

BY-LAWS OF THE REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE OF UNION COUNTY

Adopted February 10, 1975
March 1976 Changes Included

The following are the By-Laws duly adopted by the Republican Committee of Union County for guidance in its regular operations.

1. The unite of representation in the Republican Committee of Union County shall be the election district in said county.
2. The order of business at any meeting shall be
 - a. Calling the meeting to order,
 - b. Roll Call of Members,
 - c. Reading of the minutes of the last previous meeting,
 - d. Report of the treasurer, including report of bills and expenditures,
 - e. Report of the Chairman,
 - f. Reports of the Standing Committees,
 - g. Presentation of communications,
 - h. Unfinished business,
 - i. New business,
 - j. Adjournment.
3. The following provisions are intended to implement Article VI of the Constitution relating to the membership of the county-wide Republican organization on the Executive Committee.
 - a. Provided the following criteria are met, any county-wide Republican organization shall be eligible for consideration for membership on the executive Committee as provided for in the Constitution.
 - i. Be a formally constituted organization having adopted a written constitution and By-Laws.
 - ii. have a current membership of at least fifty(50) members and be represented in at lease eleven (11) municipalities within the County of Union and provide a certification of its membership, with names and addresses, to the Chairman of the credentials Committee.
 - iii. Conduct annually at least one function or project for the benefit of the County Committee.
 - iv. Hold at least four meetings of its governing body and/or membership each year with prior notice thereof to the Chairman of the County Committee.
 - v. Support all duly nominated Republican candidates for elective office.
 - vi. Comply with such other reasonable criteria as conditions for consideration for admission s the Executive Committee shall from time to time determine by any such other criteria shall be applied without discrimination to all county-wide Republican organizations.
 - b. Any county-wide Republican organization which shall be eligible for consideration for membership on the Executive Committee may, in the

discretion of the Executive Committee, be admitted to membership if so approved at a meeting of the Executive Committee by the vote of two thirds of those attending.

- c. On or before March 1 of each year, each county-wide Republican organization which shall be a member of the Executive Committee shall submit to the Chairman of the Executive committee such data as is necessary to establish that such organization has continued to meet the criteria established in subparagraph A hereof.
- d. any county-wide Republican organization not satisfying the criteria as set forth hereinabove on or before the 1st day of March of every year shall thereupon be removed by the Executive Committee until compliance with said criteria on or before the 1st of March of the year following.

4. The purposes and composition of the Standing Committees shall be as follows:

a. Finance.

In conjunction with the Chairman and treasurer of the County Committee, establish budgets, which shall include a separate fund for election campaign purposes, and raise funds required for the operation of the County Committee and election of campaign purposes.

The Finance Committee shall include the Treasurer of the County Committee as a member and such additional members as may be appointed by the County Chairman and the Finance Chairman.

b. Elections.

Be charged with the responsibility of organizing, coordinating and otherwise assisting in the election of Republican Party candidates to elective office.

c. Constitution and By-Laws

Review annually the Constitution and By-Laws of the County Committee and make such recommendations as may be deemed advisable.

d. Platform Committee.

Prepare and present a platform for Republican candidates for elections. The Platform Committee shall assemble at the direction of the Chairman but not later than thirty (30) days subsequent to the primary election.

The Platform Committee shall consist of the following members:

Representatives of each Republican candidate for county and state elective office whose district shall include any portion of Union County;

Vice-Chairman of the County Committee;

Two Representatives at Large, all of the aforesaid members to be

designated by the Chairman of the County Committee; and

Such additional members as may be appointed by the Chairman of the county committee.

e. Appointments and Recommendations.

- i. The Appointments and Recommendations Committee may, with the prior concurrence of the Municipal Chairman wherein the proposed appointee resides, make recommendations to the appropriate appointing authorities.
- ii. Members of the Appointments and Recommendations Committee shall be the Municipal Chairman, Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the County committee, the State Committeeman and State Committeewoman.
- iii. Ex-officio members, without vote, shall be: The Appointing Authorities and the President of the Young Republicans, the President of the Union County Women's Republican Club, the President of the Afro-American Republican Club, and the presiding officer of any County-wide Republican Organization, all of whom shall be members of the Executive Committee.

f. Credentials.

