
Bylaws of the Montgomery County Republican Committee

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BYLAWS
Of
THE REPUBLICAN COUNTY COMMITTEE
of
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ARTICLE I: NAME OF ORGANIZATION

The name of this organization shall be "The Montgomery County Republican Committee" ("MCRC"). It shall be constituted as the County Committee of the Republican Party within Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, in accordance with the applicable statutes of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Rules of the Republican State Committee of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Rules of the Republican National Committee.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES

This organization is incorporated as a political party and shall have the power to do all things which may lawfully be done by a Non-profit Corporation under and pursuant to the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, including but not limited to the following purposes, objectives and aims:

- (a) Election to office of qualified Republican persons;
- (b) Foster loyalty to the Republican Party;
- (c) Promote an informed electorate through political education;
- (d) Increase Republican Registration;
- (e) Seek qualified Republicans to become candidates for local, county, state and federal offices;
- (f) Promote and support the election of all endorsed Republican candidates (including retention candidates) and endorsed ballot questions in Primary Elections;
- (g) Promote and support the election of all Republican candidates and endorsed ballot questions in General Elections;
- (h) In general to uphold the principles of freedom, equality and justice on which the Republican Party and the government were founded, as set forth in the Constitutions of the United States and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP OF MCRC

Section 1. Elected Committeepeople; Qualifications. The membership of MCRC shall consist of two persons from each election precinct in Montgomery County, each of whom shall be a resident and registered Republican voter of the election district in which he or she is elected prior to the first day to circulate nominating petitions as designated by the Secretary of the Commonwealth period of his or her nominating petition (individually a "Committeeperson" and collectively the "Committeepeople").

Section 2. Four Year Terms. Committeepeople shall be elected for four (4) year terms at the primary election in each Gubernatorial election year by the Republican electors of the districts in which they reside.

Section 3. Vacancies in Party Offices; Replacement Committeepeople.

A. Events Causing Immediate Vacancy in Party Offices. Every political party office of MCRC (including, without limitation, the offices of Committeeperson, Area Leader, MCRC Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Treasurer, Area Secretary and Advisory Committee member) shall be deemed vacant immediately upon the occurrence of any of the following events:

- (1) in the case of a Committeeperson office, no Committeeperson is elected to that office in the applicable Primary Election; or
- (2) death of an incumbent; or
- (3) resignation; or
- (4) removal as set forth below in Article XIII; or
- (5) ceasing to be a resident of Montgomery County, the Area or election district for which such office holder shall have been elected or appointed; or
- (6) by his or her refusal to accept the office to which he or she has been elected or appointed; or
- (7) ceasing to be a registered Republican of Montgomery County during the applicable term of office; or
- (8) upon conviction of a crime punishable by a term of imprisonment greater than two (2) years.

B. Filling Committeeperson Vacancies; "Replacement Committeepeople." In the event that such a vacancy occurs, for any reason, for a particular committee position in MCRC, the vacancy shall be filled by a person (individually a "Replacement Committeeperson" and collectively the "Replacement Committeepeople") selected by the MCRC Chairperson in consultation with, and the agreement from *either* the applicable Area Leader or Municipal Chairperson of the respective local township or borough Republican Committee in which such vacancy occurs (the "Local Committee").

If Republican registration in a precinct is less than 20% of all registered voters in that precinct and a vacancy exists in such a district as described in Section 3 below, a Replacement Committeeperson may be appointed for such a precinct in accordance with this article who is located in the municipality of such election district.

Each Replacement Committeeperson shall be a resident and a registered Republican voter of the election district for which he or she is selected prior to the time of his or her selection. Such vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term. The name and other required contact information for any such Replacement Committeeperson so selected shall be conveyed by the Municipal Chair or Area Leader of the applicable Local Committee to the MCRC Chairperson and such Replacement Committeeperson shall not be deemed a member until he or she has been approved by *either* the Area Leader for the applicable Local Committee or the Municipal Leader for the applicable Local Committee, which approval shall be withheld or delayed only for good cause. The Area or Municipal Leader shall either approve or reject such selection and advise the MCRC Chair within five (5) calendar days of notification regarding the Committeeperson whose appointment shall have been so submitted.

Anything in the forgoing to the contrary notwithstanding, no vacancies shall be filled by Replacement Committeeperson between Primary Elections where Committeeperson are elected and the later of the following two dates: (a) the date on which the MCRC Reorganization Meeting takes place or (b) the date on which the respective Area Organizational Meetings (described below) take place. The intent set forth in this paragraph is to assure that only duly elected Committeeperson shall have the privilege of voting in Organizational Meetings and for Area Leaders at the respective Area Organizational Meetings and to preclude voting at such organizational meetings by Replacement Committeeperson.

