

Constitution of Allegany County Republican State Central Committee

Article I. Organization Name

This organization, formed for promoting the welfare of the Republican Party in Allegany County, Maryland, and generally, shall be known as Allegany County Republican State Central Committee (hereinafter referred to as “Committee”).

Article II. Objectives and Purposes

The objectives and purposes of this organization shall be to promote the welfare of the Republican Party, generally, and in Allegany County, Maryland, and to act as a component and subordinate part of the Republican State Central Committee of Maryland.

Article III. Membership

Section 1. Members

There shall be nine (9) members of the Committee, who shall be elected, as hereinafter provided, from among the adult registered Republicans residing in Allegany County, Maryland. In addition to the aforesaid nine (9) members, in any year when no woman is elected to the regular membership of the committee, the Committee shall designate an additional non-voting member, to be known as the “Women’s Representative” to the Committee, and the committee shall, following the organizational meeting, by majority vote, elect a qualified woman to act as such Women’s Representative.

Section 2. Election

On the regular primary day, in years when a gubernatorial election is held hereafter, the qualified Republican voters of Allegany County, Maryland, shall elect the nine (9) members of the Committee. The Allegany County Republican State Central Committee, as herein defined, shall be the Party Central Committee for Allegany County, Maryland as defined in the Maryland Code, and in the Constitution of the Republican Party of the State of Maryland.

Section 3. Qualifications

A member of the committee shall be a bona fide resident and voter of Allegany County, Maryland and shall be registered Republican.

Section 4. Term

Members of the Committee, elected as hereinabove described, shall serve for a term extending until after the next ensuing general election in a year when a gubernatorial election is held, and until such time as the newly elected Central Committee conducts its first organizational meeting, as hereinafter provided.

Section 5. Removal

The Committee may, by two-thirds majority vote, remove any member during his or her term for: failure to comply with the qualifications contained in Article III, Section 3; physical or mental incapacity; a failure to attend three consecutive meetings of the Committee; or actions deemed detrimental to the welfare and reputation of the Republican Party or the Committee. Prior notice to the member shall be given of the possibility of this action and notification of a removal shall be given within 3 days. A member who fails to appear in person or by proxy at 3 consecutive State Conventions may be removed with prior notice by a two-thirds vote of the voting strength present and voting at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Executive Committee, after which he shall be notified within seven days.

Section 6. Vacancies

When any vacancy in the membership of the Committee shall occur by reason of death, disqualification, resignation, incapacity or removal, the Chairman of the Committee shall declare a vacancy exists, and notify the membership of the Committee at the meeting when such vacancy arises or at the next regularly scheduled meeting. Within ninety (90) days after the Chairman shall have notified the Committee of such vacancy, the members of the Committee shall, by majority vote, elect a qualified person to fill the unexpired term of the vacant membership.

Article IV. Meetings and Organization

Section 1. Organizational Meeting

Following the election of new members of the Committee, it shall be the duty of the elected Chairman, or in the event that no Chairman is elected, the duty of the member receiving the highest number of votes, immediately after the results of said election are ascertained to call and preside over an organizational meeting of the new Committee, until a new Chairman is elected at such organizational meeting. Such organizational meeting shall be called as promptly as possible after the results of the election are ascertained, and in no event later than 10 days after the official publication of the results of such election.

The newly elected membership shall, immediately after the convening of the organizational meeting, proceed to select one of their number as Chairman. They shall also proceed to elect a Treasurer, who need not be a member of the Committee.

Section 2. Frequency of Meetings

- A. Regular Meeting. A Committee shall meet at least quarterly at such times and on such days as the Committee may set, from time to time, by its By-Laws and/or Rules of Procedure. The Committee may, by its By-Laws and/or Rules of Procedure, establish regular meetings more frequently than quarterly. Upon any failure of the Committee to convene a regular quarterly meeting, the Chairman of the Republican State Central Committee of Maryland may call a meeting of this committee.

In addition to regular meetings as above described, the Committee may hold, from time to time, special meetings. Special meetings may be called by the Chairman. In addition, upon written request for a special meeting executed by any three members of the Committee, the Chairman shall call a special meeting. Written notice of the time and place of a special meeting, and the general substance of the purpose of the meeting, shall be sent to the members of the Committee at least seven (7) days in advance of a special meeting. The notice provision hereinabove provided for special meetings may be waived, and business may lawfully be transacted at a special meeting by an affirmative vote in favor of such waiver by two-thirds of the members of the Committee in attendance at such special meeting.