The Committee shall:

- i. Conduct an annual review and advise the Executive Committee if any county-wide Republican organization which shall be a member of the Executive Committee shall fail to meet the criteria for membership as established in Paragraph 3 of the By-Laws.
- ii. Review the application of any county-wide Republican organization which shall apply for membership on the Executive Committee and advise the Executive Committee if any such organization shall meet the criteria established in Paragraph 3 of the By-Laws to be eligible for consideration for membership on the Executive Committee.
- iii. Consider and make recommendations as to the Resolution of disputed credentials of County Committee members.
- iv. The Credentials Committee shall be composed of seven persons, no more than two of whom shall reside in the same legislative district, to be elected by the Executive Committee.

5. These By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the County Committee by a vote of two-thirds of those attending, provided that written notice of any proposed amendment shall have been sent to each member by the Secretary of the County Committee no less than (2) week prior to the meeting at which the proposed amendment is to be voted upon.
6. These By-Laws may be suspended at any meeting of the County Committee by a vote of three-quarters of those attending.

7. The most recent edition of Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of all meetings of the County Committee.
8. In the event of any conflict between these By-Laws and the laws of the State of New Jersey, the laws of the State of New Jersey shall govern.

Constitution
of the
Republican Committee of Union County

Preamble

The members of the Republican Committee of Union County, New Jersey, do hereby adopt the following Constitution for their proper government in accordance with the provisions of Title 19 of Revised Statutes of the State of New Jersey and the several supplements thereto and amendments thereof.

ARTICLE I

This body shall be known as the Republican Committee of Union County and is hereinafter called the County Committee.

ARTICLE II

Statement of Purpose and Principles

It shall be the purpose of the County Committee to organize the people who believe in the Republican principles of government by promoting and electing qualified and able candidates who shall promote the traditional principles of the Republican Party in elective public office. The traditional principles of the Republican Party in elective public office. The traditional principles of the Republican Party, to which the County Committee reaffirms its allegiance, are:

That all human beings are equal in the eyes of God and share of reason; that by virtue of these truths every individual shall be equal under the law;

That the purpose of government is to enable every individual the full freedom to attain his or her full potential as a human being;

That freedom is dependent upon respect for the rights of others;

That we share equally in opportunities and responsibilities and that one is dependent upon the other;

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That the free enterprise system provides mankind with the greatest means to attain prosperity, technological advancement and creative expression and must be encouraged and protected;

That legitimate government is created only for the benefit of the people and can be changed or abolished only with the consent of the people;

That the social agencies and educational institutions of the United States provide every American - regardless of any disadvantages of birth - with equal economic opportunity based on hard work and natural talents.

ARTICLE III

Membership, Qualifications, Terms and Vacancies

Section 3.1

The County Committee shall consist of two members, one male, one female elected from each election district in Union County in accordance with Title 19 of the Revised Statutes. Any member of the County Committee who ceases to reside in the district from which elected shall immediately cease to be a member of the County Committee and a vacancy shall exist.

Section 3.2

The members of the County Committee, who shall be elected in even numbered years and biennially thereafter, shall take office on the first Saturday following their election on which day the terms of all members of the County Committee theretofore elected shall terminate.

Section 3.3

Vacancies caused by death, resignation, removal from the district represented, failure to elect or any other cause, shall be filled for the unexpired term by the municipal committee of the municipality wherein the vacancy occurs in accord with governing law.

ARTICLE IV

Officers

Section 4.1

The officers of the County Committee shall be a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Two Associate Vice-Chairmen (of the opposite sex), Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 4.2

Each officer shall be elected at the biennial organization meeting of the County Committee to hold office for a term of two years (one) years or until each of their successors is elected.

Each Officer shall reside in a different municipality of Union County at the time of election.

Section 4.3

In the event of death, resignation, permanent disability or refusal to serve of the Chairman, the Secretary shall give notice of a meeting of the County Committee to be held within thirty days from the occurrence of such vacancy for the purpose of electing a new Chairman for the unexpired term.

In the event of death, resignation, permanent disability or refusal to serve of the Vice-Chairman, Second Vice-Chairman, Secretary, or Treasurer, the Executive Committee shall elect a replacement for the unexpired term.

