

# ***TIOGA COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE***

## **BY-LAWS**

Adopted at the reorganization Meeting held on July 27, 2010

### **ARTICLE 1 – NAME OF ORGANIZATION**

The name of this organization shall be the Tioga County Republican Committee (the "Committee"), constituted in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Pennsylvania Election Code (the "election code") and other applicable laws, the Rules and Bylaws of the Republican State Committee of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (the "RSC") and the Rules of the Republican National Committee (the "RNC").

### **ARTICLE 2 – PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES**

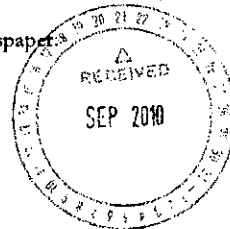
This Committee shall have the power to do all things, which lawfully may be done by a county political committee pursuant to the Election Code and other applicable laws and the Rules and Bylaws of the RSC and the Rules of the RNC.

### **ARTICLE 3 – MEMBERSHIP**

- Section 1. Elected Committee Members – Qualifications: The membership of the Committee shall consist of one man and one woman from each election district (as defined in the Election Code) in the County, each of whom shall be a resident and qualified registered Republican voter of the election district on the first date allowed by statute to circulate a nomination petition for said position ("Committee-Member(s)").
- Section 2. Term of Office. Commencing with the Gubernatorial Primary held in 2010, and thereafter, the elected members of the County and State Party shall serve a four (4) year term, which shall commence on the first day of the Gubernatorial Primary and shall expire on the day of the next Gubernatorial Primary.

### **ARTICLE 4: ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS; ELECTION OF OFFICERS; DUTIES; SUCCESSION**

- Section 1. Organizational Meeting: The members of the Tioga County Committee shall meet no later than the sixth Wednesday following their election at such hour and place as shall be designated by the County Committee Chair.
- Section 2. All newly elected or re-elected committee members shall receive a twenty-one (21) day written notice of reorganization meeting by first class mail that shall contain place, date and time of meeting.
- Section 3. The Meeting shall be advertised at least once in a county circulated newspaper.



## ARTICLE 5 – ADDITIONAL MEETINGS

- Section 1. The County Chair shall call for at least two (2) committee meetings annually.
- Section 2. In addition the County Chair shall call for one (1) Executive meeting annually.
- Section 3. The County Chair can call for special meetings as deemed necessary.

## ARTICLE 6 – NOTICE OF MEETINGS

- Section 1. Notices to all meetings must be given by First Class Mail, Telephone and/or Internet communication.
- Section 2. Regular Call meeting shall require a fourteen (14) day notice of the meeting.
- Section 3. Executive meeting shall require a ten (10) day notice of the meeting.
- Section 4. Special Call meeting shall require a ten (10) day notice of the meeting.

## ARTICLE 7 – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Section 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Chair; Vice-Chair; Secretary; Treasurer and Elected State Committee Members.
- (a) It has been adopted that the term "Chairman" shall be eliminated and replaced with "Chair".
- Section 2. Term of Office shall be a four (4) year term beginning in the Gubernatorial year 2010.
- Section 3. Duties of Officers - The duties of offices shall be as follows:
- A. Chair: The Chair shall be the chief officer of the Republican Party of the County and it's designated spokesperson at all levels of the Republican Party affairs. He/she shall preside at all meetings of the Committee; appoint all committees other than those otherwise designated and required by these Bylaws; perform all duties assigned to the Chair under these Bylaws; perform such services as shall be conducive to the welfare of the National, State, County and local Republican Party organizations; and perform all duties as shall be imposed upon the Chair by applicable state and federal laws. The Chair shall be responsible for organizing and executing finance, registration and campaign activities for the Republican Party within the County.
- B. Vice-Chair: The Vice-Chair shall perform such duties as shall be assigned by the Chair and otherwise assist the Chair in the performance of his or her duties.
- C. Secretary: The secretary shall be responsible for an up-to-date roll of the Committee Members, the Officers and the members of all committees created hereunder is maintained with the correct post office mailing address, email address and telephone contact number for the Committee Members, Officers and members of all committees. The Secretary shall be responsible that correct minutes are kept of all proceedings of the committee and shall perform such other duties as shall be assigned by the Chair.
- D. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall receive and deposit all moneys paid or contributed to the Committee. The Treasurer shall pay for all the expenses of the Committee, but only as authorized by the Chair. The Treasurer shall file all campaign finance reports and other reports as required by law. If the Committee shall require, the Treasurer shall furnish bond in such amount and with such surety, if any, as fixed by the Committee.

