

**CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
OF THE
REPUBLICAN STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE
OF
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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**ARTICLE I
NAME**

The name of this organization shall be the ARepublican State Central Committee of Anne Arundel County, Maryland@ and/or AThe Republican Party of Anne Arundel County, Maryland@.

**ARTICLE II
PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Republican State Central Committee of Anne Arundel County, Maryland is to be the governing body of and the official spokesperson for the Republican Party in Anne Arundel County, Maryland; to cooperate with the Republican State Central Committee of the State of Maryland and with the Republican National Committee; to establish and operate an effective Republican political organization in Anne Arundel County, Maryland and engage in fundraising for the Republican Party. The Republican Party of Anne Arundel County, Maryland exists to secure honest and responsible government founded upon a belief in the worth and dignity of every person.

**ARTICLE III
DEFINITIONS**

- 3.1 “Committee” means the Republican State Central Committee of Anne Arundel County, Maryland.
- 3.2 “Constitution and Bylaws” means this Constitution and Bylaws as approved by the Committee.
- 3.3 “Party” means the Republican Party.
- 3.4 “State Committee” means the Republican State Central Committee of the State of Maryland.
- 3.5 “State Party Constitution and Bylaws” means the Constitution and Bylaws of the State Committee.
- 3.6 “State Election Law” means Title 4 of the Maryland Election Code.
- 3.7 “Gubernatorial General Election” means the general election held on the first Tuesday of November every fourth year for the purposes of electing the Governor of Maryland pursuant to the Maryland State Constitution.
- 3.8 “Gubernatorial Primary Election” means the primary election of Republican voters held on the second Tuesday of September every fourth year for the purposes of selecting the Republican candidates for Governor of Maryland and other offices pursuant to the Maryland State Constitution and the State Election Law.
- 3.9 “Presidential General Election” means the general election held on the first Tuesday of November every fourth year for the purposes of electing the President and Vice President of the United States of America.
- 3.10 “Organizational Meeting” means the first meeting of the Committee after the Gubernatorial General Election as provided in Article V herein.

- 3.11 “Board of Elections” means the Anne Arundel County Board of Elections.
- 3.12 “State Board of Elections” means the Maryland State Board of Elections.
- 3.13 “Annual Budget” means the official yearly budget of the Committee.
- 3.14 “Parliamentarian” means the person responsible for advising the Chair on matters of parliamentary procedure based on Robert’s Rules of Order, newly revised.
- 3.15 “State Chair” means the Chairman of the State Committee.
- 3.16 “Regular Meeting” means a meeting of the Committee in accordance with section 8.1 hereto.
- 3.17 “Special Meeting” means a meeting of the Committee in accordance with section 8.2 hereto.
- 3.18 “Biennial Meeting” means a meeting of the Committee in accordance with section 8.3 hereto.
- 3.19 “Duly-Called Meeting” means a Regular or Special meeting of the Committee satisfying the notice and quorum requirements pursuant to Article VIII herein.
- 3.20 “Ex-Officio Members” means an Officer of the Committee who is a member of a standing committee by virtue of his office.
- 3.21 “Annual Audit” means an annual audit of the Committee’s reports and accounts performed in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.
- 3.22 “Audit Committee Report” means a report of the Annual Audit delivered to the Committee at the second Regular Meeting each calendar year.
- 3.23 “Chartered Club” means a Republican Club that is organized and meets within the geographical boundaries of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, and has been approved and chartered by the Committee pursuant to Article IX of this Constitution and Bylaws.
- 3.24 “Official Schedule of Chartered Clubs” means the list of all Chartered Clubs as maintained by the Committee.
- 3.25 “Petitioning Club” means a club that has made application to the Committee to become a Chartered Club.

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP

4.1 Membership. The membership of the Committee shall be regulated in accordance with the appropriate sections of the State Election Law, and Article V of the State Party Constitution and Bylaws. All persons elected to the State Committee who reside in Anne Arundel County shall be members of the Committee. Membership of the Committee shall be set at fifteen (15) members with two (2) members for each of seven (7) Anne Arundel County Council Districts plus one at large member from

the County.