If an Area fails to reorganize in the time frame established under Article VII, the Chairman has the authority to appoint a Replacement Committeeperson with full voting rights.

Section 4. Duties. The duties of Committeeperson and Replacement Committeeperson shall include, but not be following: (1) organizing an effective local political organization for the Republican Party in their respective election volunteer workers; (3) conducting voter registration activities; (4) conducting "get out the vote" activities; (4) recruiting candidates for public office including election officials; (5) effectively and adequately covering polling places for Republican candidates (including, without limitation, judicial retention candidates) and ballot questions endorsed by the Republican Party.

ARTICLE IV: MCRC ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS; ELECTION OF MCRC OFFICERS; DUTIES; SUCCESSION

Section 1. Organizational Meeting of MCRC. In each Gubernatorial Election year there shall be an organizational meeting of MCRC following the Primary Election in which Committeeperson are elected the "Organizational Meeting"). The meeting shall be held after the Montgomery County Board of Elections has certified the election of committee members in the Primary Election but not later than 50 days after such certification has been made. Under present statute the Board of Elections is required to certify the Election Results within 30 days of the date of the election. The MCRC Chairperson whose term is expiring shall give notice of such organizational meeting for the purpose of electing officers in accordance with Article XII herein. It shall be the responsibility of the outgoing Chairperson to open the meeting, and the first order of business shall be the election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

Thereafter, the new Chairperson shall preside, and the agenda shall include, but not be limited to, the election of a Treasurer and any other business which may appropriately come before the Committee. The above officers shall be members of the Executive Committee described below and shall be elected for four year terms in each Gubernatorial election year. At the conclusion of each applicable term, such officers shall be elected at the applicable Organizational Meeting. Officer elections held at the Organizational Meetings are final and are not subject to recall. The forgoing MCRC Officers need not be Committeepersons but must be registered Republican voters in Montgomery County.

The conduct of the Organizational Meeting shall be as follows:

- a. Once the election of Committee Members is certified by the Montgomery County Board of Elections the MCRC Chairperson shall name a Judge of Election for the Organizational Meeting prescribed in Article IV, Section 1 of these bylaws.
- b. The Judge of Election shall handle all inquiries and have final authority as to the conduct of the Organizational Meeting. He or she will determine speaking order, nominating parameters, and preside over and rule on disputes related to such.
- c. Within 5 business days of receipt of a declared officer candidate's written request the Judge of Election shall insure that such declared candidate for MCRC Chairperson shall be provided mailing addresses for each committeeperson certified to have been elected and eligible to vote in the Organizational Meeting.
- d. During the period between the election of committee members and the Organizational Meeting the distribution of MCRC's email contact list to any candidate is prohibited and may only be used by the incumbent MCRC chairperson for purposes of distributing organizational meeting notices and party business. It may not be distributed or used to campaign for MCRC officer positions. However, the Judge of Election may distribute an email to the list on behalf of a candidate or candidates in a situation where the Judge believes addressing a dispute or issue is time sensitive.
- e. When an incumbent Chairperson is not seeking reelection or election to the office of Vice Chairperson he or she may serve as the Judge of Election.

Section 2. Duties of MCRC Officers. The Duties of MCRC Officers shall be as follows:

A. MCRC Chairperson. The Chairperson shall be the chief executive officer of the Republican Party of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania and its designated spokesman at all levels of Party affairs. He or she shall preside at all meetings of MCRC and the Advisory Committee; appoint all committees other than those otherwise designated and required by these Bylaws; perform all duties assigned to him or her under these Bylaws; perform such services as shall be conducive to the welfare of the National, State, County and local party organizations; and perform all duties as shall be imposed upon him or her by the laws of Pennsylvania. He or she shall be responsible for organizing and executing finance, registration and campaign activities for National, State, County and Legislative candidates within the County.

B. Vice-Chairperson. The Vice-Chairperson shall perform such duties as shall be assigned by the MCRC Chairperson or the MCRC and otherwise assist the MCRC Chairperson in the performance of his or her duties.

C. Secretaries. The Secretaries shall be responsible that a roll of the members of MCRC is maintained constantly with correct post office and email addresses of the members. The Secretaries shall be responsible

that correct minutes are kept of all proceedings of MCRC and shall perform such other duties as shall be assigned by the Chairperson or the MCRC. The Chairperson of MCRC shall designate one secretary from each Area. The secretaries are not members of the Executive Committee.

D. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys paid or contributed to the Republican Party of Montgomery County or its officers or members and shall pay out the same only as authorized by the MCRC Chairperson. The Treasurer shall file all reports of his accounts required by law.

Section 3. Vacancies in MCRC Offices.