- B. Notification of State Chairman. The Chairman of the Republican State Central Committee of Maryland shall be notified of the regular meeting schedule established by the Committee, and shall be notified in advance of each special meeting of the Committee.

Section 3. Proxies

Voting by proxy shall not be permitted at any meeting of the Committee.

Section 4. Quorum

Five (5) members in attendance shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Committee.

Article V. Officers

Section 1. Officers

The officers of the Committee shall be a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. All officers shall be elected from the membership of the Committee, except the Treasurer, who need not be a member. In addition, the Committee may establish such other and subordinate officers as may be necessary or convenient from time to time. Unless otherwise designated, such other or subordinate officers need not be members of the Committee.

Section 2. Election of Officers

The officers of the Committee shall be elected at the organizational meeting of the Committee, by majority vote.

Section 3. Term

The officers of the Committee shall be elected for a term equal to their term as a member of the Committee.

Article VI. Powers and Duties

Section 1. Definition

The Committee shall be the Party Central Committee for the County as defined in the Maryland Code, and in the Constitution of the Republican Party of the State of Maryland. The Committee shall constitute the governing body of the Republican Party of Allegany County, Maryland, and shall be empowered to determine its own By-Laws and Rules of Procedure. All other organizations and committees formed for the purposes of promoting the welfare of the Republican Party in Allegany County, Maryland, shall be authorized by and are responsible to this Committee.

Section 2. Duties

It shall be the duty of this Committee to provide for the holding of meetings, to supervise registration of voters, to ensure the election of Republican candidates, and generally to do all such things as tend to strengthen and enhance the Republican Party in Allegany County, Maryland.

Section 3. Appointments

- A. By Office Holders. All Republican office holders shall submit their candidates for appointment to the Committee, at least 30 days prior to the appointment for the purpose of review and comment by the Committee. All review and comment by the Committee shall be advisory only.
- B. By the Committee. The names of all candidates for appointment or recommendation for appointment by the Committee shall be submitted to the members of the Committee at least 30 days prior to the meeting when the appointment or recommendation will be considered.

Article VII. Amendments

Section 1. Amending Body.

The Committee is the only body which may amend this instrument and cannot delegate this power.

Section 2. Notice

Notice of any proposed amendment to this instrument shall be given by the Secretary with the notice calling the meeting of the Committee at which the proposed amendment is to be considered. Any member or member-elect of the Committee may propose an amendment by submitting it to the Secretary in writing. A proposed amendment received by the Secretary on or before March 1st shall be sent with the notice of the regular Spring meeting, and a proposed

amendment which is received by the Secretary on or before October 1st shall be sent with the notice of the regular Fall meeting.

Section 3. Vote

S three-fifths majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to amend this instrument.

Article VIII. Rules of Procedure

When not inconsistent with the provisions of this instrument or any rules of procedure adopted by the State Central Committee, Roberts Rules of Order (newly revised) shall govern all meetings of the county Central Committee and the committees thereof.

Article IX. Limitations

The Committee shall not participate nor give the impressions of participating in primary elections, whether they be partisan or non-partisan. Individual members of the Committee are freely permitted to participate in, volunteer for, and donate monies and make contributions to campaigns and candidates for elected office in Republican Party primaries in their individual capacities. Members of the Committee are not permitted to participate in, volunteer for, or donate money to candidates for local, state, or federal elected office who are partisanly identified as candidates for the nomination of the Democratic Party or any third party or as actual nominees of the Democratic Party or any third party in a general election. No member of the Committee may represent that they are acting on behalf of the Committee with regards to participation in a contested Republican Party primary in their capacity as a committee member.

This Constitution has been duly reviewed and adopted by the below-signed members of the Allegany County Republican State Central Committee this 11th day of May, 2017.

James Howell- Chairman
Tiffany Mock- Vice-Chairman
Lisa Griffith- Secretary
Nicholas Cathell- Treasurer
Susan Cunningham
Thomas Taccino
Wayne Foote
Robert Farrell
Erich Bean