

BYLAWS OF THE MAUI COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

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(a committee of the Hawaii Republican Party)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 1. AUTHORITY

These Rules are established to the General Provisions of the Rules and Regulations of the Republican Party of Hawaii (dated May 15th, 2021), Article III, Part A, Sections 301 through 330, and in compliance with Article I, Part C, Part F, Section 117, Section 327 and 328.

ARTICLE II. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. Purposes, Duties and Responsibilities.

There is hereby, established the Maui County Republican Party Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall:

- **A.** Supervise and direct the affairs of the Maui County Republican Party.
- **B.** By active participation and involvement.
- **C.** Advise and assist with the implementation within Maui County of an action plan, during each two-year period between public elections, including:
 - 1. A voter identification and preference survey.

- 2. Registration of voters favorable to Republican governmental policies, programs and candidates.
- 3. Delivery of any absentee ballot applications to identified voters.
- 4. Transportation of voters to the polls on Election Day.
- 5. Provide staffing of polling places as permitted by law and provide for ballot security.
- **D.** Develop and promote the Republican Party's philosophy, policies and platform.
- **E.** Assist with the campaign activities of Maui County Republican candidates.
- **F.** Raise necessary funds only for Maui County Republican Party operations and activities and assist in State fund-raising programs, when possible.
- **G.** Provide a communication link between the people, the Party, its Officers, Republican elected officials, and other Republicans in government.
- **H.** Carry out a public relations program relative to Maui County.
- **I.** Develop, promote and carry out programs to provide information and create interest in Politics, Legislation, County and Government at all levels.
- **J.** Advance the purpose of the Party as set forth in these Rules and the Republican Party of Hawaii, Rules and Regulations.
- **K.** Recruit and train candidates and provide analysis and management for the Party campaigns for Maui County elections.
- L. Promote a County platform consistent with the Party.

- **M.** Hold regular County Conventions for the purpose, among others, of establishing rules consistent with the Republican Party of Hawaii rules and regulations (HRP State Rules) for the governing of Maui County and the County Districts. (Please refer to article Convention)
- N. Organize and advise all County House Districts.
- **O.** All donations collected and received in and for the Maui County Republican Party, are only for the use of the Maui County Republican Party expenses and uses that are directly related to MCRP.
- P. Maui County Republican Party recognizes that the Republican Party of Hawaii, the Hawaii State Executive Members, are in the role as a "supervisor" to the Maui County Republican Party in regards to compliance to CSC Regulations and guidelines. The State is as stated, "Supervisor" not a director. It is understood the State will not over step its authority to cause conflict nor discord between the County Chair, the Executive Team, Districts, Precincts, and its members. It is recognized that the State is to assist MCRP in providing proper training to qualified candidates as recognized by the Maui County Republican Party. It's also recognized that all training programs offered by the Republican Party of Hawaii as well as the RNC (Republican National Committee), are available to all qualified candidates, officers, and members, that will benefit and enrich candidates and campaigns, elections, Bylaws, the Constitution, and fundraising efforts. The Maui County Chair, or appointed member of the Executive Committee, will provide the proper bodies and members with

applicable training tools and resources provided by the Republican Party of Hawaii and/or the RNC (Republican National Committee).

Section 2. Membership.

The Executive Committee shall be composed of:

- 1. The Officers as elected at the County Convention in each odd-numbered year. (Chair, Vice Chair-Events, Vice Chair-Membership & Recruitment, Vice Chair of Communications & Coalition, Secretary, Treasurer, and Rules Chair Non Voting.
- 2. Each House District Chairperson.
- 3. One bona fide representative of each Republican auxiliary organization of Maui County (as defined by Article III, Section 329 Rules and Regulations of the Republican Party of Hawaii dated May 14, 2011. Recognized ex-officio will serve as a non-voting Auxiliary County board member. Must be a resident of Maui.
- **4.** All elected officials who are both members of the Hawaii Republican Party and residents of Maui County. These people will serve as ex-officio members and their absence will not affect a quorum.
- 5. The appointed Chairs of the Standing Committees as set forth in Article V. Sections 1 and 4, of these Rules. The Committee Chairs will serve as ex-officio members without a vote, and their presence will not affect a quorum.
- **6.** Past sitting Chair that has completed their term in good standing can serve a 2 year term as an ex-officio voting member on the Executive and County Committee.

Section 3. Meetings.

The Executive Committee will hold a monthly meeting at a time and place established by the Executive Committee. Additional meetings may be called by the Chair or upon the writer request of three members of the Executive Committee.

- 1. Special Meetings called by the Executive Committee will allow for virtual meeting.
- 2. All attendees must have video on to confirm attendance.

Section 4. Quorum.