A. MCRC Chairperson. In the event of the MCRC Chairperson's inability to serve or other vacancy occurring in that office, the office shall be assumed, on a temporary basis pending the availability of the Chairperson or the filling of the office by MCRC, if vacant, by the following officers in this order: Vice-Chairperson, and Treasurer. In the event of a vacancy, the full MCRC shall fill such vacancy at a meeting called within thirty (30) days of such event.

B. Other Offices. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Vice-Chairperson or Treasurer, the MCRC Chairperson shall fill such vacancy by appointing a temporary replacement until the vacancy is filled for such officer's unexpired term by the Executive Committee at a meeting called within forty-five (45) days of such temporary appointment.

Section 4. Administrative Assistants. The MCRC Chairperson shall appoint such administrative assistants as the MCRC Chairperson shall deem helpful to perform his or her duties and shall have the sole power and discretion to dismiss such assistants.

Article V: MCRC COMMITTEES

Section 1. Standing Committees. The standing committees of MCRC shall be:

A. Finance Committee. The MCRC Chairperson shall appoint a Finance Committee to assist in collecting funds for the Party and provide all financial information to the Treasurer in accordance with applicable campaign finance laws.

B. Voter Registration Committee. The Voter Registration Committee shall consist of the Voter Registration Director selected by the MCRC Chairperson, as the Committee Chairperson and such other members as appointed by the MCRC Chairperson. It shall make a continuing effort to enroll Republican voters on a systematic basis.

C. Republicans Youth Outreach Committee. The Youth Outreach Committee shall consist of members appointed by the MCRC Chairperson.

D. Disciplinary Committee. The MCRC Chairperson shall appoint a Disciplinary Committee which shall consist of at least three (3) members selected by the MCRC Chairperson. The Disciplinary Committee members must be registered Republican voters in Montgomery County. They shall conduct hearings and investigations on alleged violations of MCRC's bylaws and/or code of conduct by committee members.

Section 2. Ad Hoc Sub-Committees. The MCRC Chairperson may establish and appoint such other committees as he or she may, from time to time, determine are necessary to or expedient in the furtherance of the business of MCRC.

Section 3. Chairperson Ex-officio Member. The MCRC Chairperson shall be considered a non-voting ex-officio all committees appointed under this Article.

Article VII: AREA COMMITTEES; AREA LEADERS

Section 1. Composition. The members of MCRC in each of the Areas described and enumerated in Exhibit A (individually, an "Area" and collectively, the "Areas"), shall organize themselves into a committee which shall be composed of all MCRC members in each respective Area - each such committee being an "Area Committee."

Section 2. Officers. Each Area Committee shall elect an "Area Leader" by a majority vote of the members of such Area Committee. The Area Leader shall not be required to be a member of MCRC and shall serve on the Executive Committee of MCRC. Any Area Committee may have such other officers as it may designate from time to time.

Section 3. Meetings. The organization meeting of each such Area shall be held within the sixty (60) day period immediately following the date of the Primary Election in which Committeepeople are elected. The purpose of the area organization meeting shall be to elect an Area Leader. All other meetings of any Area Committee shall be called by the Area Leader thereof, a majority of the Area Committee, or the Chairperson of MCRC, or as provided in the Area by-laws, if any are adopted, of any such Area Committee. Except as set forth in Article XIV herein, Area by-laws, if any are adopted by any Area Committee shall not conflict with these Bylaws or those of the National or State Republican Party organizations. If the Area Committee Bylaws conflict or do not address an issue, the MCRC Bylaws shall be followed.

Section 4. Endorsement Limitations of Area Committees. Endorsements for local offices - such as Township Supervisors, Borough councilpersons and the like - shall be reserved to the Municipal Committees and the Area Committees shall not encroach on such prerogatives. It is the policy of MCRC to encourage and support the formation and operation of Municipal Committees, provided that such local party organizations, shall, in no way, conflict with these Bylaws or those of the National or State Republican Party organizations. If a Municipal Committee chooses not to reorganize and elect a Municipal Chair after the election of committee members in a Gubernatorial Primary Election year then the Area shall have the power to make endorsements for municipal elections in that municipality in local election years by majority vote.

Section 5. Changes in Boundaries of Areas. The MCRC Chairperson shall have the power to change Area Boundaries, as described in Exhibit A. In so doing, the MCRC Chairperson shall consult with the Executive Committee prior to making any such change or changes.

Article VIII: MCRC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The MCRC Executive Committee; Composition. The MCRC Executive Committee (the "Executive Committee") is hereby established. The Executive Committee shall consist of no more than twenty-five (25) members – the three (3) MCRC officers (Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Treasurer) - The Area Leaders and registered Republican members residing in Montgomery County selected by the MCRC Chairperson. In the event that the Chairman elects to change Area Boundaries, as described in Exhibit A, then the composition of the executive Committee shall be increased or decreased, as the case may be, consistent with such revised Area designations, so that each designated "Area" shall have one elected representative on the Executive Committee.

