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CENTRE COUNTY, PA.

This is to certify that the attached Bylaws of the Centre County Republican Committee are those in effect since September 22, 1967, on which date certain amendments were approved by the required procedure for amendments at a meeting of the said Committee, as recorded in its minute book.

Perry R. Smith
Perry R. Smith, Secretary

Arthur Rose
Arthur Rose, Chairman

Sally M. Woodring
Sally M. Woodring, Vice Chairman
(Elected in April, 1968 for two-year terms from 1968 through May, 1970)

Sworn to and subscribed to before me this 11th day of March, 1970.

Margaret Y. Brendlinger
Notary Public
MARGARET Y. BRENDLINGER
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE COLLEGE BORO, CENTRE COUNTY
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RULES
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THE REPUBLICAN PARTY
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RULE I.

Qualifications of Electors

The qualifications of electors to vote at the primary elections to nominate candidates of the Republican Party in the County of Centre shall be the same as the general qualifications of electors entitled to vote at general elections.

RULE II.

Eligibility of Party Officers

No person who is not a qualified Republican elector shall be eligible to hold any party office under these rules, and any party officer, while serving as an official thereof, who does not support all of the candidates of the Republican Party shall be disqualified from holding his or her office.

RULE III.

Eligibility of Delegates and Alternates

No person who is not a qualified Republican elector as provided for by these rules shall have the right to serve as a delegate or alternate to the Republican National Convention and the County Chairman shall notify the National Committee of the ineligibility of such delegate or alternate.

RULE IV

Organization, Procedure and Duties of Party Officers

Section A.

The Chairman of the County Committee shall be elected at the regular primary election held in even numbered years. His term of office shall be two (2) years, and shall begin on the first Monday of the month following his election. At or prior to taking office, the County Chairman shall appoint one man from each voting district as Precinct Chairman, such Precinct Chairman together with the Precinct Vice-Chairmen who have been appointed by the County Vice-Chairman, shall be designated by the County Chairman as members of the County Committee. The Precinct Chairmen and members of the County Committee shall serve for a period of two (2) years from the beginning of the term of the County Chairman elected at the primaries, who shall have appointed them unless otherwise removed as hereinafter provided.

Section B.

The Chairman of the County Committee shall be the chief party officer of the Republican Party in Centre County during the term of his office. He shall convene the County Committee at least twice during the calendar year, and at least four weeks prior to the November election. He may be required to call a meeting of the County Committee upon the written request of at least fifty per cent of the members thereof. He shall advise with the County Committee and shall pursue such course for the advancement of the interests of the party and its candidates as shall be recommended by a majority of the same. He shall preside at all meetings of the County Committee. He shall have full power and authority to fill vacancies in the County Committee (vacancies in the office of vice-chairman to be filled only upon the recommendation of the County vice-chairman) as may occur by reason of death, resignation or removal from the district. He shall have full power and authority to remove from office any County committeeman, whom, in the judgement of such chairman, has proven disloyal to the party or failed to attend to the duties of the office and to fill such vacancy (those in the office of vice-chairman only upon the recommendation of the County vice-chairman).

Section C.

The Chairman of the County Committee shall appoint a Treasurer of the County Committee immediately upon his taking office, who shall serve for two (2) years, and such Treasurer shall be the custodian of all monies belonging to the County Committee, and shall pay the same out only under the direction of the Chairman of said Committee. The Treasurer shall provide a book in which he shall keep strict account of all monies received and paid out with the date of such receipts and payments, and from whom received, and to whom paid, and for what purpose; which said books shall be at all times accessible to the County Chairman. The Treasurer shall, before entering upon his duties, give bond with sufficient surety for such amount as may be determined by the Finance Committee, the premium of which shall be paid out of the treasury of the Republican County Committee.

The Treasurer, after the general election in each year, shall file with the proper office the statement required by the Act of Assembly governing elections.

At the end of the Treasurer's term of office, all monies, books and other property of the Committee shall be turned over to his successor.

Section D.

The Chairman of the County Committee shall appoint a Secretary, who shall serve for two (2) years from the taking of office by the County Chairman.