For any body other than a precinct organization, one-third (1/3rd) of members who are present and eligible to vote, shall constitute a quorum. The vote of the majority of those present shall be sufficient for the adoption of any action, except for where a greater majority is required by these rules.

Section 5. Meeting Attendance.

All members of the Executive Committee are expected to attend every regular meeting in person, or by representation as specified in Article II, Section 6 of these Rules. Notification of absence must be in writing within 24 hours and approved by Chair. Member must appoint an alternate to attend in their place. Failure of any Executive Committee member (except ex-officio) to attend (3) meetings of the Committee during each one-year period between March to March County elections, without excuse from the Maui County Executive Committee Chair shall mean that the office of said officer or representative shall be declared vacant.

Section 6. Alternate Representation at Meetings.

A member of the Executive Committee who cannot attend a meeting may be represented by his or her immediate elected subordinate officer, if any, as an alternate, without specific designation. If there is no immediate elected subordinate officer, the absent member may be represented by any other member of his or her body, whom he or she designates, either in writing or orally, as an alternate. Confidentiality agreement must signed prior to attending.

Section 7. Parliamentary Procedure.

At any Executive Committee meeting or convention, the rules of parliamentary procedure as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised latest revision, shall govern except where inconsistent with these Rules or the Rules and Regulations of the Republican Party of Hawaii.

Article III. Officers

Section 1. Officers.

The officers of the Executive Committee shall consist of a Chair, a Vice Chair-Events, Vice Chair-Membership & Recruitment, Vice Chair-Communications/Coalition (one position), a Secretary, a Treasurer, Executive Rules Chairperson (non voting), They shall be elected in each off-numbered year at the County Convention. The Officers of the Executive Committee will not be eligible to serve more than two (2) full consecutive terms.

Section 2. Vacancies.

A Vacancy in any office of the Executive Committee shall be filled within thirty (30) days by appointment of The Executive Committee. In the event there are more than one candidate for a vacant position, the Executive Committee shall have an election by majority vote which shall be done anonymously.

ARTICLE IV. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Section 1. Duties and Responsibilities of the County Chair. The Chair shall:

- 1. Preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee.
- 2. Appoint all Executive Committee Standing and Special Committee Chairs with approval of the Executive Committee.
- **3.** Has a voting ex-officio position member of all committees bodies at the District and Precinct, except nominating at the District and Precinct level.
- **4.** Perform the duties usual to the office or as required by the Executive Committee. Refer to Section 308(A) of the State of Hawaii Rules.
- **5.** Be an ex-officio voting member of all district and Precinct organized bodies of the County.
- 6. Serve as a delegate to the State Central Committee.

Section 2. Duties and Responsibilities of the Vice Chairs. The Vice Chairs shall:

- **1.** Assist the Chair at the direction request of the Chair.
- 2. Assume the duties, responsibilities and authority of the County Chair in his or her absence, or in the event of a vacancy, until the position os filled or until otherwise directed by the Executive Committee.
- 3. Recruit and assist Republican candidates.
- **4.** Assist with fundraising in his/her geographical area.
- **5.** Promote the Party by participating in civic organizations.
- **6.** Carry out the Party's public relations program and promote effective communications among the people, the Party and public officials.
- **7.** Serve as a delegate to the State Central Committee.
- 8. If in the event, the first Vice Chair is unable to fill the vacancy, the vacancy shall be filled by the 2nd Vice Chair, if the 2nd Vice Chair is also unable to fulfill the vacancy then it would be filled by the 3rd Vice Chair until the vacancy is filled by the Executive Committee...an election to be held within 30 days, as specified in Section 2. Vacancies. The Executive Committee is to formally vote in the Vice Chair that temporarily holds the seat, unless there is another candidate(s) that seeks to obtain the vacant position. In the event that there is more than one candidate, the Executive Committee will have an anonymous election and the candidate who receives majority vote will be elected to the vacant seat and finish the term.

Section 3. Duties and Responsibilities of the Vice Chairs of the Maui County GOP.

Vice Chair of Events and Coordinated Campaigns.

Responsible for assisting the County Chair with:

- 1. Fundraising events to include contact and coordinating efforts and may include special guests, venues and/or other technological avenues such as zoom to host events and fundraisers, work with Vice Chair of Communications in development of approved social media, marketing and website efforts and promotional materials.
- 2. Participate in the oversight and organization between the various Republican Campaigns and the Party to maximize effectiveness of campaign and Party resources.
- **3.** Assist with the development of Party programs and recruit new members and Candidates.
- **4.** The Vice Chair of Events and Coordinated Campaigns is an ex-officio voting member of the Maui County Executive Team.

Vice Chair of Communications and Coalitions.

Responsible for assisting the County Chair in:

1. Overseeing and managing communications such as website management,, social media posting of events of the Party and like minded coalitions.

