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CONSTITUTION FOR  
ALASKA AFSCME RETIREE CHAPTER NO. 52

ARTICLE I  
NAME AND HEADQUARTERS

Section 1. Name.

The name of this organization shall be Alaska AFSCME Retiree Chapter Number 52 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO.

Section 2. Headquarters.

The headquarters of this Chapter shall be located in Anchorage, Alaska.

ARTICLE II  
AFFILIATIONS

This Chapter shall be chartered by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

ARTICLE III  
MISSION STATEMENT AND OBJECTIVES

Section 1. The Mission Statement of this Chapter is:

To preserve, protect, and enhance benefits for retirees of the Alaskan public retirement systems.

Section 2. The objectives of this Chapter are:

- A. To act as a unified voice for Alaskan public retirees.
- B. To advocate statutory and regulatory changes for the benefit of Alaskan public retirees.
- C. To recruit into AARC52 retirees from all Alaskan public retirement programs.
- D. To make AARC52 into a strong and effective organization.
- E. To inform and educate members and the general public about retirement issues.
- F. To carry out within the Chapter's jurisdiction the objectives of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees' Retiree Organization and such other objectives the Chapter may establish from time to time in conjunction with the parent organization.

ARTICLE IV  
MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Jurisdiction.

Full Voting Membership. This Chapter shall be open to all members receiving retirement compensation from any State of Alaska retirement system.

Section 2. Composition.

Upon petition to and approval of the AARC52 Executive Board, a group of members in a geographical area may form a Sub-Chapter of AARC52. All Sub-Chapters coming under the jurisdiction of AARC52 shall affiliate with and maintain affiliation with AARC52.

Section 3. Dues/Per Capita Tax.

- A. The membership dues of the Chapter shall be \$24 per member per calendar year.
- B. The per capita tax on all members shall be paid by AARC52 in accordance with the requirements of AFSCME.

Section 4. Pension Check-Off.

The dues deduction of an individual member's dues may be transmitted to AARC52 through pension check-off, at such time as a check-off procedure may be established.

ARTICLE V  
THE CONVENTION

Section 1. Authority.

All sovereign power of AARC52 shall be vested in the Chapter Convention when the same is in session.

Section 2. Date, Time and Place.

Regular conventions of AARC52 shall be held in the even-numbered years. The time and place for the holding of the convention shall be set by the AARC52 Executive Board; provided, however, that the convention shall be held prior to the meeting of the AFSCME International Union's Retiree Council.

Section 3. Special Conventions.

Special conventions may be called at any time upon a minimum of thirty (30) days' notice by a two-thirds (2/3<sup>rd</sup>) vote of the AARC52 Executive Board. A special convention can also be called by the International President or by an authorized representative of the International President, or by a petition of one-fifth (1/5<sup>th</sup>) of the members eligible to vote.

Section 4. Number of Delegates.

1 All members in good standing shall be eligible to attend as delegates. The Chapter may  
2 reimburse for delegate expenses.

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4 Section 5. Qualification of Delegates.

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6 Each delegate must be a member in good standing of AARC52. Any member of the  
7 AARC52 Executive Board shall be a delegate to the AARC52 Convention and shall be entitled  
8 to all the rights and privileges of a delegate.

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10 Section 6. Convention Call.

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12 A. The timeline within this section is waived for the Founding Convention.  
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14 B. At least 120 days prior to each regular convention, the AARC52 Secretary shall  
15 send to all members eligible to vote a copy of the convention call, accompanied  
16 by credential forms. In the case of a convention at which election of officers is to  
17 take place, this shall be indicated in the convention call.  
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19 Section 7. Certification of Delegates.

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21 Members eligible to vote shall return the credential forms, properly executed and signed,  
22 to AARC52 headquarters no later than thirty (30) days prior to the opening of the convention.  
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25 ARTICLE VI  
26 OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS FOR AARC52  
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28 Section 1. Eligibility.

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30 To run and hold office or convention delegate status within AARC52 a candidate must  
31 be a member in good standing.  
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33 Section 2. Titles of Officers.

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35 The officers of this Chapter shall be a President; a Treasurer, Vice-President, a  
36 Secretary, and three Executive Board Members-at-Large. At least one of the three At-Large  
37 Executive Board Members shall reside outside the State of Alaska. These seven shall  
38 constitute the AARC52 Executive Board. In addition, there shall be elected two Trustees.  
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40 Section 3. Terms of Office.

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42 The Trustees shall be elected to four-year terms except that in the first election one  
43 shall be elected for a two-year term, and one for a four-year term. All other officers shall be  
44 elected as follows:  
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- 46 A. President – to a term of two (2) years in the election year 2000, and then four-  
47 year (4-year) terms thereafter.  
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49 B. Treasurer – to a term of four (4) years.  
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51 C. Secretary – to a term of two (2) years in the election year 2000, and then four-  
52 year (4-year) terms thereafter.  
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1 D. Vice-President – to a term of four (4) years.

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3 E. Executive Board Members-at-Large (3)

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5 (1) Position 1 – to a term of two (2) years in the election year 2000, and then  
6 four-year (4-year) terms thereafter.

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8 (2) Position 2 - to a term of four (4) years.

