FROM THE EDITOR

RETURNED PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS
OF WISCONSIN, INC.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION
AND BY-LAWS

NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROXY BALLOT

To: All Members in Good Standing
   (those whose dues are paid up through March, 1990)

A proposed amended constitution and by-laws (a copy of which
is attached) has been submitted to the president and referred to
an ad-hoc review committee in accordance with section VII-A-1,
of the constitution.

Votes on amendments will be counted at the June meeting:

Friday, June 1, 1990

6:00 pm

This will be a Potluck meeting at the home of Donna Shalala.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT EVERYONE VOTE. A 2/3 affirmative vote
of the total membership in good standing is required to amend the
constitution. The proposed amendments will bring our
organization into conformance with current requirements for
achieving tax exempt status.

WHETHER OR NOT YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE MEETING, PLEASE RETURN
THE PROXY BALLOT TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

RPCV's of Wisconsin, Inc.
P.O. Box 1012
Madison, WI 53701

Please act quickly as ballots received after the June 1, 1990,
meeting will not be counted.
CONSTITUTION

I. NAME AND OBJECTIVES.

A. This corporation shall be known as Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Wisconsin, Inc.

B. Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Wisconsin, Inc., shall be a non-profit corporation organized and operated exclusively to support educational and charitable activities within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code related to international development and understanding. These purposes shall be achieved by one or more of the following activities:

1. Providing an organizational framework within which the members may meet and work together to achieve the group's goals.
2. Providing an educational forum for the discussion of international issues, and promulgating an awareness of those issues in the United States by organizing, conducting and promoting public discussion groups, forums, panels, lectures, or other similar programs.
3. Supporting non-profit charitable organizations which provide services compatible with the goals and purposes of this organization and not incompatible with section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
4. Supporting the US Peace Corps, its role and mission in furthering international understanding, cooperation, and development; and offering assistance within the limits of this constitution and federal and state laws to new Peace Corps Volunteers and those interested in the Peace Corps.
5. Publishing a newsletter and such other bulletins as may further the goals and purposes of the organization.

C. RPCVs of Wisconsin, Inc., shall not discriminate in its activities, programs, or membership on the basis of sex, age, religion, politics, race, creed, color, handicap, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, arrest record or conviction record.

D. Distribution of Funds and Assets of the Corporation

1. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article I. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this constitution, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities, or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation.

2. Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding sections of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the circuit court of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes. All corporate records will be retained by the registered agent for the period of time required by law. Such records will be made available to all persons with a legal right to them. Afterwards, all records will be turned over to the National Council of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers.

3. The corporation will distribute its income for each tax year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

4. The corporation will not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

5. The corporation will not retain any excess business holdings as defined in section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

6. The corporation will not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

E. Educational and Charitable Support

1. The corporation will achieve its educational goals and purposes by any or all of the following methods:

a. Contributions to existing educational institutions for programs in international development and education.

b. Awards of scholarships to individuals who qualify
II. ORGANIZATION AND STRUCTURE

Any extract code for the enforcement of organization and structure
of the corporation will be incorporated within section 10 of the
bylaws and such code will be in accordance with the
corporation's Articles of Incorporation and the bylaws.

The Articles of Incorporation of the
corporation may set forth a multiple
derived by the board of
directors.

The corporation's board of
directors shall have the power to vote
on matters coming to the corporation.

Any person expressing interest in the
board of directors may volunteer to serve on
the board of directors.
III. AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION

A. The constitution may be amended only upon vote of 2/3 (67%) of the total number of members in good standing after written notice to all members at least two weeks in advance of the scheduled vote on the amendments. Such notice will include a copy of the proposed amendments and notice of the time, date, and place for the meeting at which the vote will be held. Members may vote on amendments by written proxy.

B. All amendments shall be filed with the Wisconsin Secretary of State. The amendments will also be filed with the Federal Internal Revenue Service if the organization has 501(c)(3) tax exempt status.

C. The corporation may be dissolved by resolution passed according to the procedures for amendment of the constitution and by-laws.

IV. RATIFICATION AND ADOPTION

A. Upon ratification and adoption of this constitution in accordance with the existing constitution and by-laws, this constitution shall replace the existing constitution and by-laws.

