

BY-LAWS
OF
THE REPUBLICAN PARTY
OF
CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
(Revised January 26, 1976)

ARTICLE I

Qualifications of Electors

Section 1.1 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.

ARTICLE II

Eligibility of Party Officers

Section 2.1 Only qualified Republican electors shall be eligible to hold any party office under these rules. 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.

ARTICLE III

Eligibility of Delegates and Alternates

Section 3.1 Only qualified Republican electors 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.

ARTICLE IV

Officers

Section 4.1 The officers of the Republican Party of Centre County, Pennsylvania, shall be the County Chairman, County Vice-Chairman, County Secretary and County Treasurer.

Section 4.2 The County Chairman and Vice Chairman shall be elected at the regular primary election held in even numbered years. The County Chairman's and Vice-Chairman's terms of office shall be two (2) years, and shall begin on the first Monday of the month following the primary election.

Section 4.3 A person may not be a candidate for both County Chairman and County Vice Chairman at the same primary election.

Section 4.4 At the primary election qualified Electors shall vote for a County Chairman and County Vice-Chairman.

County Chairman

Section 4.5 The County Chairman shall be the chief party officer of the Republican Party of Centre County during the term of office. The County Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the County Committee and Advisory Committee, and shall see that all orders and resolutions of the County Committee and Advisory Committee are carried out. The County Chairman shall convene the County Committee at least twice during the calendar year - once at least thirty (30) days prior to the primary election, and once at least thirty (30) days prior to the general election. The County Chairman shall have full power and authority to fill vacancies in the County Committee as may occur by reason of death, resignation, removal from district, or for any other reason.

The County Chairman shall have full power and authority to remove from office any County Committeeman who, in the judgement of the County Chairman has proven disloyal to the party or failed to attend to the duties of the office and to fill such vacancy. The County Chairman shall execute all contracts of the Republican Party of Centre County. The County Chairman shall have direction of all other officers of the Republican Party of Centre County and see that their duties are properly performed. The County Chairman shall be an ex officio member of all committees of the Republican Party of Centre County. The County Chairman shall appoint all committees.

County Vice-Chairman

Section 4.6 The County Vice-Chairman shall be vested with all the powers and shall perform all the duties of the County Chairman during the absence of the latter and shall have such other duties as may from time to time be determined by the County Chairman or County Committee. The County Vice-Chairman shall cooperate with and assist the County Chairman in all matters pertaining to the advancement of the Party and its regularly nominated candidates. At any meeting at which the County Chairman is to preside but is unable, the County Vice Chairman shall preside, and if neither is present or able to preside, then the Secretary shall preside, and if the Secretary is not present or able to preside, then the Treasurer shall preside.

County Secretary

Section 4.7

The County Chairman shall appoint a County Secretary, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Chairman. The County Secretary shall attend all sessions of the County Committee and record all the votes thereat and the minutes of all the transactions and proceedings in a book to be kept for that purpose, and shall perform like duties for other committees when requested to do so by the County Chairman. The County Secretary shall be responsible for giving, or causing to be given, notice of all meetings of the County Committee, shall maintain a list of addresses of all officers, Precinct Chairmen and Vice Chairman and Area Chairmen and Vice Chairmen and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the County Chairman.

County Treasurer

Section 4.8

The County Chairman shall appoint a County Treasurer immediately upon taking office, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Chairman. The County Treasurer shall be the chief financial officer of the Republican Party of Centre County, shall have charge of all receipts and disbursements of the Republican Party of Centre County, and shall be the custodian of the funds of the Republican Party of Centre County. The County Treasurer shall pay out funds only under the direction of the County Chairman and County Vice-Chairman. The Treasurer shall provide a book in which shall be kept 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 purposes; said books to be accessible to the County Chairman at all times. The County Treasurer, before entering upon his duties, shall 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 Party of Centre County.

The County Treasurer shall be responsible for maintaining and filing all records, reports, or other information as may be required by any applicable Federal, State or local law.

The County Treasurer shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the County Chairman. At the end of the term of office, to be at the pleasure of the Chairman, the County Treasurer shall turn over to the successor all monies, books and other property of the Republican Party of Centre County.

Succession and Vacancies in Office

- Section 4.9 The order of succession in the event of death or resignation of the County Chairman shall be the County Vice-Chairman.
- Section 4.10 In the event the position of County Vice-Chairman should become vacant for any reason, the County Committee shall choose a person to fill the unexpired term of that position.
- Section 4.11 Vacancies in the positions of Secretary or Treasurer shall be filled by the County Chairman.

ARTICLE V

Precinct and Area Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen

- Section 5.1 At or prior to taking office, the County Chairman shall appoint from each voting district two (2) Precinct Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen. The Precinct Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen shall serve for a period from the beginning of the term of the County Chairman, who shall have appointed them, unless otherwise removed as herein provided or until their successor is appointed.
- Section 5.2 The County Chairman shall divide the County into at least the following five (5) areas: Bellefonte, State College, Philipsburg, Bald Eagle and Penns Valley. The number of such areas may be increased from time to time if such an increase is approved by majority vote of both the County Chairman and a majority of the Advisory Committee. At or prior to taking office, or upon establishment of any additional new area or areas, the County Chairman shall appoint for each area an Area Chairman and Vice-Chairman. The duties of the Area Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall be to assist the County Chairman in such manner as the County Chairman may from time to time require, to aid in the securing and appointment of Precinct Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen in each voting district within their area, and to keep the County Chairman fully advised of the political conditions and requirements in their respective areas. The Area Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen shall serve for a period from the beginning of the term of the County Chairman who shall have appointed them, unless otherwise removed as herein provided or until their successor is appointed. Approval of the Area Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen shall be required for all applications from their areas which require political sponsorship for employment, after they have been signed by the Precinct Chairmen & Vice-Chairmen of the voting district wherein the applicant has his voting residence.

