ARTICLE I — Name
The name of this organization shall be The University of Washington Retirement Association.

ARTICLE II — Purposes
The Association is organized exclusively for the following purposes:
(1) to sponsor educational programs relating to circumstances of retired persons, such as housing, medical care, and other economic and social concerns;
(2) to educate the public about the circumstances of retired persons;
(3) to work for the improvement of the retirement program of the University of Washington;
(4) to facilitate public service, and continuing professional and educational activities of University personnel in retirement;
(5) to communicate on behalf of retired University of Washington personnel with representatives of the University, government and other groups affecting the welfare of retired persons;
(6) to facilitate continuing contributions by members to scholarly and other professional objectives of the University of Washington.
(7) to participate in the development of retirement facilities.

ARTICLE III — Membership and Dues
Section 1 — Membership
Persons eligible for membership include (a) active members of the University of Washington faculty and staff and their spouses, surviving spouses, former spouses, and domestic partners, (b) retired members of the University of Washington faculty and staff who were salaried for at least five consecutive years, and their spouses, surviving spouses, former spouses, and domestic partners, and (c) such other categories of membership and qualifications for membership as the Board shall determine to be consistent with the purposes of the Association.

Section 2 — Dues
Annual dues shall be fixed by the Board.

ARTICLE IV — Board of Directors and Officers
Section 1—Duties of Officers and Board
The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Board of Directors composed of members elected by the membership, the President and First Vice President if their elective terms of service on the Board have been completed, and the Secretary and Treasurer if they are not already elected members of the Board. Officers shall perform the duties customary for their respective offices. The Board shall have the authority to establish such standing and ad hoc committees as it deems desirable.

Section 2 — Eligibility for Board Membership
All members whose dues are paid may be elected to the Board.

Section 3 — Term of Office
Members of the Board shall be elected for a term of three years and shall not be eligible to serve consecutive terms. However, the President and First Vice President shall remain on the Board for their terms of office
although their elective term of service may have been completed. One third of the members of the Board shall be elected annually. Any vacancy on the Board shall be filled by the Board in accordance with Article IV, Section 9, except that if a vacancy should occur while the nominating committee is at work, that committee shall nominate a member of the Association to fill such vacancy.

Section 4 — Officers
The officers of this Association shall be a President, a First Vice President and a Second Vice President, a Treasurer and a Secretary. The President and Vice Presidents shall be elected by the Board from among its members. The Secretary and Treasurer may be elected by the Board from its members or from the membership at large. All officers shall be elected for a one-year term but may be reelected. All officers shall be elected at a meeting of the new Board preceding the Annual Meeting. All shall assume their duties at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting.

Section 5 — Nominations
Each year the Board shall appoint a nominating committee of at least five persons that shall invite suggestions from the members and prepare a slate with a candidate for each office and each vacancy on the Board.

Nominations may also be made by petition bearing the signatures of at least ten members. Such nominating petitions must be received by the chairperson of the nominating committee at a time to be specified by the Board and early enough to be included on the ballot.

To the extent possible the Board shall be representative of the several constituencies of the Association and the nominating committee should seek this end.

Section 6 — Electors
Each member whose dues are paid is entitled to vote.

Section 7 — Elections
The members of the Board shall be elected by written ballot distributed to all members at least one month before the Annual Meeting. Election shall be by a plurality of votes cast. Newly elected members of the Board shall assume their duties at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting.

Section 8 — Balloting
Ballots shall be issued and counted by the Membership Committee, under the supervision of its chairperson, who shall certify the results and report them to the President. Ballots must be received in the Retirement Association office not later than one week before the Annual Meeting.

Section 9 — Vacancies
All vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the Board, except as provided in Article IV, Section 3. Board appointees shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Article V — Amendments
Section 1 — Vote Required
The constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the members present at any meeting of the organization, provided notice has been given and that 75 or more of the members be present, or by majority of the ballots returned in a written poll of the members.

Section 2 — Notice
Written notice of proposed amendments must be sent to the membership one month before the meeting at which they are to be acted upon. Should the Board decide to submit proposed amendments by mail ballot, a period of one month from the date of mailing must be allowed for the receipt of valid ballots.