

**BYLAWS of the
REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE
OF
TALBOT COUNTY MARYLAND**



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ARTICLE I- NAME

Name

The name of this organization shall be the Republican Central Committee of Talbot County (hereinafter referred to as the Central Committee and/or the RCCTC) and can also be referred to as the Republican Party of Talbot County, Maryland.

ARTICLE II-PURPOSE, ROLES, AUTHORITIES

Purpose, Roles and Authorities

Purpose

The Central Committee shall perform the duties imposed on it by the law (Federal, Local and State). The Central Committee is charged with the ethical and effective management and control of Republican campaigns under the compliance with Maryland Code, Article 33, Section 11-2.

Roles

The Central Committee shall:

- A. Secure an honest and responsible government, founded on our (GOP) beliefs in the worth, dignity, and rights of every person.
- B. Recruit and work towards the election of eligible and responsible Republican candidates.
- C. Promote the principles and platform of the Republican Party.
- D. Organize an effective political organization which cooperates with and supports the Republican National Committee, the Maryland Republican Party, and other local organizations.
- E. Engage in fundraising to support its activities and perform other functions and duties assigned to it by law and the Constitution and Bylaws of the Republican Party of Maryland.
- F. Execute other duties and decisions as articulated in Article IV herein.

Authorities

- A. The rules of the Republican National Committee apply to this document along with the laws of the United States and the State of Maryland.
- B. The rules contained in the current edition of the *Roberts Rules of Order* shall govern the Party in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and Bylaws and any special rules of order the Party may adopt.
- C. The Central Committee (RCCTC) shall govern activities of the Republican Party of Talbot County and work in concert with organizations in Talbot County which promote the Republican Party of Talbot County.
- D. The Central Committee shall consist of a maximum of nine (9) and a minimum of five (5) voting members selected in accordance with the laws of the State of Maryland E. Within 15 days following the election or appointment of the Central Committee (RCCTC) members, the Central Committee shall report the name(s) to the Party Chairman and to the Maryland State Board of Elections.

ARTICLE III- MEMBERSHIP

Membership, vacancies and removal

Membership

- A. All Talbot County Maryland residents who are registered as Republican voters shall be members of the Republican Party.
- B. The composition of the Talbot County Republican Central Committee shall be as set forth in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Maryland Republican Party. Every VOTING member of the Talbot County Republican Central Committee must be a bona fide and legal resident of Talbot County and member of the Republican Party
- C. Every member of the Talbot Central Committee must take the Party Oath.
- D. The Republican Central Committee of Talbot County (RCCTC) shall have a maximum of nine (9) and a minimum of five (5) elected or appointed voting members. Members are elected or appointed. Appointment to fill vacancies occurring between elections shall be done in accordance with process and provisions of the RCCTC Nominating Committee, as outlined in Article VI. Unless otherwise provided by law, changes to the number of members of the Central Committee shall be set by the Committee with prior approval of the Maryland State Central Committee. However, the number of members shall not be fewer than five (5), nor more than nine (9) for Counties having fewer than five resident members of the House of Delegates.
- E. The Central Committee shall have the authority to nominate and elect up to five (5) non-voting "Central Committee Associates". Associates can be nominated to bring specific expertise or community representation to the Committee in an advisory capacity and serves at the pleasure of the Central Committee. The Central Committee must elect Associates with a majority vote. The scope, and purpose and term of the nominated Associate must be articulated in writing prior to voting by the Committee. A key goal is to identify Associate who bring unique ideas, skills, diversity and perspective to Committee matters and discussions.