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Section 4.4

The Chairman shall

- a. Preside at all meetings of the County Committee and the Executive Committee.
- b. Enforce all rules of the County Committee.
- c. Have the power to create any special committee deemed desirable to promote any activity of the Republican Party in Union County or elsewhere.
- d. Designate chairmen and, unless specified in the Constitution or by-laws, appoint members of all committees, whether _____ created under this Constitution or by the Chairman of the County Committee.
- e. Be an ex-officio member of all committees.
- f. Call meetings of the County Committee and the Executive Committee, deemed necessary.
- g. Have the authority to appoint, with the concurrence of the Executive Committee, staff assistants whose duties shall be prescribed by the Chairman.
- h. Perform all duties required by law and the Constitution and by-laws of the County Committee.

Section 4.5

The Vice-Chairman shall

- a. In the event of the absence, death or resignation of the Chairman or inability to serve in such capacity, assume all the duties and responsibilities of the Chairman and shall serve in such capacity as the circumstances may require until a Chairman is elected as provided in this Article.
- b. Perform such other duties as may be assigned from time to time by the County Committee or the Chairman.

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Section 4.6

There shall be two Associate Vice Chairmen of the opposite sex.

The Associate Vice-Chairmen shall Perform such other duties as may be assigned from time to time by the County Committee or the Chairman.

Section 4.7

The Secretary shall

- a. Keep an accurate record of all meetings of the County Committee and Executive Committee.
- b. Perform such other duties as may be assigned from time to time by the County Committee or the Chairman.

Section 4.8

The Treasurer shall

- a. Be responsible for the safe custody of all moneys and property of the County Committee, depositing such money in the name of the County Committee.
- b. Disburse money and pay all bills subject to the approval of the Chairman.
- c. Submit a financial report at each meeting of the County Committee and Executive Committee.
- d. Insure that all withdrawals of funds from the account of the County Committee shall be made by check. Checks shall be signed by the Treasurer and/or authorized staff assistant and countersigned by the Chairman. The vice-Chairman shall be authorized to sign checks in the absence of the Chairman or the Treasurer.

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Section 4.9

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, the Second Vice-Chairman shall assume the authority of the Chairman. In the absence of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Second Vice-Chairman, the Secretary and then Treasurer shall assume the authority of the Chairman.

ARTICLE VMEETINGSSECTION 5.1

The biennial organization meeting of the County Committee shall be held on the first Tuesday following the primary election in even years at an hour and place to be designated in a notice in writing to be mailed by the Chairman of the outgoing County Committee to each member elect. When the day for holding the biennial organization meeting of the County Committee falls on a legal holiday the annual organization meeting of the County Committee shall be held the following day.

Section 5.2

A regular meeting of the County Committee shall be held during September or October.

Section 5.3

Special meetings may be called at any time by the Chairman or upon the written request of 50 members of the County Committee. Upon the receipt of such written request it shall be the duty of the Chairman to call a special meeting to be held within 30 days of the receipt of such request. The object of the special meeting shall be stated in the call of such meeting.

Section 5.4

A quorum at any regular or special meeting shall consist of one hundred (100) members of the County Committee.

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Section 5.5

Written notice of all regular and special meetings shall be sent by the Secretary to each member of the County Committee at least five days previous to the date of the meeting.

ARTICLE VIExecutive CommitteeSection 6.1

The Executive Committee shall constitute the policy making body of the County Committee and shall transact County Committee Business between meetings and shall have the authority to approve and/or amend the Republican Committee of Union County, operating and campaign budget which shall be submitted to it within thirty (30) days from the date said County Committee reorganizes.

Section 6.2 - Membership

The Executive Committee shall consist of At-Large Members, Municipal Committee Members and Ex-Officio Members.

a. The At - Large Members shall be:

1. The officers of the County Committee
2. State Committeeman and State Committeewoman
3. Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the following county wide Republican organizations:

- a. Union County Afro-American Republican Club
- b. Republican Women, Inc. of Union County
- c. Young Republicans of Union County

If compliance with the criteria for county-wide Republican organizations as is set forth in the by-laws is maintained the Chairman and Vice-Chairman or that officer who will preside in the absence of the Chairman, for each other county-wide Republican organization as the same may be approved for membership by the Executive Committee in accordance with the by-laws. However, there shall be no more than four (4) county-wide Republican organizations represented on the Executive Committee with voting authority at any given time.

