



Association of Pacific Island Legislatures

American Samoa
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
FSM, State of Chuuk
FSM, State of Kosrae
FSM, State of Pohnpei
FSM, State of Yap
Island of Guam
Republic of Kiribati
Republic of the Marshall Islands
Republic of Nauru
Republic of Palau
State of Hawaii

A RESOLUTION

APIL Resolution No. 42-GA-13

“To amend the By-Laws of the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures.”

1 **WHEREAS**, in order to address concerns raised by members of APIL at the 64th
2 Board of Directors Meeting held from February 24-26, 2025 at the Republic of Marshall
3 Islands, the Board of Directors adopted APIL Resolution No. 64-BOD-01 to establish an
4 Ad Hoc Committee to review the APIL By-Laws and the Rules of Procedure, which was
5 last amended on December 2, 2005; and

6 **WHEREAS**, on April 11, 2025, APIL President Edmund S. Villagomez officially
7 established and appointed members to the Ad Hoc Committee to review the By-Laws and
8 the Rules of Procedure, with the following objectives:

- 9 1. Review the APIL Bylaws and Rules of Procedure for clarity, accuracy, and
10 compliance with relevant legal standards.
- 11 2. Identify any outdated provisions that require revision.
- 12 3. Provide recommendations to enhance the governance, transparency, and
13 operational efficiency to support the continued growth and sustainability of
14 APIL.
- 15 4. Prepare a report with recommendations for the membership at the 42nd
16 General Assembly; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the Ad Hoc Committee met virtually on August 27, 2025 to begin
18 deliberation on the review of the APIL by-laws and the rules of procedure. In order to
19 ensure that all members have an opportunity to submit proposed amendments for
20 consideration, the Committee members agreed to establish September 5, 2025 as the

1 deadline for all members to submit their proposed amendments to the by-laws and the rules
2 of procedure to the Committee; and

3 **WHEREAS**, on September 5, 2025, proposed amendments were submitted to the
4 Committee by the following:

- 5 1. Republic of Palau, Received August 27, 2025
- 6 2. Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Received September 3,
7 2025
- 8 3. Republic of Palau (Updated), Received September 4, 2025
- 9 4. FSM State of Pohnpei, Received September 5, 2025
- 10 5. Island of Guam, Received September 11, 2025; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the Committee met virtually on September 15, 2025 to review all
12 proposed amendments. Committee members agreed that all amendments would be
13 consolidated and presented to the Ad Hoc Committee for review on October 20, 2025 and
14 to schedule an in-person meeting that was held on Sunday, October 26, 2025 in the Senate
15 Chamber of the Vice Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building; and

16 **WHEREAS**, during the in-person meeting on October 26, 2025, the Ad Hoc
17 Committee, attended by five members, agreed to review each proposed amendment to the
18 by-laws and dispose of the proposed amendments except for one proposed amendment,
19 which was tabled until the 65th APIL Board of Director's Meeting at the Crowne Plaza,
20 Saipan, CNMI on October 27, 2025; and

21 **WHEREAS**, during the 65th APIL Board of Director's meeting, the Ad Hoc
22 Committee presented Committee Report No. 65-BOD-01 to the Board of Directors for
23 review. Committee Report No. 65-BOD-01, which recommended the honorable members
24 of the 65th Board of Directors to formally deliberate on the proposed amendments
25 presented by the Ad Hoc Committee and present a final proposed version to be formally
26 adopted during the 42nd General Assembly was adopted by the Board of Directors; now,
27 therefore,

1 **BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 42nd
2 General Assembly on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, October
3 28-29, 2025, that the Members of the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures hereby
4 amend the By-Laws of the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures, last amended on
5 December 2, 2005, as follows:

- 6 1. Article I, Section 1;
- 7 2. Article II, Section 1;
- 8 3. Article III, Section 1(b) and Section 2;
- 9 4. Article IV, Section 4 and Section 6;
- 10 5. Article V, Section 3(c) and Section 8;
- 11 6. Article VI, Sections 1-7;
- 12 7. Article VII, Sections 1-3;
- 13 8. Article IX, New Section 4;
- 14 9. Article XI, Sections 1-4;
- 15 10. Article XII, Rule 2, Section 6; and
- 16 11. Article XIII, Section 1; and

17 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Association of Pacific Island
18 Legislatures hereby adopts the amendments to the By-Laws of the Association of Pacific
19 Island Legislatures, and the By-laws, as amended, attached hereto, shall be the Official By-
20 Laws of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures effective on December 1, 2025; and

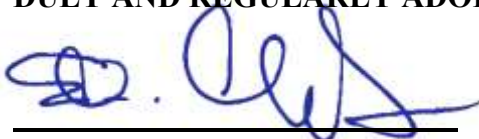
21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Association of Pacific Island
22 Legislatures hereby mandates that the first financial audit of the finances and subunits of
23 the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures, as required by the amended APIL By-
24 Laws, shall be procured by the Board of Directors no later than January 31, 2026 for fiscal
25 year 2025 and prior year, which shall be presented to the Board of Directors at the next
26 Board meeting; and

1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Association of Pacific Island
2 Legislatures hereby further mandates that the first evaluation of the Central Secretariat as
3 required by the amended APIL By-Laws shall be conducted by the Board of Directors no
4 later than February 28, 2026 and presented to the Board of Directors at the next Board
5 meeting; and

6 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, all current officers must execute and sign over
7 all necessary documents to effectuate the intent of this resolution to avoid any further
8 signatory issues, before the termination of their terms; and

9 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify, and the
10 APIL Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall
11 thereafter be transmitted to each member jurisdiction of the Association of Pacific Island
12 Legislatures.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 29TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2025.



EDMUND S. VILLAGOMEZ
PRESIDENT



VICTOR BAMOG
SECRETARY