Vacancies

- A. Vacancies in the Central Committee shall be filled by the remaining members of the RCCTC. If there are less than five remaining committee members, vacancies lasting longer than ninety (90) days shall be filled by the county Party Chairman from among those persons recommended in writing by the remaining members of the Central Committee. If no written recommendations are received by the county Party Chairman within the ninety (90) day period, the Chairman shall fill the vacancy by appointing a qualified person per Republican Party of Maryland bylaws 4.2D.
- B. Nothing in this section prohibits the Central Committee from filling the vacancy(s) prior to the Party Chairman doing so. The RCCTC Nominating Committee, as detailed in Article VI, shall ensure that qualified candidates are identified and vetted to fill vacancies in a timely manner.

Removal

- A. A member of the RCCTC who is convicted of a felony, commits misconduct, or who fails to appear at three consecutive regularly-scheduled meetings of the RCCTC committee during a period in excess of 60 days may be removed from the Committee, per the provisions, herein.

- B. The following actions constitute misconduct for officers, members, and members-elect:
 - i. Any act of physical violence or sexual harassment as defined by state or federal law against a committee member or an elected official;
 - ii. A credible threat of violence against a committee member or an elected official, meaning a knowing and willful statement or course of conduct that does not serve a legitimate purpose and that causes a reasonable person to fear for the person's safety or for the safety of the person's immediate family;
 - iii. A conviction for a crime of moral turpitude, such as perjury, as defined by the Courts of the State of Maryland;
 - iv. Status as a vexatious litigant as determined by any state or federal court;
 - v. Embezzling funds from the County or State Central Committee and Candidate committees;
 - vi. Fraud, malicious defamation, intentional tortious acts, or felonious acts as determined by Courts of the State of Maryland in the conduct of committee business;

- vii. Failure to engage in the stated responsibilities of the committee via email, text, or telephone communication;
 - ix. Failure to assist with at least two consecutive large fundraising activities;
 - x. Misusing or sharing contact lists without the consent of the committee;
 - xi. The misuse of the RCCTC name for personal events or engagements;
 - xii. Engagement is a requirement for committee membership, lack of committee engagement is punishable by removal;
 - xiii. A knowing and willful serious violation of the Bylaws of the Maryland Republican Party or a Committee member's respective county Committee.
- C. A member may then be removed after ten (10) days prior written notice by return receipt mail or electronic mail. Removal can only occur after a two-thirds vote of the RCCTC members present at the next regularly scheduled meeting; after which the member shall be notified in writing by return receipt mail within three (3) days. However, failure to notify such removed member shall not invalidate the vote to remove the member.
- D. If a vote taken by the Central Committee pursuant to subsection (A) fails to achieve a two-thirds vote, a simple majority of the members of the Central Committee may request to the State Executive Committee (described in ARTICLE VI of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Republican Party of Maryland) in writing with signature of those supporting the request to investigate and decide on the matter as described in ARTICLE IV, Section 4.2, Subsection (e)(2) of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Republican Party of Maryland
- E. An individual who has been removed from the RCCTC may file an appeal to the State Party Bylaws Committee, provided that the appeal is made in writing and to the Bylaws Committee within thirty (30) days of the individual receiving notice of their removal.
- F. Associate members can be rotated off the Committee, removed, or replaced at any time by a majority vote among RCCTC voting membership.

ARTICLE IV

Central Committee Powers and Duties

Powers

- A. The RCCTC (The Committee) has the powers available to it by law and the Constitution and Bylaws of the Republican Party of Maryland.
- B. The Committee shall conduct the affairs of the Republican Party of Talbot County.
- C. The Committee shall adopt and amend as appropriate, its own Bylaws.
- D. The Committee shall adopt its own rules of procedure.
- E. The Committee shall fill vacancies among its own membership as provided by the bylaws of the RCCTC and Maryland Republican Party bylaws.
- F. The Committee shall fill vacancies in, and nominations for, public office within the County.

Duties

- A. All Committee members shall actively participate, promote and execute the roles stated in Article II.
- B. Committee members shall strive to attend all regularly scheduled and special meetings called by the Chairman. Participation may be in-person, by video, or by phone.
- C. Following the election or appointment of any member(s) or officer(s), the Committee shall report their name(s) to the Maryland Republican Party Chairman and to the Maryland State Board of Elections within 15 days.
- D. RCCTC Associates (Article III, E) are non-voting members; however Associate Members shall abide by the rules of conduct and order within this document.