4.2 Qualifications. Each member of the Committee shall be a bona fide resident of and registered voter in Anne Arundel County in the council district from which the member was elected. Each member of the Committee shall have declared his or her party affiliation to be “Republican” when registering to vote in partisan elections under Maryland law and under the law of any and all local jurisdictions and shall maintain Republican affiliation throughout the member’s entire term of office. Upon taking office, each Committee member and appointed officer shall be sworn in by an officer of the State Committee, or the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County and shall subscribe to the following oath:

I, [NAME OF MEMBER/OFFICER], solemnly declare and affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States, that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of Maryland, and support the Constitution and laws thereof,

That I will abide by the Republican principles we share and the bylaws of the Maryland Republican Party and that I will, to the best of my skill and judgment, diligently and faithfully, without partiality or prejudice, execute the office of: [INSERT NAME OF OFFICE], according to the Constitution and laws of this State, so help me God.

4.3 Term of Office. The term of office of members of the Committee shall begin at the Organizational Meeting following the most recent Gubernatorial General Election and run until the Organizational Meeting following the next Gubernatorial General Election as provided in the State Election Law.

4.4 Resignations. Any member of the Committee may resign for any reason, at any time, by providing a written notification to the Chair of the Committee stating the member’s intent to resign and the effective date. In the event that no effective date is specified in the written notification, such resignation shall be effective upon receipt of the written notification by the Chair. A member shall be deemed to have resigned automatically upon filing a request with the Board of Elections to change his or her party affiliation from Republican to any other party affiliation. Such resignation shall become effective upon receipt of the request by the Board of Elections. A member shall be deemed to have resigned automatically upon ceasing to reside in the council district from which the member was elected. Such resignation shall become effective upon the date on which the member ceases to reside in the council district. Additional provisions are outlined in the State Election Law.

4.5 Removal of Members. A member of the Committee may be subject to removal for regular non-attendance at meetings of the Committee or at State Party Conventions, in accordance with the provisions herein.

4.5.1 Absences from Committee Meetings. A member of the Committee who sustains three (3) or more consecutive absences from Regular or duly-called Special Meetings of the Committee occurring over a period of twelve (12) months may be removed by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Committee members present and voting at the following Regular Meeting. A member of the Committee who sustains six (6) or more absences in a twelve (12) month period (whether consecutive or not) may be removed by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Committee members present and voting at the following Regular Meeting. Written notice of the intent to remove shall be given to such member and to all of the other members of the Committee at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting at which the vote shall be taken.

4.5.2 Absences from State Party Conventions. A member who fails to appear in person at three (3) consecutive State Conventions may be removed by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Committee members present and voting at the following Regular Meeting of the Committee or by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the voting strength present at the following regularly-scheduled meeting of the State Party Executive Committee.

A member who has been removed in accordance with this section shall be notified in writing within three (3) days after the vote to remove the member, but failure to notify such removed member shall not invalidate the vote to remove the member.

4.6 Vacancies. A vacancy shall exist upon the death, removal, or resignation of a member or upon the occurrence of any event provided for in the State Election Law. The Chair shall immediately give notice to the other members of the Committee of a vacancy.

4.6.1 Procedure> A vacancy on the Committee from a council district shall be filled as follows:

4.6.1.1 Exclusive Right of Appointment. The remaining members of the entire Committee shall have the exclusive right to appoint a person to fill the vacancy during the forty-five (45) day period commencing on the date of the vacancy.

4.6.1.2 Publication. Within fifteen (15) days from the date on which the vacancy occurred, the Secretary shall advertise the vacancy via electronic means to as wide an audience as possible serving Anne Arundel County, including, but not limited to, the Republican State Central Committee of Anne Arundel County's website, its Facebook page, and other widely accessible social media sites.

