



Chinese American Citizens Alliance 52nd Biennial Convention 2013

RESOLUTION # 05 — Submitted by Grand Lodge Governance

TITLE: Removal of Conflicts of Interest in the Office of Local Lodge Auditor

WHEREAS, Auditors are elected by the Local Lodge members and therefore serve as members of the Board of Officers;

WHEREAS, Local Lodges will have to establish future financial policies and practices;

WHEREAS, in the development of said policies and practices at the Board of Grand Officers, it has been revealed that the office of Auditor is defined with an internal conflict of interest, namely that the Auditor is allowed to deliberate and vote on policies and practices that same officer must later audit;

WHEREAS, therefore on the Board of Officers, the Auditor shall not vote on matters and issues outlined above that affect financial actions of the Board of Officers; and that the position of the Auditor on any such motion on the Board of Officers shall be recorded as “abstained”;

WHEREAS FURTHER, therefore on the Board of Officers, the Auditor shall not actively participate in discussions or vote on matters and issues outlined above but may be present at any Board meeting where such discussions take place;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the revision the Bylaws of Article IX, Duties of Local Lodge Officers, Section 7, Grand Auditors, shall be amended to:

Section 7. *Auditors.* The Auditors shall audit and examine all accounts of the Lodge at least once a month and report findings to the President and Treasurer. The Auditors shall keep and maintain all blank receipts and forms to be given to the Financial Secretary for use from time to time.

Auditors shall be responsible for assessing annually the legal compliance of all financial accounts and records of the Lodge and shall also be responsible for the compliance of financial policies and practices of the Lodge. To avoid financial conflicts of interest, Auditors shall not actively participate in any discussions and shall not vote on any actions regarding matters of financial transactions of the Lodge. (Minutes shall show their presence as “abstained.”) Auditors shall not be active members of any Local Lodge committee dealing with financial matters.

Assigned: Governance

Action: <For Grand Council>

Date: <For Grand Council>