- 2. Inform members of upcoming events and communications between the Maui County Chair and members.
- 3. Establish relationships with like minded coalitions and serving as a liaison with the Republican auxiliaries, coalitions, and community groups, approved by the Maui County Executive Committee.
- **4.** Assist with the developments of Party programs and recruit new members and qualified Candidates.
- **5.** The Vice Chair of Communications and Coalitions is an exofficio voting member of the Maui County Executive team.

Vice Chair of Membership and Recruitment.

Responsible for assisting the County Chair in:

- 1. Recruiting new members and assist in recruiting qualified candidates to the Hawaii Republican Party and within Maui County.
- 2. Setting Goals for each district Chair to achieve an increase in membership and fill required delegate positions.
- 3. Work with Vice Chair of Events and Coordinated Campaigns, to ensure membership sign up is available at all coordinated events and approved Coalition events.
- **4.** Receive and promptly respond to all inquiries, information and complaints regarding membership.
- **5.** Assist in maintaining of Maui County Database on approved Date Base Provider, ensuring that all information remains confidential, updated, and accurate.
- 6. Collecting Data, tracking membership statistics of progress and improvements as well as preparing reports for monthly Executive Committee meeting.

- 7. Work with District Chairs and Executive Team in developing and implementing strategies and to recruit new members.
- **8.** Work with the Maui County Vice Chair of Events and Coordinated Campaigns in organizing events and activities for existing and prospective members.
- **9.** The Vice Chair of Membership and Candidate Recruitment is an ex-officio voting member of the Maui County Executive team.

"All positions are to work closely and support the Maui County Chair and maintain regular communications and updates. In the event the Chair is Vacant, the Vice Chair of Events and Coordinated Campaigns will fill the seat. In the event the Vice Chair of Events and Coordinated Campaigns is unable to fill the vacant seat, it will then be filled by the Vice Chair of Membership and Recruitment, in the event the Vice Chair of Membership and Recruitment is unable to fill the vacant seat, it will then be filled by the Vice Chair of Communications and Coalitions."

Section 4. Duties and Responsibilities of the Secretary. The Secretary shall:

- **1.** Keep records and transmit minutes of the Executive Committee proceedings.
- 2. Maintain the Executive Committee files.
- 3. Perform additional duties as prescribed by the Chair with approval of the Executive Committee.

Section 5. Duties and Responsibilities of the Treasurer.The Treasurer Shall:

- 1. Receive, safeguard and expend all monies subject to the approval of the Executive Committee and act as one of the signatories on all checks and documents.
- 2. Prepare an annual financial statement, filing a copy with the Executive Committee. Any Republican in good standing may examine this copy.
- **3.** Perform the usual duties of the office or as required by the Executive Committee.
- 4. Be responsible for the timely submission of campaign spending reports required of the Party by Federal and State law.
- **5.** Provide balance of accounts at monthly Executive meetings.

ARTICLE V. COMMITTEES

Section 1. Standing Committees.

The Chair of the Executive Committee shall appoint, with the consent of the Committee, then Chairs of the following Standing Committees:

- **1.** Issues, Programs and Platform/Resolutions Committee.
- 2. Membership Committee (delegated to Precinct Chairs).
- **3.** Voter Integrity Committee.
- 4. Candidates Advisory Committee.
- 5. Rules Committee.
- 6. Community Activities Chair.
- 7. Political Strategic Planning Committee.

"These Standing Committees Chairs shall serve as non-voting members of the Executive Committee."

Section 2. Financial Control.

The Executive Committee must approve all financial commitments or expenditures, except as provided in these Rules and/or the Rules of the Republican Party of Hawaii.

ARTICLE VI. COUNTY CONVENTION

Section 1. County Convention.

The Chair, or, in default thereof, the Chair of the State Central Committee will call a bi-annual Maui County Convention held during March. Additional County Conventions may be called by the Executive Committee Chair or by a majority vote of the Executive Committee. Reference State of Hawaii Section 202. County Convention. The purpose is to elect Executive members, amend Bylaws, and to contribute to the growth of the Party. The County Convention may be held in person, by electronic means or a hybrid format.

Section 2. Notification.

Notification of a meeting shall be done by email, mailer, website posting, text campaign, and/or social media no less than 30 days prior to convening the County Convention.

Section 3. Basic Representation.

Eligible to vote at such Conventions shall be all State Convention Precinct Delegates. Precinct Alternate Delegates shall also be Alternate Delegates to the Convention.

Section 4. Republican Elected Officials.

Elected Republican officials holding County or State of Hawaii offices shall be delegates to the County Conventions from their respective precincts. Their attendance as a delegate shall be in addition to the number of delegates to which their precinct would be entitled under the Republican Party of Hawaii, Rules and Regulations, May 14, 2011, Article II, Part B, Section 204.

