

## **Northern Ireland Assembly Parliamentary Group on the USA**

### **Rules**

1. These rules establish the Northern Ireland Assembly Parliamentary Group on an exploratory basis to allow it to produce a report on its potential aims and activities for consideration by the Assembly Commission in October 2012.
2. If the Assembly Commission approves the long term existence of the Group, these rules will be reviewed.

### **Membership**

3. Any Member of the Northern Ireland Assembly may register as a member of the group.

### **Officers**

4. The Speaker shall be the, ex-officio, the Chairperson of the Group.
5. The Secretary of the Group shall be an official of the Assembly nominated by the Speaker and elected by the members. The Secretary shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Group and, subject to the general directions of the General Meetings. He or she shall manage the day to day affairs of the Group. .
6. Further officers, including an Executive Committee shall not be elected until the future of the Group is confirmed.
7. Decisions on the activities of the Group will be taken at meetings open to all members of the group.
8. Four Members, including the Chair will form a quorum at all meetings of the Group.