4.6.1.3 Interview. Within thirty (30) days of the vacancy, the remaining members of the Committee shall make reasonable efforts to interview each applicant.

4.6.1.4 Approval of Candidate. Upon reaching an agreement on a candidate to fill the vacancy, the remaining members of the Committee shall notify the Chair that a candidate has been selected. Upon notification of the Chair, the vacancy shall be deemed filled.

4.6.1.5 Appointment by the Chair. If after the seventy-five (75) day period commencing on the date the vacancy occurred, the vacancy has not been filled by the Committee, then the vacancy shall be filled by an appointment of the Chair. The Chair shall have the right to interview candidates for the vacancy prior to making an appointment to fill the vacancy.

4.6.2 Term of Appointment. A person elected to fill a vacancy shall serve for the remaining term of the member replaced.

ARTICLE V

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

5.1 Call to Assemble. Within four days after the Gubernatorial General Election, the newly elected member of the Committee who received the most votes of all members in the Gubernatorial Primary Election shall upon at least five (5) days written notice of the newly elected members of the Committee, issue a call to assemble the Organizational Meeting for the purpose of electing officers and conducting such other business that may properly be brought before the Committee. The newly elected member who issues the call to assemble shall act as the temporary Chair of the Organizational Meeting until the Chair is elected. In the event that such newly elected member fails to call the Organizational Meeting within four (4) days after the Gubernatorial General Election, the newly elected members of the Committee, within five (5) days thereafter, shall initiate the call to assemble. The temporary chair of the Organizational Meeting shall be determined as follows: the responsibility to issue the call to assemble and to serve as the temporary chair shall progress in order of descending votes received by the newly elected members each five days thereafter until the call to assemble is issued.

5.2 Agenda. The first order of business of the newly elected members at the Organizational Meeting shall be the election of officers.

ARTICLE VI OFFICERS

6.1 In General. The officers of the Committee shall be the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Legal Counsel. The Chair and Vice Chair shall be members of the Committee. The Secretary, Treasurer, and Legal Counsel shall not be required to be members of the Committee but must be registered Republican voters in Anne Arundel County at the time of their appointment and throughout their terms of office.

6.2 Chair. The Chair shall be the chief executive officer of the Committee; shall call Regular and Special Meetings of the Committee; shall preside at all meetings of the Committee; shall have general supervision over the affairs, activities, and any employees of the Committee; shall submit a proposed Annual Budget to the Committee at the first Duly-Called Meeting of the year; shall supervise expenditures of Committee funds, and may authorize single expenditures not to exceed two hundred dollars; shall make all committee appointments unless herein or by law otherwise provided; shall oversee the maintenance of all appropriate current and past Committee records; shall be the official spokesperson for the Committee; and shall perform such other duties as required by law and as usually pertain to the office of the Chair.

6.3 Vice Chair. The Vice Chair shall preside at all meetings in the absence of the Chair and perform such other duties as are required by law or as may be prescribed by the Chair and are incident to this office, and in the event a vacancy occurs in the office of Chair, the Vice Chair shall act as Chair until such vacancy has been filled by the Committee.

6.4 Secretary. The Secretary shall keep complete and accurate minutes (including attendance records) of all meetings of the Committee; shall be responsible for official notices and reports as required by this Constitution and Bylaws and by Maryland law; shall attest official

documents of the Committee; and shall be responsible for all general correspondence of the Committee, including but not limited to: (1) providing members of the Committee copies of the agenda and other important documents for upcoming meetings of the Committee; (2) providing notification of meetings and events of the Committee to Committee members; and (3) performing other duties as the Chair shall assign that are pertinent to this office.

6.5 Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be responsible for assisting the Chair in developing the Annual Budget; for the disbursement of all monies by and for the Committee; for maintaining the accounts of the Committee; for keeping complete and accurate records of all receipts and disbursements; for providing periodic reports of income and expenditures as required by the Chair or the Committee, or as required by state and federal laws; for accounting to and transferring to the successor Treasurer, any funds belonging to the Committee at the end of his or her term; and for performing other duties as the Chair shall assign that are pertinent to this office.

