

# Reservation Counties Bylaws

## ARTICLE I: NAME AND PURPOSE

- Section 1:** The official name of this organization shall be Montana Reservation Counties Committee.
- Section 2:** The general purpose of this organization is to promote the voluntary cooperation and coordination of the tribal nations with counties of the State of Montana.
- Section 3:** This organization shall abide by all federal, state, and county laws.

## ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

- Section 1:** Membership shall be open to any county that has federal & state recognized tribal nations as a part of the county's known boundaries.
- Section 2:** Dues will be set at the Annual Meeting.
- Section 3:** Membership period shall be from the beginning of each calendar year to the end of that same calendar year.

## ARTICLE III: OFFICERS

- Section 1:** Officers shall be a President, Vice-President, and Secretary.
- Section 2:** Officers must be a county commissioner from the membership counties.
- Section 3:** Officers shall be elected by verbal vote at the Annual MACO meeting by a majority votes cast for that office.
- Section 4:** Term of office shall be 2 years and begin January of the coming year and last until the December 31<sup>st</sup> of the 2<sup>nd</sup> calendar year following election.
- Section 5:** If a vacancy occurs in the office of President, the Vice-President shall assume the office for the remainder of the term and vacancies in any other office shall be filled by an election.

#### **ARTICLE IV: DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

- Section 1:** It shall be the duty of the President to preside at meetings, vote only in case of a tie, represent the organization, perform such other duties as ordinarily pertain to this organization.
- Section 2:** It shall be the duty of the Vice President to preside in the absence of the President and maintain a current roster of membership.
- Section 3:** It shall be the duty of the Secretary to record the minutes of all meetings, keep a file of the organization's records, obtain an itemized account of all receipts and expenditures and make reports as directed, issue notices of meetings and conduct the general correspondence of the organization.

#### **ARTICLE V: MEETINGS**

- Section 1:** Regular meetings shall be held bi-annually during the Annual and Mid-winter Montana Association of Counties conventions each year.
- Section 2:** Special meetings may be called by the President with the approval of the membership.
- Section 3:** A majority of member counties present shall constitute a quorum.
- Section 4:** Robert's Rule of Order, Newly Revised, shall be the parliamentary authority in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE VI: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

- Section 1:** Management of this organization shall be vested in an Executive Committee responsible to the entire membership to uphold these bylaws.
- Section 2:** This committee shall consist of the officers as listed in Article III.
- Section 3:** This committee shall meet, conference call, or email at least once between regular meetings of the organization to organize and plan future activities to be placed on the meeting agenda.

#### **ARTICLE VII: COMMITTEES**

- Section 1:** The organization may create short-term, ad hoc committees as-needed with a simple majority vote.

## ARTICLE VIII: AMENDMENTS

- Section 1:** These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the organization's membership.
- Section 2:** All members shall receive advance notice of the proposed amendment at least five days before the regular scheduled meetings.

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