

# Proposal for a more Federated RAHU

## Proposal Text:

**Change 12(4)** : from *"A decision of the Governing Committee overrides a decision of a branch to the extent of any inconsistency."*

to

"When an inconsistency, conflict or otherwise untenable disagreement exists between the Governing Committee and a branch, a committee or any other RAHU group - unless explicitly de-noted elsewhere in this constitution - the Governing Committee interpretation and decision in the matter prevails. This is inclusive of - but not limited to - expulsions, endorsements, actions, constitutional interpretation, and bylaw interpretations."

### **Amendment to "12. The Governing Committee powers and responsibilities"**

"12.5 The Governing Committee has the power to create, amend, update and set the "General Bylaws" which are the general rules for RAHU, and shall be followed as the "default" rules for all Branches and Committees."

### **Amendment to "21. Branch powers and responsibilities"**

**21.2.C)** Branches have the power to create, amend, update and set by-laws for their branch. When a branch by-law set by a local branch is incompatible with a "General Bylaw" set by the Governing Committee, the Branch by-law shall prevail, except for in the circumstances outlined in 21.2.C.I and 21.2.C.II. If any branch by-laws are in violation of the below conditions the by-laws are considered null and void.

**21.2.C.I)** Specific Sections of the General Bylaws can only be over-ridden by branch bylaws if the branch has met the conditions of the sections as outlined in 21.2.C.I.a and 21.2.C.I.b. Additionally, when any of the branch positions outlined in a. and b. are unoccupied the branch follows the relevant section of the general bylaws set by the governing committee.

**21.2.C.I.a)** Financial By-laws cannot be changed without the position of branch treasurer and branch secretary both being occupied.

**21.2.C.I.b)** Bylaws under the "Safer Spaces" section cannot be changed without the branch having both a elected "Safer Spaces" officer of the branch, and must have the support of the RAHU Governing Committee.

**21.2.C.II)** Branch By-laws must be written in the spirit of the RAHU constitution.

**21.2.D.)** Unless set or contradicted by branch by-laws, branches will follow the general by-laws set by the Governing Committee as per Section 12.5."