6.6 Legal Counsel. The Legal Counsel shall serve as legal adviser and Parliamentarian to the Committee and shall perform other duties as the Chair shall assign that are pertinent to this office.

6.7 Election of Officers. Election of officers shall initially be held at the Organizational Meeting pursuant to Article V hereof and thereafter at the Biennial Meeting. Officers shall be elected by majority vote following nomination by a member of the Committee.

6.8 Notice of Election of Officers. Within fifteen (15) days following the election or appointment of any officer(s), the Chair shall notify the State Board of Elections and the State Committee of the names and addresses of the persons elected as officers.

6.9 Term of Office. Each officer shall serve for a term of office lasting two (2) years. The officers initially elected at the Organizational Meeting shall take office at the Organizational Meeting and serve until the Biennial Meeting, which shall occur at the Regular Meeting in the month of the Presidential General Election. Officers subsequently elected at a Biennial Meeting shall serve from the day of election until the Organizational Meeting of the successor Committee. Officers may stand for re-election. In the event the Committee fails to elect a new officer prior the expiration of the term of an incumbent officer, then said office shall be considered vacant, but the incumbent officer shall continue to serve in such office in an acting capacity until a replacement is elected pursuant to section 6.13 herein.

6.10 Resignation of Officers. Any officer of the Committee may resign for any reason, at any time, by providing a written notification to the Chair of the Committee stating the officers intent to resign and the effective date. In the event that no effective date is specified in the written notification, such resignation shall be effective upon receipt of the written notification by the Chair. If resignation is being tendered by the Chair, said notice shall be provided to the members of the Committee and the same rules for determining the effective date shall apply. An officer shall be deemed to have resigned automatically upon filing a request with the Board of Elections to change his or her party affiliation from Republican to any other party affiliation. Such resignation shall become effective upon receipt of the request by the Board of Elections.

An officer shall be deemed to have resigned automatically upon ceasing to reside in Anne Arundel County. Such resignation shall become effective upon the date on which the officer ceases to reside in Anne Arundel County. The Chair or Vice Chair shall be deemed to have resigned automatically upon ceasing to be a member of the Committee. Such resignation shall become effective upon the date on which the Chair or Vice Chair ceases to be a member of the Committee.

6.11 Removal of Officers. At any Duly-Called Meeting of the Committee, a vote may be taken to remove any officer from the office, provided that at least twenty (20) days written notice has been given to all officers and to all members of the Committee of such intention by certified mail. A two-thirds majority of the votes cast shall be required to effect removal.

6.12 Succession in the Office of Chair. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Chair, then the Vice Chair shall act as Chair until the vacancy is filled by the Committee. In the event of simultaneous vacancies in the offices of Chair and Vice Chair, then the member of the Committee who received the most votes of all originally-elected and then-serving members of the Committee in the Gubernatorial Primary Election shall act as Chair until the vacancy is filled by the Committee. In the event of simultaneous vacancies in the offices of Chair and Vice Chair when there are no originally-elected members of the Committee remaining, then the longest-serving member of the then-serving members of the Committee shall act as Chair until the vacancy is filled by the Committee.

6.13 Filling of Vacancies. A vacancy shall exist upon the death, removal, or resignation of an officer. Within five (5) days of the date the Chair receives notice of a vacancy, the Chair shall give written notice to the other members of the Committee of the vacancy. On or before the first Duly-Called Meeting after the Chair provides written notice to the Committee of the vacancy, the Chair shall appoint an individual to fill the vacancy. At the first Duly-Called Meeting after the Chair appoints the new officer, or at any Duly-Called Meeting thereafter during the unexpired term of the officer replaced, the Committee has the option to have an election to fill the vacancy for the remaining term. The election shall be by majority vote following nomination by a member of the Committee. A person elected to fill a vacancy shall serve the remaining unexpired term of the officer replaced. If the Committee does not elect an individual to fill the vacancy, then the individual appointed by the Chair shall serve the remaining unexpired term of the officer replaced.

