

LUCAS COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY BYLAWS

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Lucas County Republican Party, also known as LCRP.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Lucas County Republican Party shall be to recruit, promote and elect qualified Republicans for public office; to support and advance the principles and policies of the Republican Party; to further the cause of good government; and to educate the electorate about the issues of the day.

ARTICLE III. STRUCTURE

The controlling committee of the Lucas County Republican Party shall be the County Central Committee as defined by Ohio Revised Code (R.C.) Chapter 3517. All members of the Central Committee shall be members of the Republican Party and shall be elected for terms of two (2) years by direct vote at the primary election held in an even-numbered year. Each voting member of the Central Committee shall be a resident of the precinct he is elected or appointed to serve. Members shall also form an Executive Committee, which shall have such powers as are enumerated in these bylaws.

ARTICLE IV. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

A. The members-elect of the Central Committee shall meet in accordance with the time requirements of R.C. Chapter 3517 following the declaration of the Central Committee results by the Lucas County Board of Elections. Notice of the meeting shall be sent to each member-elect in accordance with the requirements of R.C. Chapter 3517.

B. Members of the Central Committee shall conduct the following business at the organizational meeting:

1. Swearing in of the members.
2. Election of a temporary Chairman and Secretary, both of whom shall be members of the Central Committee.
3. Adoption of the party bylaws and rules for the meeting.
4. Election of a Central Committee Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, all of whom shall be members of the Central Committee. The newly elected officers shall immediately take office.
5. Election of Ward chairmen by precinct committee members.
6. Election of a LCRP Chairman, who shall also serve as Chairman of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V. POWERS & DUTIES OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

A. The Central Committee shall have the following powers and duties:

1. To conduct such activities as permitted or required by law to advance the interests of the Republican Party.
2. To promote, support and actively work to elect Republican-endorsed candidates for office.

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3. To assist the LCRP ward chairmen in campaign, organizational and fundraising activities to promote the cause of the Republican Party in Lucas County.

B. In the event of Central Committee vacancies caused by death, resignation, failure to elect, or moving from the precinct or district from which a committeeman was elected, the Central Committee may fill the vacancy for the unexpired term by a majority vote of the membership present at a meeting of the Central Committee.

C. In the event of a ward chairman vacancy, the Central Committee Chairman shall notify ward members of the vacancy within fifteen (15) days. The Central Committee members of that ward may meet for the purpose of electing a new ward chairman. An officer of the Central Committee shall preside at the meeting. Members shall elect a new ward chairman by a majority vote of its members' present. Should the Central Committee members fail to meet and elect a new ward chairman within thirty (30) days of notification of the vacancy, the Central Committee Chairman may appoint a new ward Chairman.

Members of a ward may remove a ward chairman by presenting a written petition for removal to the Central Committee Chairman. The petition must contain the signature of two-thirds (2/3) of the ward's Central Committee voting members. Upon receipt of the petition, the Chairman shall call a meeting of the ward to elect a new ward chairman in accordance with the terms outlined above.

D. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Central Committee Vice-Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer, the Central Committee may fill the vacancy for the unexpired term by a majority vote of the voting membership present at a meeting of the Central Committee.

E. The Central Committee Chairman shall convene a meeting of the Central Committee a minimum of two (2) times per calendar year. At least five (5) days written notice by U.S. mail of the meeting shall be provided to the members. Twenty-five (25) voting members of the Central Committee shall constitute a quorum.

F. Any officer of the Central Committee and the chairman of the Executive Committee may be removed by a majority vote of all voting members of the Central Committee.

ARTICLE VI. CENTRAL COMMITTEE OFFICERS / MEETINGS

The officers of the Central Committee shall be: Chairman, Vice- Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

A. The Chairman shall:

1. Preside at all meetings of the Central Committee.
2. Preside at all meetings of ward chairmen.
3. Create committees as he deems necessary.
4. Serve as Interim Party Chairman should that position become vacant.
5. Call a special ward meeting, as he deems necessary.
6. Appoint a Party Chairman Search Committee three (3) months prior to the primary election in even-numbered years or whenever a vacancy in the office of Chairman exists.
7. Appoint a Parliamentarian and additional officers, as he deems necessary.
8. Appoint a Standing Bylaws Committee to periodically review these bylaws and make recommendations for amendments.

B. In the event of a Central Committee Chairman vacancy caused by death, resignation or moving from the county, the Vice-Chairman shall become Chairman of the Central Committee. He shall also assume the duties of the Chairman of the Central Committee in the event that the Chairman is required to act as Interim Party Chairman as provided in Article VI, Section A.4. He shall preside at meetings in the absence of the Central Committee Chairman, and shall perform other duties as directed by the Chairman.

C. The Secretary shall take and transcribe the minutes of all meetings, shall conduct all correspondence on behalf of the Committee, shall notify members of the time and place of all meetings in accordance with the requirements of R.C. Chapter 3517 and these bylaws, and shall perform other duties as directed by the Chairman.