Section 5.3

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

ARTICLE VI

County Committee

Section 6.1

The officers of the Republican Party of Centre County, as stated in Section 4.1, the Precinct Chairman and Vice-Chairman, the Area Chairman and Vice-Chairman, the State Committeeman, and the State Committeewoman, shall constitute the County Committee.

Section 6.2

The County Committee shall meet at the call of the County Chairman at least twice during the calendar year - once at least thirty (30) days prior to the primary election, and once at least thirty (30) days prior to the general election.

Section 6.3

In the event the County Chairman should be unable, for any reason, to call the meetings required by Section 6.2, said meetings shall be called by the County Vice-Chairman; in the event the County Vice-Chairman is also unable, for any reason, to call the meetings, said meetings shall be called by the County Secretary. Should any officer refuse to call such meetings, then the meeting may be called by twenty-five (25) members of the County Committee, notice thereof to be given in accordance with these rules.

Section 6.4

Notice of such regular meetings shall be given by causing written notice thereof to be mailed, postage prepaid, to each member of the County Committee at his or her last known address upon rolls to be maintained by the Secretary. Such notice shall state the place, date and hour of the meeting.

Section 6.5

Special meetings of the County Committee may be called by the County Chairman, or upon written request signed by twenty-five (25) members of the County Committee. Such request shall state the purpose or purposes of the proposed meeting. Upon receipt of such request, it shall be the duty of the Secretary to call a special meeting of the County Committee to be held at such time, to be held not more than two (2) weeks thereafter, as the Secretary may fix. If the Secretary shall neglect or refuse to fix the date of the meeting or give notice thereof, the persons calling the meeting may do so.

Section 6.6 Written notice of any special meeting of membership stating the place, the date and hour and the general nature of the business to be transacted thereat shall be given by mailing the same, postage prepaid, at least seven (7) days before such meeting, to each member of the County Committee at his or her last known address upon rolls to be maintained by the Secretary.

Section 6.7 Business to be transacted at all special meetings shall be confined to the business stated in the call.

Section 6.8 At any meeting of the County Committee, each member of the County Committee shall be entitled to one (1) vote. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted.

Section 6.9 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; (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, 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 as provided in Section 6.6 hereof.

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 Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen and Precinct Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the political subdivision of district that has the vacancy.

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 County Chairman shall call a meeting of the County 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 County Committee members of the particular district affected shall first make their recommendations to the County Chairman, who shall then call a meeting of the County Committee as provided herein. A vote of the majority of the County Committee members present shall be necessary for approval of such recommendations.

Section 6.10 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 such committees as are established by these By-Laws or as are, from time to time, established by the County Committee.

Section 6.11 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. Treasurer's Report
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 6.12 The County Chairman and County Vice-Chairman shall have the right of inviting guests to meetings of the County Committee, provided such guests meet the qualifications set forth in Section 1.1 hereof. Such invitations shall have as their purposes the advancement of Republicanism generally, and more particularly, the Republican Party in Centre County.

ARTICLE VII

Quorum

Section 7.1 Any number of the members of the County Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting that is called in conformity to Sections 6.2, 6.3 and 6.4 of Article VI.

Section 7.2 A quorum for the purpose of holding any meeting of any other committee shall be a simple majority of the members of that body.

ARTICLE VIII

Section 8.1 There shall be two (2) standing committees of the Republican Party of Centre County: an Advisory Committee and a Finance Committee. From time to time, the County Chairman may establish other committees as deemed desirable.

Section 8.2

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The Advisory Committee shall be composed of the County Vice Chairman, the Area Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen, the State Committeeman, and the State Committeewoman. 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 of Centre County. Members shall keep the County Chairman fully advised of the political requirements of their respective areas and look to the interests of the Party at all times.

Section 8.3

The Finance Committee shall be composed of not less than three (3) members of the Republican Party of Centre County and shall be appointed by the County Chairman; one of whom shall be the County Vice-Chairman. They shall serve at the pleasure of the County Chairman.

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 and these bylaws.

ARTICLE IX

Waiver of Notice

Section 9.1

Whenever any notice is required to be given by the provision of these By-Laws, a waiver thereof in writing, signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be equivalent thereto.

ARTICLE X

Amendments

Section 10.1

These By-Laws 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 proposed by members of the County Committee only.

ARTICLE XI

Roberts Rules of Order

Section 11.1

Unless otherwise modified by law of these By-Laws, meetings of the County Committee, or any other committee established hereunder, shall be conducted in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

ARTICLE XII

Effective Date

Section 12.1 These By-Laws shall go into effect immediately upon their adoption by the County Committee and all former By-Laws or rules shall be superseded and repealed.

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