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10 (3) Position 3 (must reside outside the state) - to a term of two (2) years in  
11 the election year 2000, and then four-year (4-year) terms thereafter.

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13 Section 4. Nominations and Elections.

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15 Nominations of officers for this chapter will be conducted by mail. A notice of  
16 nominations will be mailed to each member at their last known address at least 90 days prior to  
17 the election date (date of the chapter convention). Members have 30 days from the notice of  
18 nomination to submit nominations to the chapter in writing.

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20 Section 5. Elections.

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22 The elections of officers shall be conducted in accordance with the section “Voting by  
23 Mail” of the AFSCME Retiree Election Code. Ballots will be mailed no more than 10 days after  
24 the deadline for nomination submissions. The deadline for receipt of ballots is not more than 30  
25 days from the date the ballots were mailed. Ballots will be counted at the convention as the last  
26 order of business, and the pre-convention incumbents shall remain in office through the end of  
27 the convention until the completion of the ballot count and the results of the election of officers  
28 are reported to the convention. At that time, the newly elected officers shall immediately be  
29 installed. In case of a run-off election, ballots will be mailed to the full membership within 20  
30 days from date that the ballots are counted.

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32 Section 6. Retiree Election Code.

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34 All matters concerning nominations and elections in this Chapter shall be subject to the  
35 provisions of the AFSCME Retiree Election Code.

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37 Section 7. Obligation of an Officer.

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39 Every officer shall, upon assuming office, subscribe to the Obligation of an Officer as  
40 follows:

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42 I, \_\_\_\_\_, promise and pledge that I will faithfully  
43 perform with honor the duties of the office which I now assume in the Alaska  
44 AFSCME Retiree Chapter 52, and I will deliver to my successor in office all  
45 books, papers and other property of AARC52 which are in my possession at the  
46 close of my official term.



- 1       A.     assist the President in the work of the President's office.
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- 3       B.     in the absence of the President or in the President's temporary inability to serve,
- 4            preside at all meetings and perform all other duties normally performed by the
- 5            President.
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- 7            (1)     In the event the President is unable to resume service to the chapter
- 8            within 120 days, or the position becomes vacant for any other reason,
- 9            the Vice-President shall assume the duties as President for the duration
- 10           of said term.
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- 12           (2)     Upon enactment of (1) above, the Vice-President's seat shall be filled by
- 13           the Executive Board as provided in Article VI, Section 7 of the current
- 14           approved Constitution.
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- 16       C.     be a member ex-officio of all committees except the election committee.
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- 18       D.     be first alternate to the Biennial AFSCME International Convention.
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- 20       E.     be an alternate co-signer on all checks drawn on the funds of the Chapter.

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22     Section 4. Secretary.

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24     The Secretary shall:

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- 26       A.     keep or cause to be kept a record of the proceedings of the convention and of
- 27            meetings of the AARC52 Executive Board, recording faithfully each motion that
- 28            is made and the disposition of such motion.
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- 30       B.     be an alternate co-signer on all checks drawn on the funds of AARC52.

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32     Section 5. Treasurer.

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34     The Treasurer shall:

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- 36       A.     receive and disburse or cause to be received and disbursed all monies and
- 37            property of AARC52.
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- 39       B.     deposit or cause to be deposited all monies in a financial institution, and money
- 40            so deposited shall be withdrawn only by check signed in accordance with this
- 41            constitution.
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- 43       C.     keep or cause to be kept an accurate record of receipts and disbursements and
- 44            rend a report thereon at each meeting of the Executive Board.
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- 46       D.     fully report on or cause to be fully reported on the financial standing of AARC52
- 47            to the membership not less often than quarterly.
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- 49       E.     be a primary co-signer on all checks drawn on the funds of the Chapter.
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2 Section 2. Approval of Constitutional Amendments.

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4 The timelines within this section are waived for the Founding Convention.

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6 Section 3. Executive Board Recommendations.

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8 The AARC52 Executive Board shall review and make a recommendation to the  
9 convention on any proposal to amend the constitution.

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11 Section 4. Effective Date.

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13 Any amendment approved by the convention shall be immediately submitted to the  
14 International President and such amendment shall take effect only upon written approval of the  
15 International President.

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18 ARTICLE X  
19 ADOPTION OF THE CONSTITUTION

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21 Section 1. Prior to the Founding Convention, this constitution shall be initially  
22 adopted upon a two-thirds vote of the Organizing Committee doing business as the acting  
23 executive board of AARC52. This constitution then shall be submitted in a legislative style  
24 format before the delegates of the Founding Convention for any amendments and approval.

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26 Section 2. In accord with the AFSCME International Constitution, the adoption of a  
27 new constitution by this Chapter and any change of any nature in the constitution shall be  
28 subject to the approval of the International President, and shall become effective only upon the  
29 granting of such approval by the President in writing. Regardless of such written approval, if a  
30 conflict between such subordinate body constitution or amended constitution and the  
31 International Constitution is found, the provision of the International Constitution shall prevail.

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33 APPROVED BY:

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35 /original signed/

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37 GERALD W. McENTEE  
38 International President

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40 Approval Date: 01/08/2008

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