Officer Powers and Duties

The election of officers of the Committee shall be conducted immediately after the quadrennial election of new members to the Committee. The meeting to elect members shall be called by the member who receives the largest number of votes in the Primary Election. The tenure of office shall begin on the fourteenth (day) following the gubernatorial election. Officers are elected for a two (2) year term. Elections are held again at mid-term, and an officer may stand for re-election at the mid-term election.

The officers of the RCCTC are as follows:

- a. Chairman
- b. Vice-Chairman I
- c. Vice-Chairman II
- d. Secretary
- e. Treasurer (can be a RCCTC Member, or non-voting support associate member)

Chairman

- A. The Chairman shall call and preside at all meetings of the Central Committee.
- B. The Chairman shall serve as the executive and spokesperson of the Committee. However, nothing in this paragraph shall prohibit a Central Committee member from speaking in his/her individual capacity regarding Committee issues or business.
- C. The Chairman shall make any necessary appointments to fill vacancies in the delegations to Maryland Republican Party conventions.
- D. The Chairman shall be authorized to appoint a Parliamentarian, General Counsel, chairmen and members of standing or ad hoc committees, as specified in these Bylaws. The Chairman is only authorized to appoint these positions after a majority vote by all Committee members endorsing the qualifications of candidates.
- E. The Chairman shall have the right and duty to manage and supervise the affairs of the Central Committee
- F. The Chairman shall have the responsibility for the supervision and instruction of any paid staff or temporary contractors of the Central Committee.
- G. The Chairman shall submit a proposed annual budget to the Committee for adoption by December 31.
- H. The Chairman shall represent the County as required by the Maryland Republican Party.
- I. The Chairman shall approve, by signature, all Central Committee expenditures exceeding

\$100. Expenditures under this threshold may be authorized by officers of the RCCTC.

Vice-Chairman I

- A. Each of the RCCTC's Vice-chairmen performs duties the Chairman designates.
- B. The RCCTC Vice Chairmen preside, in rank order, at all the meetings or conventions in the absence of the Party Chairman.
- C. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the RCCTC Chairman, the highest-ranking Vice Chairman then in office may exercise all of the powers and shall perform all of the duties of the Chairman until the vacancy has been filled.
- D. The Vice-Chairman shall preside over standing committees (defined in Article VI) as designated by the Chairman.

Vice-Chairman II

- A. Powers and duties of the Vice-Chairman II are identical to those of the Vice-Chairman I, in rank order (i.e., Vice-Chairman II executes the duties described when Vice-Chairman I cannot, or designates Vice-Chairman II to stand-in). The Central Committee, by a majority vote, can elect to have one (1) Vice-Chair or two (2) Vice-Chairs. Having more than two (2) Vice-Chairs requires an amendment to the bylaws, as defined in Article VIII.

Secretary

- A. The Secretary shall keep proper records of the proceedings of the RCCTC.
- B. The Secretary shall conduct and/or supervise all necessary formal written correspondence from the RCCTC. This excludes emails and informal correspondence among members.
- C. The Secretary shall provide oversight of the RCCTC to ensure that all proceedings follow appropriate RCCTC Bylaws (herein), and the Republican Party of Maryland Bylaws.
- D. The Secretary shall be the custodian of and maintain all RCCTC records and campaign files.
- E. The Secretary shall perform other duties as may be assigned by the Chairman or Vice Chairmen.
- F. The Secretary shall be responsible for the safekeeping of all supplies and effects of the Central Committee and shall maintain an inventory of supplies and effects. The Secretary shall have the ability to designate a surrogate on the Committee for storage of supplies and effects.