B. Copies of the constitution and the by-laws will be kept on file by the secretary and will be made available to any member of the corporation upon request.

RETURNED PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS OF WISCONSIN, INC.

BY-LAWS

I. NAME AND OBJECTIVES

A. This corporation shall be known as the Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Wisconsin, Inc.

B. The purposes and objectives of this organization shall be limited exclusively to those specified in the constitution.

II. MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

A. Any Peace Corps Volunteer or Returned Peace Corps Volunteer may join with full voting rights.

B. Any person expressing interest in the Peace Corps may join as an associate member. Associate members may not vote on amendments to the constitution and articles of incorporation.

C. Any eligible person may join by registering with the treasurer his or her name, address, telephone number, and any other information considered pertinent by the membership and upon payment of dues as set by the membership.

D. A member ceases to be such when he or she either:

1. Provides written or verbal notice to the president of the intention to resign;
2. Fails to pay dues for four consecutive months during any fiscal year;
3. Is expelled for cause or grave misconduct according to procedures set forth in Robert’s Rules of Order; or
4. Dies.

E. Yearly dues shall be payable in December of each calendar year. Members who join at or after the March meeting may elect to pay dues at an established monthly rate ($1 per month in 1980) until the subsequent year.

1. Any member may bring a motion for the adjustment of dues before the membership at the annual membership meeting. Any adjustment to dues shall be approved by a majority of those members present or voting by proxy.
2. Members in arrears of dues for two consecutive months lose their voting rights until their account is brought up-to-date; however, members in arrears for four consecutive months are subject to expulsion according to section II.D.
3. Additional assessments to cover expenses may be made from time to time following motions to that effect by members in good standing and approval by a majority of those present or voting by proxy.

F. No member may transfer his/her membership or rights pertaining thereto to any other person.

III. OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A. Only Returned Peace Corps Volunteers in good standing may serve as officers of this corporation, except two members of the board of directors (section III.C.3) may be non-RPCVs.

B. The elected officers shall be:

1. President,
2. Vice-President,
3. Secretary, and
4. Treasurer.
2. Extension of office is made and announced to the employees as follows:

- The extension of the office is effective immediately following the meeting held on the 30th of October.

- The office will be extended for an additional 6 months, starting from the 1st of November.

- The office will remain open during the extended period without any changes in the operating hours.

3. Employees are required to comply with the new operating hours andshall receive additional training on the new procedures.

4. The extended office will host a special event on the 15th of November, with refreshments and entertainment provided for employees.

5. Any questions or concerns regarding the extension of the office should be directed to the office manager immediately.

Any person may hold more than one office at the same time.

Note: The extension of the office is not subject to any prior notice or consultation.

Date: November 1, 2023

[Signature]
Office Manager
questions of order according to Robert's Rules of Order. The president may appoint a parliamentarian and sergeant at arms.

3. Authenticates, by signature when necessary, all papers and declarations of the will of the members legally voted as motions; represents the corporation in official capacity as need be.

4. Appoints members of standing, nominating, special, and ad-hoc committees as set forth in the constitution and by-laws.

5. Votes in any election requiring written ballots, and in any vote to break a tie:
   a. The president may vacate the chair to the vice-president in order to engage in discussion or debate a motion, or to a president pro-temp when the vice-president is absent, but the adjournment ends the appointment. The president may not regain the chair until after the motion in question has been set to a vote.
   b. The president may not vote on motions (except as in section III, J, 5, 1) but is expected to maintain an impartial attitude toward all sides of an issue and mediate debate among members according to Robert's Rules of Order.

6. Serves as ex-officio member on all committees except the nominating committee but without voting rights in committee.

7. Performs additional duties as stipulated in the constitution and by-laws.

K. Vice-President, Duties and Responsibilities

1. Assists the president in the accomplishment of his or her duties.

2. Replaces the president in his/her absence or when he/she vacates the chair. All duties, rights, and responsibilities of the president then become those of the vice-president as long as he/she holds the chair.

3. Serves as the chairperson of the nominating committee.

4. Performs additional duties as stipulated by this constitution and by-laws.

L. Secretary, Duties and Responsibilities

1. Takes, reproduces, and disseminates to all members the minutes of all monthly meetings:
   a. The minutes must be maintained in a log or archive which is available to members for any proper purpose at any reasonable time. The president may appoint a historian to help maintain archives.
   b. The secretary must arrange for a substitute secretary to take minutes whenever he/she will be absent from regular monthly meetings.