Section 2. Duties. The Executive Committee shall: (a) act as the Board of Directors of MCRC for all corporate purposes; and (b) act in the place and stead of the full MCRC as whole between meetings thereof in carrying out the objectives and purposes of MCRC. The Executive Committee shall be subject to the orders and resolutions of the full MCRC voting as a whole, and none of its acts shall conflict with any such action taken by MCRC.

Section 3. Meetings. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be called by the MCRC Chairperson. Special meetings of the Executive Committee may be called by either the MCRC Chairperson or upon written notice by ten (10) of the members of the Executive Committee.

Section 4. Meetings Involving Telephone. Executive Committee members may participate in a meeting of the Executive Committee by means of conference telephone or similar communications equipment, whereby all persons participating in the call can hear each other. Providing all notice requirements for holding the meeting involved have been met, action may be taken at such a telephone meeting to the same extent and in the same manner as if all persons participating were physically present at the same location. Actions of the Executive Committee may also be ratified by mail or by fax.

Article IX: LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS; SCHOOL DISTRICTS; MAGISTERIAL DISTRICTS

Legislative District Committees. All members of MCRC within each legislative district (U.S. Congressional Districts and Pennsylvania Senatorial and Representative Districts, respectively) shall constitute the "Legislative District Committee" for each such legislative district. All members of the MCRC within each School District shall constitute the "School District Committee" for each such school district. All members of the MCRC within each Magisterial District shall constitute the "Magisterial District Committee" for each such magisterial district. The Chairperson of each such Legislative, School District, or Magisterial District Committee shall be the MCRC Chairperson or a designated proxy who may call and preside at all meetings. The MCRC Chairperson or designated proxy shall have no vote at such meetings unless he or she is a member of the applicable Legislative, School, or Magisterial district. The MCRC Chairperson or designated proxy shall call meetings of Legislative or School District Committees solely for the purpose of endorsement proceedings consistent with Article XIV below. Legislative, School District, or Magisterial District Committees shall have no other purpose.

ARTICLE X: MCRC MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular Meetings. In addition to the Organizational Meeting, there shall be meetings of MCRC held on dates selected by the MCRC Chairperson. The purpose of these meetings shall be to conduct business, rally support for Republican candidates and endorse candidates for countywide office.

Section 2. Special Meetings Called by Chairperson. The Chairperson may also call such other meetings as he or she may deem desirable.

Section 3. Special Meetings Called by Members. Should two hundred (200) members of MCRC present a signed written petition to the Chairperson requesting that the Chairperson call a meeting and stating the purpose for which the meeting is to be called, the Chairperson shall call and schedule such a meeting within twenty (20) calendar days of the date on which the Chairperson receives such petition. Should the Chairperson fail or refuse to call and schedule such a meeting and send out notice thereof within five (5) calendar days of the date on which the Chairperson receives such petition, the meeting may be called by the petitioning members by giving notice to the members of the MCRC at least seven (7) calendar days prior to the date of the meeting, which notice shall set forth the purpose for which the meeting is being called.

ARTICLE XI: CONDUCT OF MCRC MEETINGS

Section 1. Quorum. A quorum at any meeting shall consist of forty-five percent (45%) of the then-filled, non-vacant committee positions existing at that time of any such meeting plus one (1).

Section 2. Majority Vote. Except as otherwise specifically provided in these Bylaws, when ever any MCRC action is to be taken by vote of the members at a duly organized meeting, it shall be authorized upon receiving the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast by all members present and entitled to vote thereon in person or by proxy. In the event of a tie vote, the Chairperson shall be entitled to break the tie.

Section 3. Completion of Business at Duly Convened Meeting. The members present at a duly organized meeting can continue to do business until adjournment on matters for which a quorum was present, notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough members

Section 4. Attendance in Person or by Proxy Required. Attendance in person or by proxy at meetings of the MCRC shall be required. Participation by any other means (e.g., conference telephone or other electronic means) shall not be permitted.

Section 5. Contested Officer Elections. All elections for any office for which there is a contest shall be by secret ballot. In the event there is but one nomination for any officer or office, the ballot may be dispensed with by a voice vote of the membership present and eligible to vote. All nominations shall be from the floor. Only ballots issued by MCRC to validated, checked-in members may be cast. MCRC may pre-print the name of declared candidates on a ballot but must allot space on each ballot for write-in votes for each office.

Section 6. Proxies. Although it is the policy of MCRC to encourage attendance by its members at all meetings in person, any member of MCRC shall have the right to appoint a registered Republican voter residing in their area as his/her proxy at any meeting of The MCRC. Proxies must be in writing, signed and witnessed and shall be in the form attached as Exhibit B. Only one (1) proxy may be presented and voted

upon by any one Committeeperson and no more than two (2) proxies may be presented and voted upon by any person who is not a Committeeperson.

