

# CONSTITUTION

Effective April 2015

Seattle AmeriCorps Collaborative

Seattle, WA 98104

The Seattle AmeriCorps Collaborative will help all AmeriCorps members in the Seattle area by strengthening the existing network of service members and AmeriCorps site supervisors. SAC is meant to be an enhancement of each member's service year by encouraging and enabling members and teams to collaborate on community service projects (including National Days of Service), share connections and resources, and create social and professional opportunities.

## MISSION

Ensure that every AmeriCorps member's year of service is as fulfilling and impactful as possible; leveraging the talents, knowledge and resources of a connected and service minded community.

## ARTICLE I

### FOUNDATION

This organization will be known as the Seattle AmeriCorps Collaborative (aka, SAC). It will follow the obligations set forth in the AmeriCorps, AmeriCorps\*VISTA, NCCC, and all related program pledge(s) taken during each member's induction of the service year.

## ARTICLE II

### PURPOSE

The purpose of this Seattle AmeriCorps Collaborative shall be:

**Section 1:** To support members during their service year by identifying and connecting members to: resources, opportunities for civic engagement, professional development, and networking.

**Section 2:** To encourage collaboration between members throughout the greater Seattle area.

**Section 3:** To connect and provide resources for sites that are affiliated with AmeriCorps (and all other affiliated programs).

**Section 4:** To provide a space for sharing information about life as a service member in Seattle.

**Section 5:** To stimulate interest in a lifetime of community engagement and civic responsibility.

**Section 6:** To facilitate engaging opportunities for members during National Days of Service that connects members with each other and the community at large.

National Days of Service include:

1. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
2. Global Youth Service Day
3. National Volunteer Week
4. AmeriCorps Week
5. Day of Caring
6. 9/11 Day of Remembrance
7. Make a Difference Day
8. Earth Day

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **GOVERNMENT**

**Section 1:** The supreme body shall be the SAC Executive Board as defined within the by-laws.

**Section 2:** The supportive body of this organization shall be the Advisory Council as defined in the By-Laws.

### **ARTICLE IV**

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 1:** Any individual who has taken the AmeriCorps (and other affiliated programs) pledge and is currently serving within a local National Service program.

**Section 2:** Any individual that is interested in committing a year for a National Service program is eligible to be a member.

**Section 3:** Any individual that is engaged in a supervisory role over AmeriCorps members is eligible for participation in SAC hosted events.

**Section 4:** The Executive officers reserve the right to extend any person membership regardless of connection to a National Service program.

### **ARTICLE V**

#### **MEETINGS**

Chapter meetings shall be held at least monthly.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**

**Section 1:** This constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the Executive Officers.

**Section 2:** Amendments may be proposed to the Executive Council by any member of SAC.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATEMENT**

Unlawful acts of discrimination or harassment by members of this organization are prohibited. In addition, even if not illegal, acts are prohibited if they harass or discriminate against any community member(s) through inappropriate discrimination based on age, color, disability, familial status, height, marital status, national origin, political affiliation, race, religion, sex/gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, veteran status, or weight.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **DISSOLUTION CLAUSE**

This organization may be dissolved only with authorization by its Executive Officers given at a special meeting called for that purpose and with subsequent approval by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Advisory Council and current leadership. Upon dissolution or other termination of the Seattle AmeriCorps Collaborative, all remaining assets, after payment in full of all its debts, obligations, and necessary final expenses, or after the making of adequate provision therefore, shall be distributed to a local nonprofit chosen by a majority vote of the Executive Board.