D. The Treasurer shall be deemed deputy Treasurer of the Lucas County Republican Party and shall be authorized to sign campaign finance reports required by the Secretary of State.

ARTICLE VII. PARTY CHAIRMAN

A. Members of the Central Committee shall elect the Lucas County Republican Party Chairman at its organizational meeting. The Chairman shall serve until the next organizational meeting of the Central Committee.

B. In the event a vacancy in the office of Party Chairman exists, the Central Committee Chairman shall appoint a Chairman Search Committee within thirty (30) days of the vacancy. The Central Committee may fill the vacancy for the unexpired term by a majority vote of the voting members present at any meeting of the Central Committee.

C. The Party Chairman shall:

1. Act as Chairman of the Executive Committee.
2. Provide written reports of party business and financial operations to the Executive Committee a minimum of four (4) times per calendar year.
3. Convene a meeting of the Executive Committee a minimum of four (4) times per calendar year.
4. Make available reports, filings, bank and financial statements, contracts and candidate profiles to Executive Committee members for review at the office of the LCRP.
5. Have general power of supervision of the affairs and business of the LCRP.
6. Sign checks drawn on LCRP accounts.
7. Recommend to the Executive Committee for approval the hiring of appropriate staff and/or consultants.
8. Nominate the following Executive Committee officers: Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer. Nominees must be confirmed by a majority vote of the Executive Committee present at a meeting of the Executive Committee.
9. Recommend to the Executive Committee qualified Republicans to serve on the Lucas County Board of Elections.
10. Appoint members to the committees of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A. An Executive Committee shall be formed after the organizational meeting of the Central Committee. Membership shall include:

1. All Lucas County Republican ward chairmen.

2. The elected officers of the Central Committee, plus three (3) additional officers to be selected by the Central Committee Chairman.
3. The members of the State Republican Central Committee who reside in Lucas County.
4. The president or designee of any Lucas County Republican auxiliary club with twenty-five (25) or more paid members that has been recognized during the previous two (2) years by the Executive Committee as an active Republican organization.
5. Past LCRP Chairmen who reside in Lucas County.
6. Any Lucas County Republican officeholder elected in a general election who requests appointment by the Chairman.
7. The party Chairman may appoint any registered Republican residing in Lucas County to be an at-large member of the Committee. The number of the Party Chairman's appointees shall not exceed the number of members listed in numbers 1, 2, and 4 of this section.
8. Members who serve in more than one (1) position shall have only one vote.

B. OFFICERS:

1. The Vice-Chairman shall preside over meetings in the absence of the Party Vice-Chairman and shall perform other duties as assigned by the Party Chairman.
2. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings and shall be the custodian of the permanent books and records of the Committee, except for the financial records.
3. The Treasurer shall file all financial reports required by law. The Treasurer may also sign checks drawn on LCRP accounts.

C. DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

1. MEETINGS/QUORUM: The Party Chairman shall convene a meeting of the Executive Committee a minimum of four (4) times per calendar year. At least five (5) days written notice by U.S. mail of the meetings shall be provided to the members. Twenty-five (25) members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

2. COMMITTEES:

- a. Standing committees of the Executive Committee shall include the following: Financial Oversight, Fund Raising, and Candidate Recruitment and Assistance.
- b. The Party Chairman shall appoint Screening Committees for the purpose of screening candidates who seek public office. At least fifty (50) percent of each committee shall be members of the Central Committee.
- c. The Party Chairman may also appoint special committees and determine their duties.

3. DUTIES: The Executive Committee shall:

- a. Have oversight of all LCRP operations.
- b. Approve any capital expenditure or contractual obligation over five thousand dollars (\$5,000);
- c. Approve the recommendations of the Party Chairman for hiring and remuneration of LCRP staff and/or consultants.
- d. Endorse candidates for office.

- e. Recommend to the appropriate appointing authority the names of qualified Republicans to fill vacancies in local elected offices.
- f. Make and file a recommendation with the Ohio Secretary of State for qualified Republicans to serve on the Lucas County Board of Elections.
- g. Fill vacancies in party nominations occasioned by the withdrawal or death of persons nominated as party candidates as specified in R.C. §3513.31.

D. VACANCIES/REMOVAL OF MEMBERS

- 1. In the event of a death, resignation or removal of a member of the Executive Committee, the Party Chairman may fill the vacancy in accordance with the terms of membership set forth in Article VIII, Section A.
- 2. The Executive Committee may remove any member only after providing that member with written notice of the removal intention at least five (5) days prior to a meeting of the Executive Committee. The member whose removal is sought shall have the opportunity to address the members of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may remove a member by a majority vote of the membership present at a meeting of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IX. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the proceedings of the Central Committee and the Executive Committee where provisions thereof are not specifically covered by law or by these bylaws.

ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the LCRP Central Committee by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, provided that the proposed amendment(s) has been submitted in writing to the members with the Written notice of the meeting as provided by Article V, Section E.

Adopted this 10th day of April, 2012.

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