Section 7. Presiding Officer. The presiding officer at all meetings shall be the MCRC Chairperson, and in the absence of the MCRC Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson, Treasurer, in that order, shall preside. If none of the said officers are present, the membership, by a majority vote, shall name the presiding officer.

Section 8. Order of Business. The order of business of meetings of MCRC shall be as follows:

- 1) Establishment of Quorum.
- 2) Adoption of Agenda/ Orders of the Day
- 3) Action on Minutes of Previous Meeting
- 4) Reports of Officers
- 5) Reports of Standing Committees
- 6) Reports of Special Committees
- 7) Unfinished Business
- 8) Election of Officers (if applicable)
- 9) New Business
- 10) Resolutions
- 11) Adjournment

Section 9. Resolutions. Any member may propose a resolution for adoption by MCRC. The Resolution must be signed and dated and submitted to the MCRC Chairperson at least twenty (20) business days before the scheduled start of a regular meeting of MCRC. The Chairperson shall transmit a copy of the resolution to the Executive Committee before the MCRC meeting. The Executive Committee shall consider the resolution before reporting it to the floor. For each resolution, if a majority of the Executive Committee recommends approval, the resolution shall be heard by the full MCRC. Conversely, if a majority of the Executive Committee recommends rejection, the proposed resolution shall not be heard by the full committee; provided, however, that a resolution introduced by a written request and signed by at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the Committeepople holding non-vacant, filled committee positions, supporting such a resolution shall be heard and voted upon by the full MCRC, even if a majority of the Executive Committee recommends rejection.

ARTICLE XII — NOTICES; COMPUTING TIME PERIODS

Section 1. Meeting Notices. Notice of all meetings stating the purpose thereof must be given to the members of MCRC at least seven (7) calendar days before the date of such meeting in the manner described in this Article VII. All MCRC meetings shall be held at such location within Montgomery County and time designated by the MCRC Chairperson.

Section 2. Contents of Notice. Whenever any notice of a meeting is required to be given pursuant to these Bylaws, the notice shall specify the time and geographic location within Montgomery County, of the meeting; and the general nature of the business to be transacted at such meeting.

Section 3. Method of Notice. Any notice required to be given to any person under the provisions of these Bylaws shall be given to the person either personally or by sending a copy thereof (i) by first class or express mail, postage prepaid, or courier service, charges prepaid, to such person's postal address supplied by such member for the purpose of notice, or (ii) by facsimile transmission to a fax number supplied by such member for the purpose of notice, or (iii) by e-mail to an email address supplied by such member for the purpose of notice. Notice pursuant to clause (i) in the preceding sentence shall be deemed to have been given when deposited in the United States mail or with a courier service for delivery to that person, and notice pursuant to clauses (ii) and (iii) in the preceding sentence shall be deemed to have been given when sent. Except as otherwise provided herein, notices of meetings may be given by, or at the direction of, the Treasurer or the MCRC Chairperson.

Section 4. Computing Time Periods; Days to Be Counted. In computing the number of days for purposes of these Bylaws, all days shall be counted, including Saturdays, Sundays and Legal Holidays; provided, however, that if the final day of any time period falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Legal Holiday, then the final day shall be deemed to be the next day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or Legal Holiday. In computing the number of days for the purpose of giving notice of any meeting, the date upon which the notice is given shall be counted but the day set for the meeting shall not be counted.

Section 5. Waiver of Notice. Whenever any notice is required to be given by these Bylaws, a waiver thereof in writing, signed by the person or persons entitled to the notice, or a waiver by confirmed email, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of the notice. Neither the business to be transacted at, nor the purpose of, a meeting need be specified in the waiver of notice of the meeting. Attendance by a person at any meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of the meeting.

ARTICLE XIII: DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

Section 1. Disciplinary Committee Duties. The Disciplinary Committee shall determine when and if a member or officer of MCRC shall be removed from their party office or otherwise sanctioned by means of censure, reprimand, suspension or similar sanction.

Section 2. Removal for Cause by Majority Vote. Upon the referral of the MCRC Chairperson, any member or officer Committee member may be removed from such office by the Disciplinary Committee upon a majority vote of the Committee. The removal may be for cause shown, including, but not limited to, the following:

- A. Contributing to, supporting or working for the nominee of any party other than the Republican Party either directly or by a Committee on which the member is an officer, board member or holds a position of authority in determining the expenditure of funds;
- B. Affiliation with - or registration as a member of - a party other than Republican;
- C. Publicly discouraging any voter from voting for the Republican Candidate for any office, including, without limitation, judicial retentions in a Municipal Election; or,

[The forgoing provisions shall not apply to cross-filed candidates who appear in a Democrat ballot position, but who are registered Republicans or if no Republican candidate appears on the general election ballot.]