ARTICLE VII STANDING COMMITTEES

7.1 In General. There shall be the following standing committees: the Finance Committee, the Audit Committee, the Political and Strategic Planning Committee, the Bylaws Committee, the Events Committee, and the Communications Committee.

7.2 Standing Committee Membership. Unless otherwise specified in this Article, each standing committee shall have a chair and not less than two (2) additional members, including Ex-Officio members as provided herein. The chair and members, except Ex-Officio Members, of each standing committee shall be appointed by the Chair annually at the Regular

Meeting of the Committee in December, and at such other time as the Chair deems appropriate. The chair and members of each standing committee shall not be required to be members of the Committee, but must be registered Republican voters and residents of Anne Arundel County throughout their terms of appointment. The chair and members of each standing committee, except Ex-Officio Members, shall serve at the pleasure of the Chair and may be subject to removal and/or replacement at any time. The chair and members of each standing committee, except Ex-Officio Members, may resign at any time in accordance with the provisions for resignation of Committee members as provided in section 4.4 of this Constitution and Bylaws. Ex-Officio Members of the standing committees, as provided herein, shall serve on the designated standing committees automatically throughout their terms as officers of the Committee. Ex-Officio Members of the standing committees may serve as chair of the respective standing committee at the discretion of the Chair.

7.3 Finance Committee. The Finance Committee shall be responsible for raising funds for the use of the Committee for general operating expenses and candidate support. The Treasurer shall be an Ex-Officio Member of the Finance Committee.

7.4 Audit Committee. The Audit Committee shall be responsible for conducting the Annual Audit and delivering the Audit Committee Report. The Annual Audit shall commence each January and the Audit Committee Report shall be delivered at the Regular Meeting of the Committee in March. The Audit Committee shall consist of a minimum of four (4) members including, but not limited to, at least two (2) members who are registered Republicans and reside in Anne Arundel County and at least two (2) members from the Committee. The Treasurer shall deliver all of the Committee's financial records to the Audit Committee for the Annual Audit. The Treasurer shall answer all questions the Audit Committee may have with regard to the maintenance of such records or any entry appearing therein.

7.5 Political and Strategic Planning Committee. The Political and Strategic Planning Committee shall be responsible for strategic planning activities to maximize the performance of Republican candidates in Anne Arundel County. Annually, the Political and Strategic Planning Committee shall propose a strategic plan to be approved by the Committee. The strategic plan shall set forth the goals and objectives that the Committee seeks to achieve for the year, with the overall objective of maximizing Republican performance in upcoming elections. The Political and Strategic Planning Committee shall also be responsible for recruitment and development of qualified candidates for state, county, and federal offices that represent Anne Arundel County and its constituents.

7.6 Bylaws Committee. The Bylaws Committee shall be responsible for reviewing, updating, and making recommendations to the Committee of proposed changes to this Constitution and Bylaws. The Legal Counsel shall be an Ex-Officio Member of the Bylaws Committee.

7.7 Events Committee. The Events Committee shall be responsible for the continuous planning and organization of all community-based and public events and activities in which the Committee decides to participate, in accordance with the approved Strategic Plan. Such events may include, but are not limited to: fairs, parades, volunteer coordination efforts,

and voter contact and registration drives, etc. In accordance with the strategic plan, the Events Committee shall organize and plan appropriate training and informational events for volunteers, prospective candidates.

