

BYLAWS OF THE
ROCKINGHAM COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this organization shall be the “Rockingham County Republican Committee”, hereafter referred to as the “County Committee.”

ARTICLE II

Purpose

The purpose of the county committee is to advocate in Rockingham County the principles of political and social conduct for which the Republican Party stands; to encourage the active participation of all persons in the Republican Party at all political levels; to support the election of members of the Republican Party to all partisan political offices; to manage the affairs of the Republican Party in Rockingham County; to direct the general policy and campaign activities of the party organization; and, to pattern all duties by law or custom required of it.

ARTICLE III

Place of Operation

The operations of the County Committee are to be conducted primarily within Rockingham County, State of New Hampshire.

ARTICLE IV

Composition of the County Committee

The County Committee shall be composed of the total number of “delegates” apportioned to the individual towns of Rockingham County by the State Convention of the Republican Party and the Chairman and Finance Chairman of said County Committee. The total number of County Delegates to the County Committee shall be provided to the County Committee within one week of the biennial State Party Convention.

ARTICLE V

Appointment of Members to the County Committee

The meeting for the appointment of the County Committee delegates shall be held at the call of the State Republican Party Chairman in the month of December following each state wide general election but in no event less than 2 weeks prior to the Republican Party State Committee "Annual" Meeting. The State Party Chair shall notify each Town Chair of the number of delegates from said town, and the Town Chair shall designate a slate by whatever means the Town Committee chooses no less than one week prior to the County Committee December Meeting following a biennial statewide election.

ARTICLE VI

Meetings

The County Committee shall meet after the election of its members, and at least quarterly during each calendar year. The County Committee may meet at the call of the Chair or at any time upon the call by a majority of the members of the Executive Committee as hereafter defined. Meeting notice shall be given 14 days in advance. A quorum at any such meeting of the County Committee shall consist of those members of the Committee present. The County Committee Chairman shall preside over each County Committee Meeting.

ARTICLE VII

Officers

The County Committee shall be governed by an Executive Committee. The officers of the County Committee shall be elected at the Annual County Committee Meeting held in January after a biennial election, and prior to the State Annual Meeting. Said Officers shall be members in good standing within a town, city, or county committee and upon being elected, will serve a term of two years, or until the next biennial Annual County Committee Meeting. Only County Committee members shall vote for said officers.

- (a) Chairman - The chairman's duties shall include, without restriction, the organization of each town or city within the county, and the filing of annual activity reports with the State party Chairman. The Chairman shall not show any partiality in conflict with his duties as Chairman in any Primary campaign.

Should the Executive Committee determine that the Chair shows partiality in a primary, the Chairman shall step down until the Executive Committee determines that the conflict no longer exists.

Vice-Chairperson - The Vice-Chairman shall assist the Chairman in his/her duties, and in the absence of the Chairman, shall preside at County Committee meetings and the Executive Committee meetings. The Vice-Chairman shall not show partiality in any Primary campaign. Should the Executive Committee determine that the Vice Chairman shows partiality in a Primary, the Vice Chairman shall step down until the committee determines that a conflict no longer exists.

Secretary; the Secretary shall keep the minutes of all Committee meetings, and be the custodian of all permanent records of the County Committee.

Assistant Secretary – the Assistant Secretary shall provide any assistance requested by the Secretary, and shall assume the duties of the Secretary in the event that the Secretary is unavailable.

Treasurer – the Treasurer shall be the custodian of all County Committee funds, and shall render proper accounting to the County Committee at each meeting thereof of all receipts and expenditures approved by the County Committee or by the Executive Committee since the last County Committee meeting. There shall be an annual review of all financial records with the Executive Committee,

Finance Chairman - The Finance Chairman shall maintain liaison with the State Republican Committee Finance Chairman. Under the direction of the County Chairman, the Finance Chairman shall implement such programs as the Executive Committee shall approve for the purpose of obtaining financial support for the Republican Party.

Area Chairs - Three Area Chairs of the County Committee shall be elected immediately following the election of the officers of the County Committee, one representing each of the three County Commissioner Districts in which they have a primary residence. The three Area

Chairs are afforded full voting privileges on the Executive Committee, and are responsible for the following:

Assignee of delegates for towns that DO NOT have a Town Committee.

Acts as the Primary liaison and provides support to the Town Committees as necessary

ARTICLE VIII

The Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall consist of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Finance Chairman, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, and the three Area Chairs. The Executive Committee shall function as the governing body of the County Committee and shall make all decisions and take all actions necessary to effectuate the purposes of the County Committee, remunerated above, during those periods of time when the full County Committee is not in session.

ARTICLE IX

Meetings of Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall meet regularly each calendar month, unless said date shall be inconvenient, and then, the Chairman shall select an alternate date with the approval of the majority of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE X

Removal and Vacancies

The Executive Committee, at a regularly scheduled meeting attended by a majority of its members, may remove any Executive Committee Member for sufficient cause as determined by a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of its members present, thereby creating a vacancy under this article. Vacancies in any of the positions enumerated in these bylaws, with the exception of the Chairman, shall be filled by a majority vote of the Executive Committee. Should a vacancy occur with the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, shall assume the duties of the Chairman.

Executive Committee members, due to the commitment required, shall resign their

position if they are a candidate for U.S. Senator, U.S . Congress, Governor, County Officers, or Executive Council, and the contest involves a Primary election.

ARTICLE XI

General

The following provisions shall govern the conduct and operations of the County Committee created by these bylaws: Each member shall have one vote. A majority of those present and voting shall decide any question except that in the event of an election where more than two candidates are running for one office then a plurality of those present and voting shall be sufficient to elect.

ARTICLE XII

Notice

The Chairman of the County Committee shall be responsible for providing written or electronic notification to all county members at least fourteen (14) days in advance of any County Committee meeting.

ARTICLE XIII

Amendments to Bylaws

Proposed amendments to the bylaws may be submitted by any member in good standing to the Executive Committee. All proposed changes to the bylaws shall be submitted in person and in writing to the Executive Committee no later than the October Executive Committee meeting.

Should changes to the bylaws be submitted, the Executive Committee shall create an ad hoc Bylaws committee at the October meeting only, the purpose of which is to review the proposed changes to the bylaws. Within thirty days of its creation, the Bylaws committee shall submit a report on its review, provide amendments, and subsequently recommend or not recommend the proposed changes to the bylaws. The output of the Bylaws sub-committee shall be submitted to the Executive Committee at the November meeting. The Executive Board shall review the recommendations of the Bylaw sub-committee, and submit to the full County Committee the final draft of any and all amendments previously proposed, at the December Meeting.

The proposed final draft, shall be submitted and voted upon by the full County Committee

membership present during the Annual County Committee meeting the following January. Upon adoption of any amendments to the bylaws, the Executive Committee Chairman and Secretary shall immediately file the complete amended County Committee Bylaws with the Secretary of the Republican State Executive Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY BYLAWS COMMITTEE

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ADOPTED IN COMMITTEE, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2010

KEN WEYLER, CHAIRMAN

BRENDA MAJOR, SECRETARY