- D. Violation of the proxy rules set forth herein and in Exhibit B.
- E. Violation of the MCRC Code of Conduct set forth in Article XV.

Section 3. Removal for Balance of Term of Office. Removal shall be valid through the end of the term of office.

Section 4. Hearing Procedure. Whenever any member of MCRC, officer thereof or any member of the Advisory Committee is accused of: (a) open and active support of a candidate or party other than Republican; or (b) any other conduct warranting removal from office for cause, upon referral of the MCRC Chairperson, a hearing shall be convened and held by the Disciplinary Committee as follows:

The hearing shall be called by the MCRC Chairperson. A formal complaint shall be presented to the Disciplinary Committee, which shall conduct a hearing and decide by majority vote whether or not the facts have been verified and what action is to be taken. The complaint shall set forth in particular the reasons for the proposed removal.

The member and/or officer cited with removal charges shall be served with a complaint, which shall set forth at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing date the date, time, and location at which the removal petition/complaint is to be heard.

The MCRC Chairperson shall preside over the hearing by the Disciplinary Committee, except when the MCRC Chairperson is the accused, in which case the Vice Chairperson shall serve as the presiding officer. The MCRC Chairperson or the Vice Chairperson, as the case may be, may consult with the MCRC Solicitor regarding any motions and shall conduct a fair and impartial hearing. The MCRC Chairperson or the Vice Chairperson, may participate in deliberations after the hearing is concluded, but shall not have a vote. The decision of the Disciplinary Committee shall be final.

All Disciplinary Committee hearings shall be conducted in such a fashion as to preserve the confidentiality of the proceedings to the extent reasonably possible. The complaining member or members and the accused member or officer or Advisory Committee member may present such evidence or call such witnesses as may support his or her position.

The MCRC Chairperson may be accused of a removable offense only by, and upon, a referral from the Executive Committee upon the affirmative vote of a majority of Executive Committee members.

ARTICLE XIV: ENDORSEMENTS

Section 1. Full Committee Procedure. At the call of the MCRC Chairperson, a Full Committee convention shall be held for the purpose of endorsing candidates. The Full Committee convention shall occur no later than fifteen (15) days after the final day for candidates to circulate nominating petitions. The Full Committee convention shall consist of all members of MCRC present at such meeting, each of whom shall participate in the voting process. All votes for endorsement in contested races shall be taken by secret ballot.

Any candidate who receives, on the first ballot, fifty percent (50%) plus one of the vote of the members of MCRC present in person or proxy and entitled to vote on such nomination, shall be declared an endorsed candidate.

In the event that no candidate, or fewer candidates than the number for whom endorsement is sought, receives fifty percent (50%) plus one of the votes on the first ballot, then a second ballot shall be taken. Any candidate receiving at least fifteen percent (15%) of the votes in the first ballot shall be voted upon in the second ballot. Any candidate receiving fifty percent (50%) plus one of the certified votes on the second ballot shall be declared to be an endorsed candidate.

In the event that no candidate, or fewer candidates than the number for whom endorsement is sought, receives fifty percent (50%) plus one of the votes on the second ballot, then a third ballot shall be taken. Any candidate receiving at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the votes in the second ballot shall be voted upon in the third ballot. Any candidate receiving fifty percent (50%) plus one of the votes on the third ballot shall be declared to be an endorsed candidate.

In the event that no candidate, or fewer candidates than the number for whom endorsement is sought, receives fifty percent (50%) plus one of the votes on the third ballot, then a fourth ballot shall be taken. The candidates for the fourth ballot shall total one more than the total number of remaining endorsements to be made and shall consist of that number of candidates receiving the highest number of votes on the third ballot. Any candidate receiving fifty percent (50%) plus one of the votes on the fourth ballot shall be declared to be an endorsed candidate.

In the event that all endorsements have not been obtained by the fourth ballot, the committee shall take additional ballots. The candidates for all subsequent ballots shall total one more than the total number of candidates remaining to be endorsed. If subsequent ballots are taken, any candidate receiving at least fifty percent (50%) plus one of the votes on any ballot shall be declared to be an endorsed candidate.

Section 2. State Committee Procedure. Candidates for the office of State Committee Members shall be endorsed in accordance with the following:

A. Applicability of State Committee Rules. This Article shall be subject to the "Rules of the Republican State Committee of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania," which shall be controlling in the event of any discrepancy or insufficiency of these Bylaws with the State Committee Rules.

B. Endorsement of State Committee Candidates. Endorsement of candidates for membership on the State Committee shall be endorsed in the same manner as other County-wide endorsements (e.g., Commissioners, Row Officers, Judges, etc...).

