

BY-LAWS OF THE BEDFORD REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE

I NAME AND PURPOSE

- A The name of this organization shall be The Bedford Republican Town Committee, hereinafter called The Committee.
- B The purpose of The Committee is to promote the principles of the Republican Party, to cooperate in carrying out the program of The Republican State and Republican National Committee and to promote the election of Republican Candidates.
- C The Committee shall openly discuss, embrace, and promote current local, regional, and national political issues germane to the Republican Party. The Committee shall acknowledge that all issues and positions have validity based on perspective. The Committee shall encourage further dialog and discussion outside of scheduled meetings and functions.

II MEMBERSHIP

- A The Committee shall consist of enrolled members of the Republican Party resident in the Town of Bedford. They shall be elected from their Town at the Presidential Primary, provided that by such election the total number of members of The Committee shall not exceed the total number determined under Article II, Section B, hereunder.

The members of The Committee shall hold office for four (4) years, ending on the thirtieth day following the day on which the presidential primaries are next held and until their successors shall be organized.

In case a member dies, resigns, cancels, changes his party enrollment, ceases to be an active member, or refuses to serve, his place shall be declared vacant and the vacancy shall be filled at the next regular meeting of The Committee.

If any member changes his residence from the Town in which he was elected, he shall cease to be a member at the end of the calendar year. During which said residence is changed, his place shall be declared vacant and the vacancy shall be filled at the next regular meeting of The Committee.

An active member who has not participated in or attended any scheduled meetings (in accordance with Section IX), sanctioned functions, contributed in any capacity to forward the efforts of The Committee, or refuses to keep membership donations current, for a period greater than one year since last activity, shall be considered as having ceased to be an active member; and will default to Associate Member status. The vacancy shall be dealt with in accordance with paragraph three of this section.

- B The existing Committee shall determine the number of members to be elected at the next Presidential Primary. The Secretary of said Committee shall give notice of the number to be elected to the State Secretary and to the Republican State Committee on or before February 1st of the year in which they are to be elected. That number shall not be less than three (3) or more than thirty-five (35). It is strongly recommended that the committee operate at the full strength of thirty-five (35).

- C The Committee may elect an Honorary Member from among former members of the Committee. They shall have all the rights and privileges of member except the right to vote.
- D The Committee may, by vote at any meeting appoint associate Members. Associate members shall not have the right to vote. Associate members shall have the right to attend all the meetings of The Committee, and to serve on all sub-committees plus whatever additional functions the Chairman may assign to them. All members of The Town Republican Finance Committee who are not otherwise members of The Committee shall be associate members. (It is suggested that there be at least as many associate members as regular members, including a balance of men and women, representative of the community, geographically distributed and members of all Republican organizations in the Town chartered by the Republican State Committee.)

III ORGANIZATION

- A The Committee shall within ten (10) days after the thirtieth (30) day next following the election of its members, meet and organize by the election of a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, and such other Officers as it shall determine.

The term of the Officers of The Committee shall be two (2) years and until their successors shall have been elected.

A two-thirds majority vote of those present and voting may remove any Officer of The Committee from office, a quorum being present, at any regular or special meeting of The Committee. Provided however, that seven (7) days written notice has been sent to all members that the removal of Officers is to be considered, in accordance with Section IX.

- B At the first meeting, The Committee shall fix the number of, and elect an Executive Committee which shall include the elected officers of the Town Committee, the Chairman of the Town Republican Finance Committee in the Bedford, each Precinct Captain, and the President of each Republican organizations active in Bedford chartered by the Republican State Committee.
- C The Committee shall keep in close contact with its State Committee Members and shall consult with them in any matter requiring action by the State Committee Chairman, the Committee shall seek the advice and assistance of its State Committee members in matters pertaining to registration, getting out the vote and conducting meetings and rallies, especially during the election year. The Committee shall notify its State Committee members of all meetings and invite them to attend. At the call of the State Committee Members, local Committee officers shall attend two (2) conferences a year at which time a general discussion of Party problems in their District and the Commonwealth shall be discussed.
- D The Secretary of the Committee shall, within ten (10) days after its organization, file with the State Secretary, with the Town Clerk, and with the Secretary of the Republican State Committee a list of the officers and members of The Committee, together with the addresses and telephone numbers of such officers. Within ten (10) days after the appointment of associate members, the Secretary shall also file a statement of any changes in the membership of The Committee, which have resulted from vacancies which The Committee has filled.

IV OFFICERS

A Chairman

The Chairman of The Committee shall, in addition to the duties required by law, preside at all meetings of The Committee and of the Executive Committee and direct with the advice of the Executive Committee, the work of The Committee. He shall appoint all sub-committees except as otherwise provided and shall serve as a member ex-officio on all sub-committees. He shall employ all necessary assistance subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, for the carrying out of The Committee's work; and shall direct the functioning of The Committee and direct the calling of regular meetings of The Committee.

B Vice Chairman

The Vice-Chairman shall preside at all meetings of The Committee in the absence of the Chairman, and shall perform all duties and have all powers of the Chairman in case of the temporary absence or incapacity of the Chairman.