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b. Municipal Committee Members

The Municipal Committee members shall be:

1. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Municipal Committee.
2. Delegate and one alternate delegate from each of the Municipal Committees, other than the Chairman thereof to be elected in such manner as may be provided by the by-laws of each Municipal Committee.

c. Ex-Officio Members

The Ex-Officio members, who shall be permitted to attend all Executive Committee meetings, participate in any discussion but who shall have no vote on matters before the Executive Committee, shall be the following:

1. All elected Republican County officers and legislators whose district shall include any portion of Union County.
2. Chairman of all Republican of Union County Standing Committees.

Section 6.3

Each member of the Executive Committee, as is the same as herein and approved constituted, shall be entitled to one vote to be cast in person at any meeting of the Executive Committee, except that the Alternate Delegate may vote only in the absence of a voting member of the delegation. Ex-Officio members shall not be entitled to vote on any matter before the Executive Committee.

Section 6.4

A meeting of the Executive Committee shall be held within one month after the biennial organization meeting of the County Committee and shall meet thereafter at the call of the Chairman or at the request of seven municipalities. For the purposes of constituting a quorum, there shall be represented at any meeting, municipal members from at least eleven (11) municipalities together with a total of (25) voting members. No county

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officer shall be included in determining the representation of the eleven (11) municipalities unless the said county officer is likewise a municipal member of the County Committee.

Section 6.5

The Chairman shall call a meeting of the Executive Committee not less than four (4) times during the calendar year.

ARTICLE VII

STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 7.1

The Standing Committees shall be:

- a. Finance
- b. Campaign and Election
- c. Constitution and by-laws
- d. Platform
- e. Appointments and Recommendations
- f. Credentials
- g. Party Strategy
- h. Public Relations
- i. Committee on Vacancies
- j. Training
- k. Reach-Out

Section 7.2

The purpose and composition of the standing committee shall be as provided in the By-laws.

ARTICLE VIII

VOTING

SECTION 8.1

Voting for the election of officers of the County Committee shall be by secret ballot and the presiding officer shall appoint a judge and two tellers to conduct and supervise each election.

SECTION 8.2

Each member of the County Committee shall be entitled to one vote.

Section 8.3

At the request of seven (7) or more Municipal Chairmen a secret ballot will be required on any question before the County Committee.

Section 8.4

The right of any member to vote upon any question before the County Committee shall not be delegated to another by proxy.

Section 8.5

A majority vote is required for the election of officers.

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ARTICLE IXENDORSEMENT OF COUNTY, STATE AND FEDERAL CANDIDATESSECTION 9.1

Annual Endorsement Convention Candidates for county, state or federal office using the Regular Organization Republican of Union County slogan or any official slogan of the Republican Committee of Union County shall be chosen by an annual convention of the Republican Committee of Union County for endorsement (s). All members of the Union County Republican Committee and all Republican elective county, elective state, and elective federal public office holders who reside in Union County shall vote at said Union County Republican Convention.

SECTION 9.2ALTERNATES

Municipal Republican Committees shall be encouraged to appoint Alternate Committee Members to said annual convention so that every County Committee Member may designate an alternate to cast his/her vote in the event any Committee Member should be absent. A list of Alternate Committee Members must be certified by the Municipal Chairman of each municipal Republican committee at least ten days prior to the annual convention.

SECTION 9.3CONVENTION RULES

Rules for the annual convention shall be formulated by the Screening Committee of the County Committee. Said Screening Committee shall consist of the county Chairman, as presiding officer, the Vice-Chairman, the two State Committee Members, and all Municipal Chairmen. Said rules shall be submitted to a vote of the County Committee for adoption.

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SECTION 9.4

WAIVER

Any portion of Section 9.1 may be waived in any given year by a vote of the County Committee. Such a meeting shall be called by the County Chairman or a majority of the Screening Committee for a date a least six weeks before the statutory deadline for filing petitions to run in the primary elections.

ARTICLE X

Amendments

This Constitution may be amended at any meeting of the County Committee by a two thirds vote of all members of the Committee present provided that written notice of any proposed amendment shall have been sent to each member by the Secretary of the County Committee no less than two weeks prior to the meeting at which the proposed amendment is to be voted upon.

ARTICLE XI

Conflict with State Law

In the event of any conflict between these Articles of the Constitution and the laws of the State of New Jerse, the laws of the State of New Jersey shall govern.

ARTICLE XII

Adoption

June 2, 1984

Amendments adopted to the Constitution since 1984 have been incorporated in the body of the Constitution and are not printed separately.