The Secretary shall attend the meetings of the County Committee and the Advisory Committee and shall keep the minutes of all proceedings and record the same in a book provided for that purpose. Said record of the minutes shall be verified and attested by the Secretary and delivered into the hands of the County Chairman at the close of each meeting.

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Section E.

The County Chairman shall appoint an Advisory Committee of not less than ten (10) members nor more than fifteen (15). This committee shall consist of (1) the Republican State Committeeman, (2) the five (5) area chairmen of Centre County, (3) one person from each of the principal Boroughs (State College, Bellefonte, and Philipsburg), and (4) other members chosen so that each section shall have proper representation. Each member shall have one vote.

The duties of the Advisory Committee shall be to meet with and advise the County Chairman in the general supervision, regulation, and direction of the Republican Party in Centre County. Members shall keep the County Chairman fully advised of the political requirements and look to the interest of the party at all times.

The appointment of the Advisory Committee shall be for a term of two years to be concurrent with the County Chairman's tenure; provided, however, should a vacancy occur for any reason in the Advisory Committee, the County Chairman shall fill such vacancy for the unexpired term.

The County Chairman shall divide the county into the following areas: Bellefonte, State College, Philipsburg, Bald Eagle and Penns Valley. The County Chairman shall appoint an area chairman for each of these areas, whose duties shall be to assist the County Chairman, to secure and appoint a chairman in each voting district, and to keep the County Chairman fully advised of the political conditions and requirements in his respective area. These area chairmen shall approve all applications from their areas which require political sponsorship for employment, after they have been signed by the precinct chairman wherein each applicant has his voting residence.

Section F.

The members of precinct committees, in the several voting precincts of the county, shall be named by the precinct chairman and vice-chairman, subject to the approval of the County Chairman and County Vice-Chairman. Such committees shall consist of no less than three (3) members.

Section G.

The Vice-Chairman of the County Committee shall be elected at the regular primary election held in even numbered years. Her term of office shall be two (2) years, and shall begin on the first Monday of the month following her election. At or prior to taking office, the County Vice-Chairman shall appoint one woman from each voting district as Precinct Vice-Chairman, such Precinct Vice-Chairman shall serve for a period of two years from the beginning of the term of the County Vice-Chairman elected at the primaries who shall have appointed them unless otherwise removed as hereinbefore provided.

Section H.

The Vice-Chairman shall preside in the absence of the County Chairman at all meetings of the County Committee. She shall cooperate with and assist the County Chairman in all matters pertaining to the advancement of the party, and its regularly nominated candidates. She shall be specifically charged with and responsible for the women members of the County Committee, the stimulation of their efforts on behalf of the party, and the direction of the women in every campaign.

The County Vice-Chairman shall appoint an Advisory Committee of not less than ten (10) members and not more than fifteen (15). This Committee shall consist of (1) the five (5) area vice-chairmen, (2) one person from each of the principal boroughs (State College, Bellefonte and Philipsburg), (3) the President of the Centre County Council of Republican Women, (4) the president of each local council of Republican women, and (5) other members chosen so that each section of the County has proper representation.

The duties of the Advisory Committee shall be to meet with and advise the County Vice-Chairman in the general supervision, regulation and direction of the Republican party in Centre County. Members shall keep the Vice-Chairman fully advised of the political requirements and look to the interest of the party at all times.

The appointment of the Advisory Committee shall be for the term of two (2) years to be concurrent with the County Vice-Chairman's tenure, provided, however, should a vacancy occur for any reason in the Advisory Committee, the County Vice-Chairman shall fill such vacancy for the unexpired term.

The County Vice-Chairman shall divide the county into the following areas: Bellefonte, State College, Philipsburg, Bald Eagle and Penns Valley. The County Vice-Chairman shall appoint an area vice-chairman for each of these areas, whose duties shall be to assist the County Vice-Chairman to secure and appoint vice-chairmen in each voting district and to keep the County Vice-Chairman fully advised of the political conditions and requirements in their respective areas. These area vice-chairmen shall approve all applications from their areas which require political sponsorship for employment after they have been signed by the vice-chairman of the precinct wherein each applicant has his voting residence.

Section I.

