



## Chinese American Citizens Alliance 52nd Biennial Convention 2013

### **RESOLUTION #03— Submitted by Grand Lodge Governance Committee**

#### **TITLE: National Vice Presidents for Education and Civic Issues**

**WHEREAS**, the current Board of Grand Officers is still not perfectly aligned in its executive management structure to actual internal and public function;

**WHEREAS**, the missing programmatic function is educational programs;

**WHEREAS**, the addition of a Grand Vice President, Education, provides focus for one of the Chinese American Citizens Alliance's key goals to promote youth leadership development of the next generation and to achieve fulfillment of Cardinal Principle "To cultivate the mind through the exchange of knowledge";

**WHEREAS**, the combining of the Grand Executive Vice President with Civic and Public Affairs duties has encumbered flexibility of Grand Officers, and therefore a Grand Vice President, Civic Issues will improve the Chinese American Citizens Alliance's focus on public issues;

**WHEREAS**, the quorum of the Board of Grand Officers shall be maintained;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Grand Vice President, Education, and the Grand Vice President, Civic Issues, shall be created and the Constitution amended as follows:

Constitution Article IV, Executive Department, Section 1, Executive Powers (11/05), shall be revised to "

Section 1. *Executive Powers (11/05, 11/13)* All executive powers of this organization shall be vested in the Board of Grand Officers, which shall consist of:

- a. Grand President
- b. Grand Executive Vice President
- c. Grand Vice President, Civic issues
- d. Grand Vice President, Planning
- e. Grand Vice President, Membership
- f. Grand Vice President, Communications
- g. Grand Vice President, Education
- h. Grand Secretary
- i. Grand Assistant Secretary
- j. Grand Treasurer
- k. Grand Auditors (2)
- l. Grand Marshal
- m. Grand Sentinel
- n. Grand Executives (10)
- o. Grand Representatives (one for each Local Lodge)
- p. Past Grand President(s)
- q. Regional Grand Executives (6)

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Article V, Function and Duties of Board of Grand Officers, Section 3. Grand Vice Presidents shall be amended as follows.

Section 3. *Grand Vice Presidents (11/05, 11/13)*. There shall be five Grand Vice Presidents with their titles corresponding to function. Each Grand Vice President shall chair the Standing Committee to which this Vice President has been elected.



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Specifically, there shall be a Grand Vice President, Civic Issues, Grand Vice President, Membership, Grand Vice President, Communications, Grand Vice President, Planning, and Grand Vice President, Education. Additional duties of the Grand Vice Presidents shall be to assist the Grand President and Grand Executive Vice President in the discharge of their duties. No Grand Vice President shall chair more than one Standing Committee. In the event of vacancy in the office of the Grand Executive Vice President, one of the Grand Vice Presidents shall be elected by the Grand Board of Officers to become Grand Executive Vice President with full honor for the remainder of the term.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that for consistency Article IV, Executive Department, Section 9. Standing Committees and their Chairs. (11/05) shall be amended as follows:

Section 9. *Standing Committees and their Chairs (11/05, 11/13).*

a. the Board of Grand Officers shall include Standing Committees named for their functions: Civic Issues, Finance, Membership, Communications, Planning, and Education.

b. (deleted)

c. The Finance Committee shall be chaired by the Grand Treasurer.

d. For the transition term 2005-2007, the Grand President shall appointed the Chairs of the Communications and Planning Committees from elected members of the Board of Grand Officers in the usual manner. For the transition term 2013-2014, should the Grand Vice Presidents, Civic Issues and Education be ratified, the positions shall be filled in the manner stated for vacancies of officers on the Board of Grand Officers.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Bylaws Article IV, Standing Committees of the Board of Grand Officers, shall add Section 7.

Section 7. *Education Committee.* The Education Committee shall be responsible for the education programs and funding, following the precept "to cultivate the mind through the exchange of knowledge." Focus shall be particularly targeted to by not limited to youth leadership development. Programs may include skills competition such as writing and the arts and the recognition of outstanding national scholars.

Assigned: Governance

Action: <For Grand Council>

Date: <For Grand Council>