7.8 Communications Committee. The Communications Committee shall be responsible for reviewing all press releases of the Committee addressing matters of public concern prior to their release. The Communications Committee shall review all media inquiries of the Committee and shall advise the Chair and the Committee on official responses to such inquiries. The Secretary shall be an Ex-Officio Member of the Communications Committee

7.9 Ad Hoc Committees. The Chair may establish *ad hoc* committees as deemed necessary or proper to advise and aid in conducting the affairs of the Committee. The membership requirements of ad hoc committees shall be the same as for members of the standing committees as provided in section 7.2 herein.

ARTICLE VIII MEETINGS

8.1 Regular Meetings. The Committee shall hold a Regular Meeting on the first Wednesday of each month at a location in Anne Arundel County to be determined by the Chair unless extraordinary circumstances require the meeting to be rescheduled or cancelled.

8.2 Special Meetings. Upon proper notice as required in section 8.4 herein, the Chair may call a Special Meeting of the Committee. The Chair shall convene a Special Meeting of the Committee within seven (7) days upon a written petition to the Chair by a majority of the members of the Committee. Special Meetings shall be held at a location convenient to the members of the Committee.

8.3 Biennial Meeting. The Regular Meeting of the Committee in the November in a year in which there is a Presidential General Election shall be known as a Biennial Meeting. The first order of business of the Biennial Meeting shall be the election of officers for the upcoming term.

8.4 Notice. Members of the Committee and the general public shall be presumed to have notice of all Regular Meetings of the Committee. In the event circumstances require a Regular Meeting to be cancelled or rescheduled, the Chair shall provide written notice to the members of the Committee at least seven (7) days prior to the originally scheduled meeting unless the circumstances requiring the change would make such notice impractical, in which event, the Chair shall provide as much notice to the members of the Committee as is practical under the circumstances. The Chair shall provide reasonable written notice of a Special Meeting of the Committee. The notice shall state the date, time, venue, and insofar as practical, the agenda of the meeting. A copy of each such notice shall be sent to the State Chair.

8.5 Quorum. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the Committee members, for the purposes of conducting Committee business. Voting by proxy is not authorized, except in cases of absence due to military service.

8.6 Parliamentary Authority. The conduct of all Committee meetings shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order, Newly revised, when not in conflict with this Constitution and Bylaws or state and federal laws.

8.7 Informal Action of Committee. Any action, required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of the Committee may be taken without a meeting, if a written consent to such action is signed by all members of the Committee and such consent is filed with the minutes of the Committee by the Secretary. Such consent may be signed by any one or more of the members of the Committee in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but all such counterparts shall together constitute one and the same consent, and all signed counterparts shall be filed with the minutes of the Committee by the Secretary. A consent or any counterpart thereof may be executed by any one or more of the members of the Committee by facsimile. This Section does not apply to the following actions: a) election or removal of officers or members; b) filling of vacancies; and c) any action contemplated in Section 10.3.

ARTICLE IX ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY REPUBLICAN CLUBS

9.1 In General. The Committee shall have the authority to recognize and charter Republican clubs that exist and meet within the legal and geographical boundaries of Anne Arundel County. A club that is approved and chartered pursuant to this article shall be known as a Chartered Club and shall be listed in the Official Schedule of Chartered Clubs as provided in section 9.2 herein.

9.2 Official Schedule of Chartered Clubs. The Committee shall maintain an official list of the Chartered Clubs known as the Official Schedule of Chartered Clubs, which shall affix to this Constitution and Bylaws as Annex I. Any club that was approved and chartered by the Committee prior to the adoption of this article shall automatically be known as a Chartered Club and shall be listed in the Official Schedule of Republican Clubs; notwithstanding the fact that the Committee may hereafter revoke the approval and charter of any such club pursuant to section 9.4 herein.

9.3 New Clubs. Any club seeking to become a Chartered Club must make application to the Committee as a new club under the provisions of this section.

9.3.1 Application. A club seeking to become a Chartered Club must file a petition for recognition with the Committee and shall be known as a Petitioning Club. The petition must include the following: a copy of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Petitioning Club; the names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses of the officers of the Petitioning Club; and a copy of the membership list of the Petitioning Club. The officers of the Petitioning Club must be registered Republicans in Anne Arundel County.

