

ABOUT THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF NONPARTISAN REFORMERS

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WHAT WE DO NOT DO ~ As an organizing body for nonpartisan reformers, NANR’s functions shall not exceed its limited scope as to participate in activities that could otherwise be accomplished by one or more of its members. NANR will not:

- Lead legislative or initiative efforts
- Provide professional services
- Endorse candidates
- Expand beyond an organizing and supportive body

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National Association of Nonpartisan Reformers (NANR)

Description:

The National Association of Nonpartisan Reformers (NANR) is a member-led Association dedicated to structural election reforms in the public interest. We provide support to our member organizations through shared resources, best practices, and regular convenings.

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NANR Honorary Co-Chairs

Katherine M. Gehl :

Honorary Co-Chair ~ Katherine M. Gehl, a business leader and former CEO with experience in government, began, in the

last decade, to participate actively in politics—first in traditional partisan politics.

Michael E. Porter :

Honorary Co-Chair ~ Michael E. Porter, an expert on competition and strategy in industries and nations, encountered politics in trying to advise governments and advocate sensible and proven reforms.

NANR Members :

Being a NANR member gives you access to this trusted network of experienced partners, advisors, vendors, and other resources to make sure you have all the tools to advance reform nationally, in states and in your community... NANR was founded by representatives from ten organizations that have led significant successful efforts in the face of two-party opposition to change electoral rules to expand voters' meaningful choices by increasing electoral competition outside of and/or within both major-party establishments. These structural reforms and related legal efforts include, but are not limited to, nonpartisan and open primaries, ranked choice voting, competitive redistricting, a level playing field for nonpartisan candidates, and debate access. The Association now includes over 40 dues-paying members.

American Promise :

American Promise exists to empower, inspire, and organize Americans to win the 28th Amendment to the Constitution.

Bridge Alliance Education Fund :

Founding Member ~ Bridge Alliance is a diverse coalition of more than 90 respected established organizations committed to revitalizing democratic practice in America.

Business For America :

Founding Member ~ Business for America is a network of business leaders advancing better government and elections.

CHANGE Illinois :

CHANGE Illinois & its Action Fund are nonpartisan nonprofits that champion ethics and efficiency in government and elections in Illinois.

Change The Rules :

Founding Member ~ Change The Rules mission is to reform the American political system by providing citizens with a tangible way to achieve fundamental change by being objective and strategic.

Committee of Seventy :

The Committee of Seventy was established in 1904 for the express purpose of combating corruption in Philadelphia.

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Stakeholders (continued)

Common Sense Party :

Responsible. Open. Inclusive. We believe in a government that allows all Californians to achieve personal and economic success. Our policy will be defined by our growing membership.

Douglass County, Maryland :

We advocate everyday for a 2nd Retrocession as the only nonpartisan and unified path forward to providing complete voting rights to us the residents of Washington, DC.

Fair Vote :

Founding Member ~ FairVote is a nonpartisan champion of election reform (specifically Ranked Choice Voting) that give voters greater choice, a stronger voice, and a representative democracy that works for all Americans.

Foundation for Independent Voter Education :

The Foundation for Independent Voter Education (FIVE) is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to restoring the importance of open dialogue in our democracy.

IVC Media :

Founding Member ~ We are a nonpartisan digital media marketing firm that specializes in helping corporate, nonprofit, political and public affairs clients craft unique and effective media communication campaigns.

Independent Voter Project :

Founding Member ~ The Independent Voter Project is a nonpartisan organization dedicated to informing voters about public policy issues and to encouraging nonpartisan voters to participate in the electoral process.

IndependentVoting. Org :

Founding Member ~ IndependentVoting.Org is a national strategy, communications, and organizing center working to connect and empower the 44% of Americans who identify as independents.

Institute for Political Innovation :

The mission of IPI is to contribute theory, scholarship and strategy that catalyzes model, modern and nonpartisan political change in America.

Liquid.us :

Founding Member ~ Liquid US empowers subject matter experts to weigh in on upcoming legislative votes from City Council to Congress.

National Vote At Home Coalition :

Founding Member ~ The National Vote At Home Coalition is dedicated to ensuring the security of our elections and putting voters' needs first.

Nonpartisan Education Group :

There are two sides to every U.S. education policy debate ...and that is the problem.

Open Primaries :

Founding Member ~ Open Primaries is a movement of diverse Americans who believe in a simple, yet radical idea: no American should be required to join a political party to exercise their right to vote.

Open the Debates :

Open the debates is a grassroots, cross-partisan force working to open up the political debates of our nation to all ballot-qualified candidates, at every level of government.

Public Check on Congress :

The Public Check on Congress is a proposed constitutional amendment so that the American public can hold members of Congress jointly responsible for their collective performance.

