

Task Force on Chapters and Convention

WHEREAS, APALA was “established by the AFL-CIO as a membership organization for Trade Unionists who are united around the goal of promoting the needs of Asian Pacific American Workers” (APALA Constitution, Statement of Purpose);

WHEREAS, APALA was founded in 1992 and its primary structure has not been evaluated or significantly altered since its creation;

WHEREAS, chapters are an essential part of the structure of APALA and their health is critical to the success of APALA;

WHEREAS, the future viability of APALA depends on using resources judiciously and critically examining whether the costs of biennial constitutional conventions provide good value to APALA;

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, between the 17th and 18th Biennial Conventions, a task force shall be created to study and make recommendations about the future of APALA to the National Executive Board on the following subjects:

- Frequency of Conventions
- Chapter viability and ongoing compliance

Therefore, the task force shall be composed of the following:

- One representative from each chapter, whose vote on the task force shall be weighted based on chapter membership figures as of August 6, 2023,
 - Each task force representative shall be selected by the chapter
 - For chapters who do not select a member within 60 business days of request, one representative from the chapter will be appointed by the NEB.
- One at-large member appointed by the President
- Four union-appointees to the NEB, selected by random draw of volunteers
- The APALA National President and Executive Director shall be ex officio members of the task force. The President shall be a voting member of the task force.

Submitted by: APALA National Executive Board