2. Takes charge of all documents, records, papers, etc., that belong to the corporation and hands them over to the president upon leaving office.

3. Chairs meetings in the absence of the president and vice-president with all the duties and responsibilities incumbent upon them while holding the chair.

4. Notifies all members of events and special meetings.

5. Conducts correspondence as directed, reads important correspondence at meetings and notes the response in the Minutes.

6. Maintains a membership list and updates address and telephone numbers, and any other membership records in cooperation with the president, the treasurer, and the membership committee. Maintains the mailing list in cooperation with the newsletter editor.

7. Performs additional duties as stipulated in the constitution and by-laws.

M. Treasurer, Duties and Responsibilities

1. Receives and banks all monies due the corporation, and issues receipts.

2. Maintains the financial books and reports account balances at each monthly meeting.

3. Pays by check (countersigned by president, if necessary), or by cash all debts incurred by the corporation, receives receipts for all cash expenditures, and maintains a file of receipts.

4. Disburses petty cash as stipulated in the constitution and by-laws, or as required following legal motions to that effect.

5. Keeps records of dues payment by members, issues notices when a member is in arrears and facing expulsion and/or loss of voting rights (section 11.2.2), and announces the list of members in good standing prior to voting if so requested by the president.

6. Serves on the finance committee as a member with full voting rights.

7. Makes all records available to members for any proper purpose at any reasonable time following written request to that effect. Reports such requests to the membership at monthly meetings.

8. Prepares an income statement every six months and submits the statements to the general membership and for printing in the newsletter.

9. Performs additional duties as stipulated in the constitution and by-laws.

IV. MEETINGS

A. Regular general membership meetings will be held on a date, and at a time and place, determined by motion passed by the general membership and announced in the newsletter at least one month prior to the meeting.

B. Special general membership meetings may be called, or
II. SPECIAL AND AD-HOC COMMITTEES

1. Standing committees shall consist of the following:

A. COMMITTEES

1) Coordinating Committee
2) Ad-hoc Committee
3) Special Committee
4) Standing Committee

II. FOOD AND BEVERAGE COMMITTEE

3. The minutes of the coordinates committee shall be kept and signed by the president and secretary. Any changes to the constitution or the By-laws shall be approved by two-thirds of the members present at a regular meeting of the committee, and the new By-laws shall be signed by the president and secretary. Any changes to the constitution or the By-laws shall be approved by two-thirds of the members present at a regular meeting of the committee, and the new By-laws shall be signed by the president and secretary.

IX. APPROPRIATION AND VOTE

2. The appropriation and vote of the committee shall be made in accordance with the constitution and By-laws. All appropriations of the committee shall be made at the annual meeting of the committee, and the new By-laws shall be signed by the president and secretary. Any changes to the constitution or the By-laws shall be approved by two-thirds of the members present at a regular meeting of the committee, and the new By-laws shall be signed by the president and secretary.

III. ADDITIONAL BY-LAWS

1. These By-laws may amend motion by majority vote.

VIII. ANNUAL MEETING

1. The annual meeting shall be held on the second Sunday of the month, and the meeting shall be open to the public. All members of the committee shall be notified of the meeting, and the minutes of the meeting shall be available to all members. The meeting shall be held on the second Sunday of the month, and the meeting shall be open to the public. All members of the committee shall be notified of the meeting, and the minutes of the meeting shall be available to all members.
C. Signers of the first constitution and by-laws:

Kathleen Quinlan        Sharon Lewandowski        Buck Trawicky
Wade Dallagrana         Robert Cowell              Elena Meyer
Jane Mitchell           Nancy Schmidt              Karen Silber nagel
Char Thompson           Paul Thompson              Jon Goldburg
Patricia Halpin         David Wessel               Brent McNabb
Ralph O'Connor          John Metz                  Donald Sauer
David Haxton            Earl Bricker               Walter Zeltner
Yvonne Schneider        Ross Royster               Doug Brown
William Yarrock         Pat Brown                 Michael Read

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