Treasurer

- A. The Treasurer, Chair, or member designated by the Chair, shall receive all monies of the RCCTC (Central Committee) and shall deposit all monies, in the name of the Central Committee, in a financial institution(s) designated by the Chairman and Officers of the RCCTC (Central Committee).
- B. The Treasurer shall be bonded in an amount to be determined by the Committee with bonds paid for by the Central Committee
- C. The Treasurer shall maintain a record of all receipts and expenditures of the Central Committee and provide reports to the Central Committee on a monthly basis. Treasurer

- shall also provide reports required by State and Federal agencies as required by law.
- D. The Treasurer shall pay bills authorized by the Central Committee, by check and signed by any of the following;
1. The Chairman
 2. The First Vice-Chairman
 3. The Second Vice-Chairman
 4. The Secretary.
- E. The Treasurer, with inputs from the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen, shall provide an annual budget by December 31 of each year and provide the budget for advice and consent to the full Committee for consideration during the first annual Committee meeting.
- F. The Treasurer shall provide a budget reporting and accounting of transactions at each regularly scheduled Committee Meeting. Copies shall be provided for Committee members for review.

ARTICLE V

Meetings and Quorum

Meetings

- A. An organizational meeting shall be held on the 3rd Tuesday or Thursday, unless there are extenuating circumstance any monthly meeting date can be changed with a majority committee vote and with a minimum of at least 10 days prior notice following the quadrennial election of new members of the RCCTC (Central Committee). The meeting shall be called and chaired by the member receiving the largest number of notes in the quadrennial election. This meeting shall include taking of the Oath by newly elected members and a review of By-laws and roles of Officers and Committees. The Chairman (elected member receiving the most votes) of the organizational meeting shall name a transition Chair of the Nominating Committee prior to the organizational meeting. The Nominating Committee Transition Chair shall provide a slate of proposed Officer candidates and Committee Chairs at that time. There shall be an allowance for floor nominations for Officers and Committee Chairs during the Organizational meeting. Officers and Committee Chairs shall be voted on at this meeting.
- B. General meetings shall occur monthly on the 3rd Tuesday or Thursday of each month. Unless there are extenuating circumstance any monthly meeting date can be changed with a majority committee vote and with a minimum of at least 10 days prior notice There must be at least four (4) full quorum meetings each year, and at least one (1) full quorum meeting each calendar quarter. In the absence of a quorum, the Chairman or Vice Chairman presiding may conduct routine Committee functions and coordination which do not require voting among members. The meetings shall occur at a location agreed to within Talbot County, or as a virtual meeting as required by circumstances. The RCCTC Chairman may delegate his authorities to hold and conduct meetings in her/his absence.
- C. The Chairman, Vice Chairmen, or a majority of the Committee may call special

meetings at any time, and for any purpose given a five (5) day advanced notice. The notice requirement shall not apply to any Central Committee meeting held at a National, State, or regional conference, convention or other Maryland Republican Party meeting.

D. In the event that the Central Committee Chairman does not call a regularly scheduled meeting as required, any three (3) members of the Committee may call for a meeting upon giving a ten day (10) written notice to members of the Central Committee.

E. Standing Committees (Article VI) shall meet as necessary to carry out their responsibilities. The standing Committee Chair, or their designee, shall provide an update report at every Central Committee meeting.

Quorum

A. A Quorum shall be fulfilled with the physical or virtual presence of five (5) voting Central Committee members, given that all nine (9) Central Committee member slots are filled. Otherwise, a quorum is fulfilled with a simple majority of members present.

B. Meetings petitioned by at least three (3) members, per Article V- paragraph D, shall have a full quorum of members or be postponed until such time as a full quorum is present.

C. A committee approved proxy is required for an absentee vote. Executive committee shall provide all voting members with the approved proxy upon becoming a member of the committee.