Rank the Vote :

Rank the Vote is a non-partisan 501(c)3 non-profit created by veteran voting activists. We instruct everyday citizens in building movements within their states to support ranked choice voting.

Renegade Public Affairs :

Renegade Public Affairs is a consulting firm that advocates for reform-oriented candidates and initiatives throughout the country.

RepresentUs :

Founding Member ~ RepresentUs bring together conservatives, progressives, and everyone in between to pass powerful anti-corruption laws that stop political bribery, end secret money, and fix our broken elections.

SAM :

We're creating the new political party for the millions of Americans who feel betrayed by their tribes and are brave enough to build something better.

Stand Up Republic :

Founding Member ~ Evan McMullin and Mindy Finn founded Stand Up Republic to grow a community of Americans to defend democratic ideals, norms and institutions.

TUSK INC :

TUSK draws on decades of corporate, non-profit, and political victories to empower a new generation of innovators with the hard-won context of yesterday and the tools to shape tomorrow.

The Alliance Party :

Founding Member ~ The Alliance Party is a group of ordinary citizens who believe in a better government, and seek transparency, compromise and accountability in public service.

The Center for Election Science :

Founding Member ~ The Center for Election Science is a nonpartisan nonprofit that studies and advances better voting methods. They believe you deserve a vote that empowers you to impact the world you live in.

Unite America :

Founding Member ~ Unite America is a movement of Democrats, Republicans, and independents to elect candidates who put country over party and pass reforms that unrig our political system.

Unite America Wisconsin :

Founding Member ~ Unite Wisconsin is part of a national movement of Republicans, Democrats, and Independents who

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Stakeholders (continued)

are committed to solving our country's most challenging problems and bridging the partisan divide.

Vote Run Lead :

Vote Run Lead trains women to run for office, and win, reaching over 36,000 women all across America.

Voter Choice Massachusetts :

Founding Member ~ Voter Choice Massachusetts is a non-partisan, non-profit organization dedicated to educating the Massachusetts public about electoral reforms and ranked choice voting.

Voters Right To Know :

Voters' Right to Know is a nonpartisan organization advancing a state-based ballot strategy to achieve greater transparency and accountability in American elections.

John Steiner :

Founding Member ~ John Steiner is a transpartisan networker, activist and field holder, a co-founder/board member of the Bridge Alliance, board member of BridgeUSA, co-founder and senior adviser with YOUnify.

Margo King :

Founding Member ~ Margo King works in partnership with her husband, John Steiner, in their many worlds of networking.

Michael Gallagher :

Michael Gallagher supports numerous civic education efforts and political reform efforts.

Michael Kenig :

Founding Member & Member Outreach Director ~ Michael Kenig has been a valuable supporter of NANR and its vision from its beginning. As a successful businessman, political philanthropist and nonprofit advisor, he brings his passion to NANR.

Richard Potter :

Richard is an active member of Show Me Integrity, a cross-partisan movement for more effective, ethical government of, by and for the people of Missouri & beyond.

Sterling Speirn :

Sterling Speirn is the former CEO of the National Conference on Citizenship and served as a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences Commission on the Practice of Democratic Citizenship

Vision

Nonpartisan reform in the public interest

Mission

To reform elections

Values

Voting: What unites us is being pro-voter, not anti-party.

Competition: We favor a robust competition of numerous political parties and independents, and a level playing field on which that can occur. Our members have led campaigns for changes that increase electoral competition like Colorado's more open primary and redistricting reform, Maine's statewide ranked choice voting initiative, and California's top-two nonpartisan primary system.

Nonpartisanship

Collaboration: NANR, itself, cannot and will not build these resources. Rather, NANR is the vehicle for its members to collaborate on strategies in order to build these resources for the long-term benefit of all of its members. That strategic collaboration has begun.

Knowledge Base

Build an institutional knowledge base for nonpartisan reform

Stakeholder(s)

NANR Members :

NANR's members, collectively, have the experience and resources to begin the long-term process of building these resources including:

- *Branding*
- *Database(s)*

- *Funding sources*
- *Press and public relations*
- *Professional vendors*
- *Political action committees*

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1. Summits

Host an annual summit for nonpartisan leaders

Stakeholder(s):

Nonpartisan Leaders

2. Agreements

Execute agreements for the benefit of its members

3. Strategies & Goals

Develop long-term strategies and goals on behalf of its members

4. Resources, Vendors & Funders

Connect members with credible nonpartisan resources, vendors, and funders

5. Investments

Facilitate nonpartisan investment opportunities on behalf of funders

5.1. Legal Support

Provide legal support

5.2. Media Platforms

Develop media platforms

6. Editorials & Press Relations

Publish editorials and conduct press relations on behalf of its membership

Administrative Information

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