Section 4. Officers Vacancies:

- A. Chairman: In the event of the Chair's inability to serve or other vacancy occurring in that office, the office shall be assumed by the Vice-Chair on a temporary basis pending either the availability of the Chair or, if there is a vacancy in the office, then by the filling of the office by the Committee as provided herein. In the event of a vacancy, the full committee shall fill such vacancy at a meeting called for that purpose within thirty (30) days of the vacancy occurring.
- B. Other Officers: In the event of a vacancy in the office of Vice-Chair, Secretary or Treasurer, the Chair shall fill such vacancy by appointing a temporary replacement until the vacancy is filled for such officer's unexpired term by the committee at a meeting called for the purpose within thirty (30) days of such temporary appointment.

Section 5. Executive Officers of the committee need not be County Committee Members.

The member selected pursuant to Rule 2.3(a)ii shall be in addition to the membership of the County Chair as provided in Rule 2.3(a)(i). (A County Chair shall not be entitled to be an elected member, as the County Chair is a member by right of such position); and (iii) The elected Officers of the State Party, if they are not already members of the State Party as provided for in Rule 2.3(a)(i) or (ii).

**ARTICLE 8 – CONDUCT OF MEETINGS**

Section 1. Quorum: A quorum shall consist of the total number of committee members or their proxy present and voting.

Section 2. Majority Vote: Whenever any action is to be taken by vote of the committee members duly organized meeting, at which a quorum is present, it shall be authorized upon receiving the affirmative vote of fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) of the votes cast by all committee members who are present and entitled to vote thereon in person or by proxy. In the event of a tie vote, the Chair shall be entitled to cast the decisive vote.

Section 3. Attendance in Person or by Proxy Required: Attendance in person or by proxy at meeting shall be required for the purposes of establishing a quorum and voting. Participation by any other means shall not be permitted.

Section 4. Contested Officer Elections: All elections for officer positions for which there is a contest shall be by secret ballot. In the event there is but one nomination for any officer position, the secret ballot may be dispensed with by a voice vote of the committee members present, in person or by proxy and eligible to vote. All nominations, including a required second, shall be from the floor by committee members only. No ballot shall be pre-printed with the name of any candidate for an officer position. In the notice of any meeting at which officers are to be elected, the chair (or vice-chair in the absence of the chair) shall set forth such additional rules and procedures governing the conduct of the officer elections, including the appointment of a Judge(s) of Election and tellers.

Section 5. Proxies: Although it is the policy of the committee to encourage attendance by its committee members at all meetings in person, any committee member shall have the right to appoint a registered republican voter residing in his/her municipality (i.e., township or borough) as his/her proxy at any meeting of the committee. Proxies must be in writing signed and witnessed and shall be in the form attached as Exhibit A. Only one (1) proxy may be presented and voted upon by any one committee member who attends the meeting and no more than two (2) proxies may be presented and voted upon by any person who is not a committee member who attends the meeting as a proxy holder.

**ARTICLE 9: AMENDMENTS**

Any amendments of these bylaws shall be adopted by no less than seventy percent (70%) of the committee members present in person or by proxy at the meeting, duly called, for that purpose.

**ARTICLE 10: 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 and Bylaws of the RSC, 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 ninety (90%) of the committee members present, in person or by proxy, and voting at such meeting for which a quorum existed.

**ARTICLE 11: PARTY AUTHORITY; NO CONFLICTS IN RULES AND BYLAWS; NO CONFLICTS IN ENDORSEMENTS**

**A. No conflicts in Rules and Bylaws**

1. In the event that there is a conflict between the provisions of these Bylaws and provisions of applicable law; the Charters, Bylaws, Rules or Regulations of the RSC; or the RNC; or if such conflict arises in the future, due to amendment or otherwise the provisions of the applicable RSC or RNC document shall modify and supersede any such conflicting provision(s) in these Bylaws, but only to the extent necessary to eliminate any such conflict. The intention of this provision is to subordinate the provisions of the Bylaws to those of the RSC and the RNC.
2. If there are no bylaws, rules or regulations adopted by an area within the County, the provisions of these Bylaws shall be applicable to all party procedures within the specific area.

**ARTICLE 12: EXHIBITS**

A Proxy form and certification

This is to certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the ***TIOGA COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE BYLAWS*** or Rules and Regulations as amended and adopted at the Committee Meeting on July 27, 2010.

Donald B. York Jr., Chair  
Steven J. Kee, Secretary

Dated 9-16-2010