

By-Laws
Associates Council
(adopted 8/10/01)

Article I – Purpose of the Associates Council

The Associates Council exists to support the associate members of NSHBA: (1) by providing an effective credible voice of the associate members, (2) to produce and promote programs and events to enable networking and business development opportunities for associate members.

Article II – Associates Council Officers

Section 1. The Associates Council shall have the following as officers:

- Chair- The Associate Vice President shall hold this position. The chair will facilitate Associates Council meetings, fulfill the purposes of the council by enlisting council members to serve on committees, and represent the associates at the NSHBA Board meetings.
- Vice Chair- The Vice Chair will be appointed by the Chair. The Vice Chair will be responsible for the Chair's duties in the absence of the Chair, and will aid the Chair in fulfilling the purposes of the council.
- Secretary/Treasurer- NSHBA's executive officer or designee will fill this position. The secretary shall keep a written record of the Associates Council meetings and safeguard them for future reference.

Section 2. Election of Officers- The NAHB Associate National Director from Nebraska who is also the NSHBA Associate Vice President, will serve as chair of the Associates Council, as specified by the NSHBA Bylaws. If the NAHB Associate National Director does not desire to be the NSHBA Associate Vice President/ Associates Council chair, then the Associates Council Governance Board shall elect someone to be the Associates Council Chair and the NSHBA Associate Vice President.

Article III – Governance Board

The Associates Council will have a Governance Board with representatives from the local HBA's. The officers will also serve on the Governance Board. The Governance Board shall not exceed 18 members. The number of Governance Board members shall be determined by a percentage, proportionate to the associates in that HBA: Columbus HBA, Central NE HBA, North Platte HBA, Norfolk HBA, and West Central HBA shall each have one representative, and HBA of Lincoln and the Metro Omaha BA shall have five representatives each.

Article III – Membership

Membership in the Associates Council is open to any associate member in good standing that expresses interest in becoming involved and wishes to actively participate in the Associates Council. The Associates Council may specify a dues structure if they so desire.

Article IV – Meetings

The Associates Council shall meet in person or by conference call at least three times per year. Other meetings may occur as deemed necessary by the Chair.

Article V – Finances

NSHBA shall be responsible for maintaining the financial record and all deposits and disbursements resulting from the actions of the Associates Council.

Article VI – Amendments

These By-Laws may be amended in any respect at any Associates Council meeting by a vote of the majority of the associates council that are present at the meeting, provided that at least thirty (30) days prior to the vote a written notice of the proposed amendment(s) have been sent to the members of the Associates Council. All amendments to these by-laws shall not become effective until approved by the NSHBA Board.