

2. Definitions:

(a) Administratorship shall be understood to mean a situation wherein the usual rights of ACORN regional authorities to direct the policies, affairs and activities of their particular region shall be temporarily suspended; and given to an administrator.

(b) As used in this bylaw, "authority" can mean any ACORN agent (e.g., ACORN staff person, officer, member, etc.).

(c) As used in this bylaw, "regional" refers to any regional aggregation of ACORN groups—e.g., citywide, statewide, intercountywide, etc.

(d) As used in this bylaw, notice shall be understood to have been given when either hand delivered or sent by U.S. Mail postpaid.

(e) As used in this bylaw, regional "official" shall be understood to mean a member elected to an ACORN post (not a staff member).

(f) As used in these bylaws, ACORN national shall be understood to refer to the multi-statewide Association, the governing body of which is the ACORN Board of Directors, which consists of representatives from all ACORN states, which representatives have equal voting participation and policy making authority.

(g) "ACORN Board" shall be understood to refer to the national ACORN Board of Directors.

(h) "Opportunity to be heard" shall be understood to include the following: the right to present evidence and witnesses and to make cross examinations and arguments. The Board, however, shall set parameters for such presentations as long as both sides have comparable opportunities to present their cases. The case of each side shall be processed by an advocate selected by the side's highest ranking authority, and said advocate shall be an ACORN member.

3. Cause: Administratorship shall be established when it is necessary to insure that:

(a) an ACORN regional is experiencing no corruption,

(b) An ACORN regional is experiencing no financial malpractice,

(c) An ACORN regional is experiencing no undemocratic procedures,

(d) An ACORN regional is experiencing no activity which would cause the regional to sever its ties with ACORN,

(e) An ACORN regional is not violating the political decisions of ACORN national,

(f) An ACORN regional is not being infiltrated by alien elements who would tend to bring ACORN under the influence of an organization which:

(i) is corrupt,

(ii) is anti-democratic,

(iii) would use ACORN for its own purposes and designs;

(g) An ACORN regional is not violating any key articles or bylaws of the organization which would tend to significantly undermine ACORN's organizational effectiveness.

4. Principles: No administratorship shall be imposed upon any ACORN regional without the consent of a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority vote of the Board of Directors.

5. Phases and Procedures: There shall be two kinds of administratorship: Provisional administratorship and Full Administratorship. Both Administratorships shall be similar in that the regional ACORN people (staff and membership) shall lose all rights to ACORN rights and properties, except as shall be granted them by the Administrator. (Loss of rights shall be understood to include the loss of the right to serve as an ACORN agent in contractual and other relations to the public). The administratorships shall differ as follows:

Provisional Administratorship:

When it appears to a majority of the ACORN Board that an ACORN regional may be engaging in activity which triggers administratorship sanctions, the President shall appoint an administrator to assume control of the ACORN regional. The administrator shall have full administratorship powers except that s/he may only dictate arrangements that would tend to preserve the regional in question: i.e., the administrator shall be

disallowed from taking steps which would dissolve the regional, or siphon from the regional funds normally due to the regional. For Provisional Administratorship to take effect, written notice must be given to the regional's highest authority. The Board may manifest its intention to institute provisional administratorship through a regular or special meeting; through a written and signed resolution; or by phone poll subsequently ratified through written and signed memoranda. Provisional Administratorship may last no longer than eight months.

Full Administratorship consists of a total revaluation and construction process. Here the ACORN regional can be dissolved, reorganized from scratch, or established according to the discretion of the Administrator. ACORN rights and properties in the region shall be distributed as the Administrator shall deem appropriate. Presumably, Full Administratorship is preceded by Provisional Administratorship. It is instituted by a majority vote of the Board of Directors sitting at a regular or special meeting; provided, however, the vote shall not be

taken until after each side of the administratorship question has two weeks written notice and opportunity to be heard. If an administratorship is voted, the President shall appoint an administrator who shall pursue her/his duties in accordance with the three-fourths vote from the Board. The period of Full Administratorship shall end (a) when there is nothing to administer; (b) when the regional is again prepared to function as a self-sufficient ACORN regional with full rights, responsibilities and privileges. The Board sitting at a regular or special meeting shall make the determination of self-sufficiency, and the issue may be brought before the Board by the administrator or by the people in the regional affected. In no case shall any Full Administratorship last beyond two years.

6. Any administratorship may be ended if the regional in question and ACORN can come to an accommodation. Such accommodation, however, must be ratified by a three-fourths majority of the Board in the same manner of ratification required for the institution of a Provisional Administratorship.