C. Vacancies. Vacancies in membership on the State Committee shall be filled by the MCRC Chairperson, who shall appoint a resident, registered Republican voter from Montgomery County at large. Such appointment shall be for the unexpired term of the member whose position is filled.

Section 3. Legislative District, School District, and Magisterial District Endorsement Procedure.

A. State Senators (District entirely within Montgomery County). No person shall be deemed to be endorsed for State Senator except upon secret ballot (unless uncontested) of the County Committee members within the state senatorial district equal to fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) of a quorum present. Such vote may be taken at the meetings of the legislative district committees from among those County Committee members present at those meetings whose district compose the state senatorial district or it may be taken at a general meeting of all County Committee members of the state senatorial district or both. Should no quorum be present or votes cast at a meeting of the state senatorial district, or should there be no decision made at such a meeting and a vote taken to finally adjourn, or should there be no decision made as a result of a single ballot taken during the meetings of the legislative district committees, then the members of the Executive Committee shall have the right to endorse a candidate upon secret ballot in which the endorsed person receives a vote equal to fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) of a quorum present and voting. The MCRC Chairperson or his or her designated proxy shall preside at all of the aforesaid meetings of the said legislative districts. He or she shall have no vote at legislative and senatorial meetings unless he or she is a member of MCRC in that legislative or senatorial district.

B. State Senators (District not entirely within Montgomery County). The procedure for designation of endorsement for such State Senators in state senatorial districts lying partially in any other county shall be as agreed upon by the county chairmen of the counties affected; provided, however, that any such agreement shall be approved by the Executive Committee (either subsequently or in advance).

C. General Assembly. (District entirely within Montgomery County). No person shall be deemed to be endorsed for the General Assembly in a district lying entirely within Montgomery County except upon secret ballot (unless uncontested) of the legislative district committee equal to fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) of a quorum present and voting. The procedure for these seats shall be the same as for the senatorial districts of this nature. (See paragraph A of this section).

D. General Assembly. (District not entirely within Montgomery County). The procedure for these seats shall be the same as for the senatorial districts of this nature. (See paragraph B of this section.).

E. U.S. Congressional Endorsements. Congressional candidates shall be endorsed in the same manner as State Senatorial candidates. (See paragraphs A and B of this section.)

F. Local Committee Endorsements. The endorsement of Republican candidates for local offices which are elected within a particular Township or Borough shall be accomplished by vote of the MCRC members from election districts within the particular municipality to be known as the Local Committee. Each Local Committee shall adopt its own rules for endorsement including provisions for quorum, proxy procedures, secrecy and percentage of vote needed for endorsement, which rules may be different than those otherwise set forth in this Article, but which must otherwise be consistent with principles of fairness and due process.

G. School District Endorsements. The endorsement of Republican candidates for School Board positions which are elected within a particular School District shall be accomplished by vote of the MCRC members from the applicable School District, which committee shall be known as the School District Committee for the applicable School District. Each applicable School District Committee shall adopt its own rules for endorsement including provisions for quorum, proxy procedures, secrecy and percentage of vote need for endorsement, which rules may be different than those otherwise set forth in this Article, but which must otherwise consistent with principles of fairness and due process.

H. Magisterial District Endorsements. The endorsement of Republican candidates for Magisterial District Judge positions which are elected within a particular Magisterial District shall be accomplished by vote of the MCRC members from the applicable Magisterial District, which committee shall be known as the Magisterial District Committee for the applicable Magisterial District. Each applicable Magisterial District Committee shall adopt its own rules for endorsement including provisions for quorum, proxy procedures, secrecy and percentage of vote need for endorsement, which rules may be different than those otherwise set forth in this Article, but which must otherwise consistent with principles of fairness and due process.

I. Quorum for Endorsement Purposes. A quorum at all meetings called for the purposes of designating an endorsement for a legislator by any group shall be anything more than one-half (½) of the then existing members of MCRC of the applicable group; but should no decision be able to be made at the first meeting, such group will recess from time to time, and the number of members present at any subsequent meeting shall constitute a quorum. This shall not reduce the number of members necessary to make a decision of endorsement.

ARTICLE XV: MCRC CODE OF CONDUCT

MCRC strives to maintain a professional environment and demeanor and conduct respectable discussion and debate amongst ourselves, at the polls, while campaigning or participating in Party events and activities, even if our competition does not.

MCRC is dedicated to providing a harassment-free environment for everyone. We do not tolerate harassment of committee members, staff, voters, candidates or campaign workers. Committee members violating these rules may be sanctioned or expelled from the committee at the discretion of the Disciplinary Committee.

