



Chinese American Citizens Alliance 52nd Biennial Convention 2013

RESOLUTION # 02— Submitted by Grand Lodge Governance Committee

TITLE: Replacement of the word “Grand” by the word “National”

WHEREAS, the adjective “Grand” is a term for organizational infrastructure adopted by Chinese American Citizens Alliance in an historical time over one hundred years ago;

WHEREAS, the Alliance at that time deliberately chose its terminology to demonstrate its equality to like-American organizations and clubs of the time;

WHEREAS, the word “Grand” was therefore used in many places of the Constitution and Bylaws, and Rules of the Grand Council;

WHEREAS, the common public usage of said adjective “Grand” has diminished considerably since that historical time of the early twentieth century;

WHEREAS, the meaning of “Grand” is now replaced by the equivalent, better understood adjective “National” except for the historical internal structure of the Judicial Department and the body denote Grand Council.

WHEREAS, Introductions, Preambles, and notes are historical and shall not be revised;

WHEREAS, the Alliance now is a nationally prominent civil rights organization that stands alone as a strong voice in its own right;

RESOLVED THAT in the Constitution, commencing at Article I, Organization, the word “Grand” shall be replaced by the word “National” in 70 places or so. For example, “Board of Grand Officers” shall be “Board of National Officers”. Preamble text, footnotes, and notes shall remain the same.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT in the Bylaws and Rules of the Grand Council, the word “Grand” shall be replaced by the word “National” in up to 39 places.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the terms historical internal terms “Grand Council”, “Grand Justice”, and “Grand Forum” shall not be changed; none of the wording of Constitution Article 6, Judicial Department, shall change.

Assigned: Governance

Action: <For Grand Council>

Date: <For Grand Council>