ ~~D~~ D. The committee chair or chair's designee shall be prepared to report on the committee's progress and recommendations at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting following the committee meeting.
- ~~D~~ ~~E~~ E. Committee meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the Open Meeting Law (NRS Ch. 241).
- ~~E~~ ~~F~~ F. Minutes will be taken at each committee meeting.
- ~~F~~ ~~G~~ G. A simple majority of the committee's membership shall constitute a quorum.
- ~~G~~ ~~H~~ H. Each committee chair shall hold regular meetings. If the committee has not met prior to two consecutive Council meetings, the committee may vote to replace the existing chair.
- ~~H~~ ~~I~~ I. Committee members may be removed by a simple majority vote of the quorum present at the meeting.

ARTICLE X

AMENDMENTS

Bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Council, ~~provided that a notice of the amendment has been sent to all members one month prior.~~ Amendments shall be passed by a simple majority vote of the quorum present in accordance with NRS 241.015(1)(a).

Accepted and approved by the Council on this _____ day of _____
2015.

Signed: _____
ADAM PAUL LAXALT
Attorney General, Chair to the
Nevada Council for the
Prevention of Domestic
Violence