ARTICLE VI

Sub-committees

Appointments

A. The Central Committee Chairman may establish ad hoc sub-committees as deemed necessary or proper to conduct the affairs of the Committee. The scope and term of ad hoc Committees shall be proposed by the Chairman, with concurrence of a majority of Central Committee.

B. There shall be four standing sub-committees within the Central Committee; the Finance Committee, the Nominating Committee, and the Operations and Compliance Committee, and the Community Affairs and Outreach Committee.

C. Associate members may serve on any Committee.

Finance Committee

A. The Finance Committee shall be Chaired by the Central Committee Chairman, or his designee, and shall include the Treasurer and at least one other Central Committee voting member. The Finance Committee is responsible for providing an annual budget to the full Committee for endorsement and tracking income and expenditures throughout the year. A financial update shall be provided at every regularly scheduled Central Committee meeting.

Nominating Committee

A. The Nominating Committee shall gather and propose names of prospective persons to fill Central Committee member vacancies, associates, or vacancies of the Treasurer or General Counsel positions.

B. The Nominating Committee shall be Chaired by one of the Central Committee Vice

Chairman and shall have a minimum of three (3) members, including the Chair. C. All prospective candidates must be submitted to the Nominating Committee, in writing, for vetting as to qualifications and compliance with membership requirements. D. The Nominating Committee shall solicit information and documentation from prospective candidates for submission to the full Central Committee for consideration, and voting (when filling a vacancy).

E. Prior to the Quadrennial election, the Nominating Committee shall confirm that the prospective slate of Central Committee candidates meet all requirements of the Maryland Republican Party Bylaws.

F. Once appointed, the Nominating Committee shall ensure that these members and associates continue to meet all requirements and qualifications of Maryland Republican Party and RCCTC Bylaws.

Operations and Compliance Committee

A. The Operations and Compliance Committee shall be responsible for overseeing the day to-day, week-to-week, and month-to-month operations of the Central Committee. This shall include;

- a. Maintaining and updating compliance and Maryland Republican Party requirements.
- b. The Central Committee Chairman shall be the primary liaison with local and Maryland Party officials for strategic direction, platform management, and communications management. The Operations and Compliance Committee

Chairman may act on behalf of the Central Committee and coordinate all other matters with local election officials and the Maryland Republican Party. Any external communications by a Central Committee member, directly or indirectly, to an elected or appointed official that is intended to or may be perceived as intended to influence their position on issues, legislation, or other official matters, shall be reviewed by the Central Committee before the external communication occurs. This review can be done in writing or by an email notification to all members or in regularly scheduled meetings. If no one voices (in writing or with electronic means) an issue or concern within 72 hours of receiving the notification, the communication is deemed acceptable by other Committee members. Any failure to comply with this process shall result in the communication by the member being deemed a communication and act of the individual member in his or her personal capacity and not sanctioned by the Central Committee, and the individual member will so advise the recipient of the communication. This does not restrict any Central Committee Member from expressing their individual views or positions in any way, when representing themselves in a personal capacity.

- c. Soliciting and maintaining a list of volunteers for local, state, and federal elections.
- d. Provide an Election Headquarters plan six (6) months in advance of General Elections.
- e. Managing the acquisitions and funding for campaign promotional materials and signage.

- f. Any Central Committee member shall alert the Chairman and Treasurer of any outstanding obligations, anticipated future expenditures, and any conflicts of interest or lack of adherence to the Maryland State Campaign Finance regulations or Code of Ethics.
- B. The Chairman of the Operations and Compliance Committee can be any Officer of the Central Committee. There shall be at least three (3) members of the RCCTC Operations and Compliance Committee. The RCCTC Secretary shall be a member of this committee. Associates (non-voting members) can be members of the Operations and Compliance Committee.