Section 5. Non-Voting Participants.

The Executive Committee may also invite other Republican or guests to attend any County Convention as non-voting participants. The Executive Committee shall determine the number, allocation and privileges of these participants.

Section 6. Purpose. The County Convention shall:

- **1.** Elect Officers of the Executive Committee during each odd-numbered year.
- 2. Adopt, repeal, or amend the Bylaws of the Maui County Republican Party by two-thirds (2/3rds) vote of the delegates present and voting, provided, however, that all rules so adopted shall be consistent with the Rules and Regulations of the Republican Party of Hawaii. All rules will take effect upon adjournment of the County Convention at which they are passed. This is to include all Executive Candidates voted in at the time of Convention.
- **3.** Adopt a County Platform consistent with the State Platform in each General Election year, by majority vote.

Section 7. Election of Convention Officers.

The Convention shall elect a Temporary Chair and Temporary Secretary for the Convention. Other officers shall be elected as determined by the Convention. The Chair and Secretary of the Executive Committee may be the Chair and Secretary, respectively, of the Convention. The Executive Committee Chair shall appoint all Committee Chairs of the Convention, Credentials Committee, consisting of five (5) members and Sgt. of Arms as early as possible to allow work to be completed and reports circulated prior to the Convention date.

All nominees are allowed uninterrupted time, (per guidelines set forth in Convention standing rules). Ballots shall not be cast until all candidates have spoken.

Section 8. Election Results.

The County Secretary shall report the Executive Committee election results in writing to the State Central Committee seven (7) days after the election. The votes shall be collected, counted, and validated by the Credentials Committee.

ARTICLE VII. FUND-RAISING

Section 1. County Fund-Raising.

All monies raised on the island by members of the County Republican Party is restricted to Maui County Republican Party activities and expenses. In-kind donations received, will be accepted with the proper documentation form, provided by the Republican Party.

Section 2. Campaign Contributions.

The Executive Committee will approve any funds for individual campaigns subject to State Rules and Regulations.

ARTICLE VIII. INCONSISTENCIES

If inconsistencies occur between the Bylaws of the Maui County Republican Party and the Rules and Regulations of the Republican Party of Hawaii ("State Rules"), the State Rules (latest adoption) shall govern. The State Rules will apply in all matters not mentioned in these County Rules and covered by the State Rules, and where State Rules are silenced, reference to Robert Rules of Order.

ARTICLE IX. ENFORCEMENT & CONSEQUENCES OF BYLAW VIOLATIONS

Section 1. Investigation of Violations

Any alleged violation of these Bylaws shall be reviewed by the Maui County Republican Party Executive Committee. The accused party shall be given an opportunity to respond before any action is taken.

Section 2. Consequences for Violations

If a violation is determined to have occurred, appropriate action may be taken, including but not limited to:

- a) **Warning:** A formal written warning issued by the MCRP Executive Committee.
- b) **Censure:** A formal reprimand recorded in the minutes.
- c) **Suspension:** Temporary suspension of membership, voting rights, or leadership positions.

- d) **Removal:** Expulsion from the Party, Committee, or Leadership Role, subject to a vote by the Executive Committee or full membership, as appropriate.
- e) **Other Sanctions:** Any other reasonable corrective actions deemed necessary.

The accused party must be notified within 48 hours of incident and must respond within seven (7) days from the time stamp of the email, text or certified mail (which ever comes first) before any action is taken.

Section 3. Appeal Process

A member subject to disciplinary action may appeal within 30 days. The appeal will be reviewed by the MCRP Committee.

Section 4. Reinstatement Process

A member who has been censured or removed from the Maui County Republican Party may seek reinstatement under the following conditions:

- Waiting Period: A minimum of one year must pass from the date of censure or removal before a request for reinstatement can be submitted.
- 2. Formal Petition: The individual must submit a written petition to the Maui County Republican Party Executive Committee, outlining the reasons for reinstatement and demonstrating a commitment to upholding the Party's Bylaws and principles.
- 3. Review and Recommendation: The Maui County Republican Party Executive Committee will review the petition, consider any relevant circumstances, and may

- request a meeting with the petitioner to assess their readiness for reinstatement.
- 4. Membership Vote: If the Maui County Republican Party Executive Committee finds the request valid, they may recommend reinstatement to the general membership, where a majority vote will determine approval.
- 5. Conditions for Return: Reinstated members may be subject to probationary conditions, such as attending Bylaw training, refraining from leadership roles for a designated period, or other corrective measures deemed appropriate by the Maui County Republican Party Executive Committee.

This process ensures that reinstatement is handled fairly while maintaining the integrity and values of the Maui County Republican Party.