The County Committee shall meet at the call of the Chairman as provided in Section B. of Rule IV and in case of the resignation, prolonged illness or death of the Chairman, at the call of the Vice-Chairman and should there be neither Chairman nor Vice-Chairman, then either by the call of the Secretary, or by written request of the County Committee, who then shall be required to call a meeting within not more than two (2) weeks. Notice of meetings shall be given by mail, postage prepaid, to each member of the County Committee at his or her last known address. Should any officer refuse to call a meeting as herein provided, then a meeting may be called by twenty-five (25) members of the County Committee, notice thereof to be given in accordance with these rules.

Section J.

Any vacancy happening or existing in the Republican ticket, (1) after the date of the primary, by reason of the failure of the electorate to nominate a candidate, or (2) by reason of the death, withdrawal, or otherwise, of any candidate after nomination, or (3) by reason of the death before or on the day of the primary election of a candidate for nomination who had received a plurality of the votes cast for the office for which he sought nomination, or (4) in the offices of Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the County Committee, shall be filled at any meeting of the County Committee, by a majority vote of the members present, provided prior written notice of the meeting, specifically stating the purpose thereof, has been given to all County Committee members. See page 7 for amendment to be inserted at this point.

If any vacancy happens or exists after the general election, by reason of the death, withdrawal, removal, or otherwise, of any duly-elected Republican public officer, the Chairman or Vice-Chairman shall call a joint meeting of the Advisory Committee for the purpose of making recommendations to the proper authorities who have the appointive authority and power to fill such vacancies; provided, however, where a vacancy happens or exists in a Borough or Township public office, the Committee members of the particular district affected shall first make their recommendations to the County Chairman and Vice-Chairman, who shall then call a joint meeting of the Advisory Committee as provided herein. A vote of the majority of the Advisory Committee members present shall be necessary for approval of such recommendation.

Section K.

There shall be no voting by proxy at any meeting of the County Committee.

Section L.

In all matters of nomination, election, management or organization not specifically covered by these Rules, the County Committee shall have full power and authority to act in the premises, and may delegate such power and authority to committees, composed of members of the County Committee.

Section M.

The order of business of meetings of the County Committee shall be as follows:

1. Roll call of members.
2. Reading, correction and approval of minutes.
3. Reports of Committees.
4. Financial matters.
5. Inquiries on all matters of interest to the County Committee and the Republican Party.
6. General and unfinished business.
7. New and special business.
8. General discussion.
9. Adjournment.

Section N.

If neither the County Chairman nor the Vice-Chairman are present to preside over a meeting of the County Committee, the Committee shall elect one of its own number to preside.

Section O.

Twenty-five (25) members of the County Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting that is called in conformity to Section I of Rule IV.

Section P.

A Finance Committee to be composed of not less than three (3) nor more than six (6) members of the Republican Party of Centre County shall be appointed by the County Chairman, one of whom shall be the Vice-Chairman or a woman designated by her. They shall serve for two (2) years unless removed as hereinbefore provided.

It shall be the duty of the Finance Committee to devise ways and means to properly finance the campaigns, and it shall have the authority to communicate with such persons as it may deem necessary. All funds received by the Committee shall be turned over to the Treasurer, who shall disburse the same as provided for by law.

Section Q.

The County Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall have the right of inviting guests to meetings of the County Committee or Advisory Committees, provided that they meet the qualifications set forth under Rule I hereof, such invitations shall have as their purpose the advancement of Republicanism generally, and more particularly, the Republican Party in Centre County.

RULE V

Amendments to Rules

Section A.

The foregoing rules may be amended or altered from time to time by a two-thirds vote in the affirmative of the members of the County Committee present at a meeting of the same. Alterations and amendments must be in writing and may be offered by members of the County Committee only.

Section B.

These rules shall go into effect immediately upon their adoption by the County Committee, when all former rules shall be superseded and repealed.

Amendment to By-Laws

At the County Committee meeting on September 22, it was moved, seconded and passed by unanimous vote to amend Section J of Rule IV by inserting at end of paragraph one of Section J, the following sentence:

"Provided, however, that for local offices of boroughs, townships, school districts, and voting precincts, any vacancies after the primary and before the general election shall be filled by appointment by the County Chairman and Vice Chairman upon approval by a majority of the area and precinct chairmen and vice chairmen of the political subdivision or district that has the vacancy."

To be attached to typed version of 9/18/67.