Community Affairs and Outreach Committee

- A. The Community Affairs and Outreach Committee shall extend the reach and influence of the RCCTC throughout Talbot County by actively soliciting volunteers, increasing community awareness, organizing special events, and actively participating in organizations and clubs aligned with the goals and objectives of the Republican Party.
- B. The Chairman of the Community Affairs and Outreach Committee shall be determined by a vote of the full RCCTC Committee. Voting and non-voting members can volunteer to chair the committee.
- C. The Community Affairs and Outreach Committee shall be responsible for the following.
 - a. Developing an outreach strategy and plan
 - b. Producing an annual calendar of events for RCCTC Committee and Party activities and interactions within public venues and related organizations (Clubs, Non-profits, etc.)
 - c. Coordinate with local Republican office candidates on ways and means of supporting their campaigns.
 - d. Propose and plan social events for the RCCTC Committee.
 - e. Propose and plan events for the Talbot County Republican Party, including soliciting financial sponsorship, headline speakers and venues for events.
- D. All Central Committee members shall provide outreach and coordinate with the Sub committee Chair to provide ideas and approaches to achieve agreed upon communication and outreach goals.
- E. Update and maintain the RCCTC- Central Committee website and Facebook posts.
- F. Help organize, support, and liaison with: a active Talbot Republicans organization. This shall include identifying and working with potential founding members. However, once formed, a Talbot Republican organization (name determined by founders) is an independent organization with separate governance and bylaws. The Community Affairs and Outreach Committee shall continuously interact with all external Republican clubs to ensure that their charters and activities are in support and compliance with the Republican Party. The Community Affairs Committee shall bring any notice of non compliance to the full Central Committee.

ARTICLE VII

Authorities

Rules of Procedure

- A. Roberts Rules of Order (Modern Edition) shall govern all meetings of the Central Committee and the Sub-Committees thereof. The Chairman shall have the authority to appoint an ad hoc Parliamentarian for Central Committee meetings if deemed necessary. Roberts Rules of Order apply to proceedings when not in conflict with the Maryland GOP rules or Central Committee By-laws. Roberts Rules of Order may be suspended for Central Committee or Sub-Committee meeting, but only after two thirds (2/3rds) majority vote by members present.
- B. The Maryland Code, Election Laws (16-701) shall be used as the statutory authority for the Central Committee and Committee conduct and operations.
- C. The order of precedence for rules of procedure shall be first the Maryland code, secondly the Bylaws of the Maryland Republican Party thirdly the RCCTC Central Committee Bylaws, and finally the Roberts Rules of Order.

General Legal Counsel

- A. Each term, the Central Committee shall designate an attorney who is a member of and in good standing with the Maryland and Talbot County Bar. Designee shall be referred to as the Central Committee Counsel. Committee Counsel shall not be a voting member of the Central Committee. The Counsel shall serve at the discretion of the Central Committee. The Counsel can be relieved of duties and/or replaced with a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Central Committee. In the event that the Central Committee Counsel is a non-voting member of the Central Committee and is relieved of Counsel duties, their non-voting membership in the Central Committee is governed by the Membership provisions with these bylaws.

Insurance

- A. The RCCTC Chairman and Treasurer shall ensure that the Central Committee is continuously covered by General Liability Coverage for on-premise and off-premise officially authorized duties and activities of Committee members. The Chairman and Treasurer shall provide an update on coverage and insurance costs one each calendar quarter.
- B. The carrier and underwriter of General Liability Coverage can be changed by a motion and majority vote of the Central Committee, as long as said changes are consistent with termination provisions within current coverage.

Seal

- A. The RCCTC Central Committee shall have no official seal. Whenever the use of a seal may be required, the word "SEAL" after the signature of an officer executing a RCCTC document will be sufficient for all purposed.