Harassment includes abusive or discriminatory comments; deliberate intimidation; stalking; following; harassing photography or recording; sustained disruption of meetings or other events; inappropriate physical contact; and inappropriate sexual attention. Committee members asked to stop any harassing behavior are expected to comply immediately. This behavior in person or by emails, text messages or other forms of communication are unacceptable.

If a participant engages in harassing behavior, the MCRC Chairperson may take any action he or she deems appropriate, including warning the offender or immediate suspension from the committee until a Disciplinary Committee hearing can be held. A suspension cannot be indefinite and a hearing must be held within 21 days after taking effect. A member suspended pending a disciplinary hearing may not attend or vote at any MCRC meetings. However, a suspended member may be represented at meetings held during

the suspension period by proxy. The effect of this rule is to prevent the suspension power from being abused to prevent participation by targeted members in endorsement, reorganization or committee meetings.

If you are being harassed, witness the harassment of someone by an MCRC Committeeperson or officer, or have any other concerns, please contact MCRC staff or officers immediately.

Participation in MCRC relies on teamwork, and positive promotion of our Party, political committees and Republican candidates. The actions you take should always advance the election of Republican candidates and support the efforts of those who are working to win election or help others win elections.

MCRC will be happy to help committee members contact venue security or local law enforcement, provide escorts, or otherwise assist those experiencing harassment to feel safe for their duties as a representative of our Party. We value your participation.

We expect committee members to follow these rules at all Party functions and committee-related social and political events, while campaigning and on Election Day at the polls.

Non-members who are guests at Party functions are expected to uphold the same standards. MCRC reserves the right to deny attendance or eject any attendee found to be in violation of this Code of Conduct. The above also applies to all Party Officers and officials who are not elected members of the Committee.

ARTICLE XVI: AMENDMENTS

Any amendment to these Bylaws shall be adopted by no less than two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the full MCRC present in person or by valid proxy at a meeting called for that purpose, upon not less than ten (10) days notice of the purpose of the meeting.

ARTICLE XVII: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The latest revision of “Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised” shall be constituted as the authority governing the rules of procedure, except as otherwise limited by the laws of Pennsylvania, the Rules of the Republican Party of Pennsylvania, the Rules of the National Republican Party and the Bylaws duly adopted by this organization.

Any rule or rules may be temporarily suspended at or during any meeting by the affirmative vote of nine-tenths (9/10) of a quorum present and voting at such meeting.

ARTICLE XVIII: EXHIBITS

All exhibits referred to in these Bylaws are attached and are incorporated herein by reference as if fully set out herein. They are as follows:

A - DESCRIPTIONS OF AREAS

B - PROXY FORM AND CERTIFICATION

EXHIBIT A
DESCRIPTIONS OF AREAS

Area 1:

Douglass Township
East Greenville Borough
Green Lane Borough
Lower Frederick Township
Marlborough Township
New Hanover Township
Pennsburg Borough
Red Hill Borough
Schwenksville Borough
Upper Frederick Township
Upper Hanover Township

Area 2:

Lower Pottsgrove
Pottstown
Upper Pottsgrove
West Pottsgrove

Area 3:

Franconia Township
Hatfield Borough
Hatfield Township
Lower Salford Township
Salford Township
Souderton Borough
Telford Borough
Upper Salford Township

Area 4:

Collegeville Borough
Limerick Township
Lower Providence Township
Perkiomen Township
Royersford Borough
Skipack Township
Trappe Borough
Upper Providence
Worcester Township

Area 5

Bridgeport Borough
Upper Merion Township
West Conshohocken Borough

Area 6:

Conshohocken Borough
Plymouth Township
Whitemarsh Township

Area 7:

Lower Merion
Narberth

Area 8:

East Norriton
Norristown
West Norriton

Area 9:

Lansdale Borough
Montgomery Township
North Wales Borough
Towamencin Township
Upper Gwynedd Township
Whitpain Township

Area 10:

Upper Dublin Township

Area 11:

Ambler Borough
Hatboro Borough
Horsham Township
Lower Gwynedd Township
Lower Moreland Township
Upper Moreland Township

Area 12:

Abington Township
Rockledge Borough

Area 13:

Cheltenham Township
Jenkintown Borough

Area 14:

Springfield Township

EXHIBIT B
Proxy Form

FOR MCRC COMMITTEE MEMBER USE ONLY

PROXY

Proxies should be presented to registrar.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS

That, I _____

Representing _____ Voting District

Hereby irrevocably make, constitute, and appoint

(Name of Proxy) _____

who resides at (Registered Voting District of Proxy)

as my proxy and lawful attorney for me on my behalf, to vote at the Meeting of the Montgomery County Republican Committee to be held on the _____ day of _____, _____.

PA. My proxy is a Republican elector having the same qualifications as myself.

COMMITTEE MEMBER SIGNATURE

PROXY SIGNATURE

WITNESS