9.3.2 Approval of Petitioning Club. A Petitioning Club shall be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Committee members present at a Duly-Called Meeting and, upon receiving such approval, shall immediately become a Chartered Club and shall be added to the

Official Schedule of Chartered Clubs.

9.4 Revocation of Status. The Committee shall have the authority to revoke the status of a Chartered Club upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Committee members present at a Duly-Called Meeting and, upon such vote, such a club shall immediately cease to be a Chartered Club and shall be removed from the Official Schedule of Chartered Clubs.

**ARTICLE X
MISCELLANEOUS**

10.1 Notice. Any notice provided for in this Constitution and Bylaws shall be deemed to have been given when received by the person to whom directed, or alternatively, when deposited in the mail, postage prepaid, to be delivered by regular, first-class mail, or electronic transmission, provided that any such notice shall be addressed to a person at the most recent address provided to the Committee by such person. Any required written notice (except the written notice provided for in Article V, Section 1) may be waived provided that a written waiver of any such required notice is executed by a majority of the members of the Committee.

10.2 Filling Vacancies and Nominations for Public Office. The Committee shall have such power as is conferred upon it by the State Election Law to fill vacancies in nominations for public office. Wherever under the laws of Maryland, the Committee is to act in filling such a vacancy, a Special Meeting to fill the vacancy may be called by the Chair upon 72 hours notice.

10.3 Endorsements in Primaries. No individual member of the Committee acting in their role as a member of the Committee shall publicly declare support or approve (“Endorse”) any candidate or group of candidates, over any other candidate or group of candidates, prior to a contested primary election. Members may Endorse or sponsor a candidate or group of candidates over other candidates or group of candidates prior to a contested primary election only as a private citizen, not acting in their role as a member of the Committee.

The Committee may opt to Endorse a candidate or group of candidates over another candidate or group of candidates, prior to a contested primary election. The Committee may invoke this option to Endorse only with the approval of three-quarters (3/4) of the Committee members. Once the Committee approves invoking the option to Endorse and only after that approval occurs, then the Committee may Endorse a particular candidate or particular group of candidates over another candidate or group of candidates, prior to a contested primary election, with the approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the Committee members.

10.4 Conflict. To the extent that this Constitution and Bylaws may conflict with the State Party Constitution and Bylaws, the State Party Constitution and Bylaws shall govern. Furthermore, to the extent the above constraints conflict, then Maryland law will supersede.

10.5 Annapolis Republican Central Committee. The Chairman of the Annapolis Republican Central Committee shall be a non-voting honorary member of the Committee in order to keep the Committee informed of the business of the Party in the City of Annapolis. The Chairman of the Annapolis Republican Central Committee shall not be counted in determining

the number required for a quorum and shall not have the right to make motions or to vote.

10.6 Standing Policies. The policies and accompanying instructions for filling specific vacancies delegated to the Committee are attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Addendum A.

**ARTICLE XI
AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS**

11.1 Amendments Process. This Constitution and Bylaws shall take effect and be enforced when adopted by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present at a Duly-Called Meeting of the Committee and provided further that a copy of this Constitution and Bylaws was sent to each member by the Bylaws Committee with written notice of its proposed adoption at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which the vote is scheduled to occur. An addition or deletion from any annexes hereto shall not be considered an amendment for the purposes of the application of this Article and such additions or deletions shall only require compliance with the applicable provisions of this Constitution and Bylaws.

11.2 Filing Requirements. The Chair shall file, with the State Board of Elections and with the State Committee, a copy of this Constitution and Bylaws within thirty (30) days after its adoption and shall also file in the same locations a copy of any amendment to this Constitution and Bylaws within thirty (30) days after its adoption.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Constitution and Bylaws hereby have been amended and adopted by the Committee on this 3rd day of March 2021.

ATTEST

Secretary

Andy Owen



Chair

James Appel