ARTICLE VIII

Amendments

Amendments

- A. These Bylaws shall take effect upon adoption by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the RCCTC Committee during a regularly scheduled official Central Committee meeting. Prior governing bylaws of the RCCTC Committee were adopted on May 17, 1991, and on April 7, 2021. The bylaws, herein, are amended and take effect on _____, _____, 2023.
- B. A proposal to amend the Bylaws shall be deemed out-of-order unless notification of the proposed amendments shall be given, in writing, to the entire Central Committee at least fourteen (14) days prior to the vote on such amendment.
- C. Bylaws may be amended, per the provisions above, at any regular or special meeting of the Central Committee. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of voting members present is required. The vote is valid only if a full quorum of the full Central Committee is present; physically or virtually.

ARTICLE IX

Endorsements

Endorsements of Non-Partisan Office and Ballot Measures

- A. Any request for an endorsement from the Central Committee by a Candidate for any non partisan office, or any request for an endorsement of an initiative, referendum, recall, or other ballot measure shall be submitted to the Chairman of the Central Committee. The Chairman shall refer the endorsement request to the full Committee within 10 days.
- B. For a non-partisan candidate to request the endorsement from the RCCTC, he or she must submit, at a minimum, signatures from one third (1/3) of the voting members of the Central Committee.
- C. The Central Committee Chairman shall place the request before the full Committee within 30 days; either at a regularly scheduled monthly meeting or special meeting called by the Chairman. Voting can be in-person or by electronic means. The Central Committee Secretary shall record the vote, along with a summary of discussions, and register them within RCCTC Meeting Minute archives.
- D. An endorsement shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of all Central Committee voting members.
- E. Endorsement requests by candidates shall only be considered under the following provisions:
 - a. The request for endorsement is in writing and signed by the candidate.
 - b. The signatures, per paragraph B (above), have been obtained.
 - c. The Chairman, or his designee, shall conduct an interview with the Candidate for non-partisan office or the advocate for a ballot measure to record the candidate's position(s) on key issues or measures. The Chairman, or his designee, shall question the Candidate or advocate on how their positions relate to the platform of the Maryland Republican Party. This information shall be provided to the full committee prior to an endorsement vote.

Political Activity of Members

- A. No member shall sponsor or endorse any candidate of a political party other than the Republican Party in connection with any partisan election or primary in which there is a Republican candidate. Failure of a member to comply with the foregoing standard shall subject such person to such sanctions as may be imposed by the State Central Committee, which may include a vote of censure and/or a request for the resignation of that member.
- B. No member shall serve as the treasurer or campaign chair for any candidate other than a member of the Republican Party in connection with any partisan election or primary. Failure of a member to comply with the foregoing prohibition shall subject the member to removal pursuant to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Republican Party of Maryland.
- C. No member shall make any money or in-kind campaign contribution reportable under state or federal election law to a non-republican candidate or party committees in partisan elections in which there is a Republican candidate at any time while a member (this amendment shall be enforced on contributions made after June 1st, 2022).

ARTICLE X**Republican Party Brand**

- A. The RCCTC (Central Committee) shall ensure that all written and electronic public communications are consistent with any branding requirements of the Maryland Republican Party.
- B. All endorsed candidates are to be requested to follow branding guidelines established by the Maryland Republican Party. This shall include the use of written or scripted “slogan” that is used in conjunction with the brand guidelines.
- C. The RCCTC Chairman shall be responsible for notification of brand conflicts to the Maryland Republican Party.

ARTICLE XI**Local Republican and Volunteer Clubs**

- A. The Central Committee, Chairman or designee, shall inform the Maryland Republican Party of any major inconsistencies in the goals, charter, and/or bylaws of any local volunteer Republican Club, or organization, with the bylaws, platform, and/or branding requirements of the Maryland Republican Party.
- B. The Central Committee, via the Chairman or designee, shall inform the local club of major concerns or issues posed by the Maryland Republican Party within 30 days of receiving any written or electronic correspondence. The Committee has the right to disavow association with the local club once it is cleared with Maryland Republican Party.

ARTICLE XII

Definitions

RCCTC- Republican Central Committee of Talbot County (Maryland)

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