C Secretary

The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceeding of The Committee and of the Executive Committee; and shall notify each member by mail of each meeting of The Committee in accordance with Article IX. The Secretary shall perform all other duties required by law, assigned by the Chairman, or otherwise herein provided.

D Treasurer

The Treasurer shall have the custody of all funds belonging to The Committee, pay all written orders provided for in the rules, and shall obtain and file vouchers for such payment. All orders on the Treasurer shall bear the Signature of the Chairman. The Treasurer shall submit a report to each regular meeting of The Committee and to the Chairman of the Executive Committee at any time when either shall so request.

E Auditor

The Auditor shall yearly, or at the request of the Chairman of the Executive Committee, audit the Treasurer's books and report to the Executive Committee of The Committee.

V COMMITTEES

The Chairman shall appoint the following standing sub-committees:

A Registration Committee

Shall consist of a member from each precinct in the Town. It shall be their function to conduct The Committee's registration drives, and they shall at all times keep a card file of all registered and unregistered prospective voters in the Town.

B Publicity Committee

Shall consist of not exceeding four (4) members, one of who is to be a Chairman of the Committee, the others to be appointed by the Chairman of the Publicity Committee, such committee to be responsible for dissemination of information concerning Republican activities to citizens of the Town.

C Program Committee

Shall consist of four (4) members, one of who is to be a Chairman of the Committee. Such a committee is to be responsible for procurement and operation of a Republican Headquarters for the Town before and during elections. They are responsible for the planning of rallies and entertainment; the handling of tickets and arrangements for Republican function to be held in Massachusetts; and for any other programs of similar nature. Requests for speakers on the National level must be channeled through the National Committeewomen and Committeemen.

D Nominating Committee

Shall consist of not less than five (5) members at least one of whom shall be elected by and from each precinct. The Nominating Committee shall elect its own chairman at the time of election of Officers of the Committee or in the case an office of the Committee shall be declared vacant because of death, resignation, change of party designation or permanent removal from the city for any officer of the Committee. The Committee shall submit one more names for each office to be filled, as it shall see fit. The Nominating Committee shall endeavor to submit the names of members for office upon the Committee in such a manner that the Officers of the Committee may as far as possible come from different precincts

VI FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Town Finance Committee shall consist of the Finance Chairman, Treasurer, and at least four (4) additional members. The Finance Committee shall cooperate fully with and shall work under the supervision and guidance of the Massachusetts Republican Finance Committee, whose chairman shall appoint the Town Finance Chairman from suggestions made by the Town Committee, or in the absences of such a Finance Committee, in accordance with his own discretion after consulting the Town Chairman.

VII EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall supervise the work of The Committee. Between meetings of the Committee, it shall exercise, as far as it is consistent with law as these By-laws, all the power of the Committee. It shall keep The Committee fully informed of any action taken by it between meetings of The Committee. It shall serve as an advisory committee on all matters referred to it by the Chairman.

VIII MEETINGS

The Chairman shall direct the calling of not less than four (4) meetings of The Committee each year plus additional meetings as he deems necessary. A majority of the Executive Committee or any five (5) members of The Committee may call a meeting of The Committee. Robert's Rules of Order Revised shall determine parliamentary authority. Notice of each meeting of The Committee shall be given by mail at least seven (7) days before the date of such meeting to each member at his last known address.

IX QUORUM

Twenty-five percent (25%) of the elected membership of The Committee shall constitute a quorum.

X POLITICAL ACTIVITY OF MEMBERS

No member (or Associate Member) of The Committee shall sponsor or endorse any candidate, or otherwise in any way serve the interests of any political party other than the Republican Party in connection with any partisan election or primary. After candidates in any partisan election involving or affecting the Town shall be determined through party primaries or other lawful procedure, every Member (or Associate Member) of the Committee shall give his support to the entire Republican slate of candidates.

In the event that a Member (or Associate Member) of The Committee finds that he cannot comply with the foregoing standard, then he shall be expected to offer his resignation as provided above. Then in an appropriate case, upon vote of two-thirds of the Members of the Committee present at a meeting duly called, in accordance with Section IX, and held, the Committee shall call for the resignation of such Member (or Associate Member).

XI ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO PRE-PRIMARY CONVENTION

The Committee shall, upon receipt of notice from the Chairman of the Massachusetts Republican State Committee for the holding of a pre-primary convention, call a meeting for the purpose of electing delegates to such convention. Notice of such meeting shall be given to all members in accordance with Article IX. Each delegate shall be chosen from the enrolled members of the Republican Party resident in the Town. The Secretary of The Committee shall, within fourteen (14) days after such meeting, but in no case less than fourteen (14) days prior to the date appointed for the opening of such convention, notify the Republican State Committee. Notifying the Republican State Committee of the names, addresses and telephone numbers of such elected delegates. No vacancy shall be filled for any reason.

XII AMENDMENTS

Two-thirds vote of those present and voting may amend these By-Laws at any regular meeting of The Committee, a quorum being present. Notice of the action proposed having been included in a written notice of the meeting sent to each member of The Committee at least seven (7) days before the meeting at which the proposed action is to be taken.

XIII DATE BY-LAWS EFFECTIVE

These By-Laws shall take effect when adopted by two-thirds vote of those present at a regular Committee meeting called for that purpose.