
BYLAWS OF THE LONDONDERRY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE (LRC)

Article I – Authority, Responsibility, and Purpose

A. Authority and Responsibility: The Londonderry Republican Committee (aka LRC) is organized under the authority of the Republican National Committee (RNC), New Hampshire Republican State Committee (NHRSC) and the Rockingham County Republican Committee (RCRC). The LRC shall in cooperation with the State and County Republican Committees, manage the affairs of the Republican Party within the Town of Londonderry, direct the general policy and campaign activities of the party organization, and perform all duties required of it by law and or custom.

B. Statement of Purpose: The purpose of the Londonderry Republican Committee shall be to enhance the wellbeing of our community, state, and nation through the formulation of, and advocacy for, conservative Republican principles. This will be accomplished through community outreach to raise awareness and support for policies, and positions, both within our community locally and through our affiliation with Republican County, State and National Party Committees. The LRC will also be active in the Local, State and National election process by working to recruit, support and elect candidates that support our conservative values. The LRC endeavors to:

- Represent opinions and concerns of Londonderry Republicans to State and National representatives and candidates as a means of promoting government policies;
- Formulate and provide grassroots input to State and National Party Platforms, and will promote and advocate those platforms once they are formalized;
- Conduct fundraising activities to support Republican candidates in local, State and National elections and cover all LRC operating expenses including those for membership recruitment, community outreach and get-out-the vote activities;
- Offer local coordination and support to Republican candidates in elections;
- Host Republican officials and candidates who visit Londonderry;
- Recruit Republican candidates for state and local offices from among those who support the State Republican Party Platform;
- Maintain local Republican voter and membership lists in compliance with State GOP requirements;
- Provide regular updates to LRC committee members and the community as a whole on political issues and events;
- Encourage networking to promote strong contacts and volunteerism among town Republicans;
- Keep Republican principles and policies before the local community through press releases, speaking opportunities, public forums, and promotion of LRC activities; and
- Ensure Republicans are fairly represented by supporting and participating in election integrity initiatives.

Article II – LRC Composition, Member Qualifications, Fiscal, and Meetings

A. COMPOSITION

Officers: The core officers of LRC shall consist of a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson, a Treasurer, a Secretary and Communications (Media) Coordinator (collectively known as the “Executive Committee (EC)”). The same person may hold the positions of Treasurer and Secretary. Other special and strategic committees may be appointed by the Chairperson with the approval of the Executive Committee to perform special tasks, e.g. Event Planner and Administrator, Fundraising, Outreach. See Article III, A. Duties of Officers

Membership Qualifications: In order to qualify for membership, a person must be a **registered Republican**, reside in the Town of Londonderry and attend at least one meeting per (calendar) year of the LRC. Sign in required by members in order for attendance to be verified. The LRC shall maintain a list of all members in good standing.

B. MEETINGS

Robert’s Rules of Order are to govern meeting procedures, rules, ethics, and customs.

Regular Meetings --Valid Meetings are called and scheduled by a simple majority of the members of the elected Executive Committee.

The first regular meeting of the LRC shall be held in January of each year. LRC meetings are to be held a minimum of twice a year but preferably nine to twelve times a year. If no meeting is held in January due to a lack of proper action by LRC, the Rockingham County Committee Chairperson may establish the date and place for such a meeting and take whatever other action is needed to assure proper functioning of LRC. Additionally, upon written request by 25% of the LRC’s membership a meeting maybe called. Notice of any meeting shall be provided via social media or newspaper to members at least five (calendar) days before the date of the meeting. A meeting agenda shall be provided via email to all active members at least two (calendar) days in advance. Registered Democrats may not attend meetings or events.

Election Meetings-- For any meeting where election of officers is scheduled to take place, notice of the meeting and its purpose shall be published. Proper election procedures shall be followed. See Article III, B. Election of Officers.

Executive Committee Meetings – Any time 3 or more elected officers meet and discuss LRC business constitutes an Executive Committee meeting. Meeting of the elected officers is permitted in person or via telephone/video conference/phone or other electronic means including email and secure chat. All Executive Committee meetings shall be disclosed to the membership via meeting minutes sent to the membership via email within 10 (calendar) days of the meeting.

Meeting Minutes: All regular meetings, Executive Committee, and any other formal sub-committee meetings shall have minutes released to the committee within ten (calendar) days. Meeting minutes shall include at a minimum: date and location of the meeting, Officers present, description of motions and discussion, and results of all voting.

Quorum: A quorum is a term that defines the minimum number of people required for an assembly or organization to conduct business.
Twelve LRC members must be present at a meeting to constitute a quorum.

Article III – Officers, Elections, Membership Disqualifications, Primary Neutrality

A. Duties of Officers

Chairperson: The Chairperson shall work in a collaborative manner to ensure that the duties and activities of the LRC as defined by LRC members and described in these bylaws “Statement of Purpose” are accomplished. The Chairperson may provide an annual report of LRC activities to the State Committee and appoint subcommittees with the approval of the EC as defined as appropriate, including nominating and audit committees. See Article II. A. Composition. See section C. Vacancies below.

Vice Chairperson: The Vice Chairperson shall assist the Chairperson in the collaborative accomplishment of the duties and responsibilities identified by the members and in these bylaws, shall preside over meetings in the absence of the Chairperson, and may accomplish other tasks as needed. In event that the Chairperson position becomes vacant, for example by reason of resignation or removal, the Vice Chair will take over as Chairperson until the next regularly scheduled election. See Section C. Vacancies below

Treasurer: The Treasurer shall record and properly report the amount and source of all funds received, expended, and kept by the LRC; shall maintain proper books on all funds received and disbursed.

Expenditure and Dispersal of Funds:

1. Expenditures under the sum of \$1,000.00 shall be voted on by the EC and the majority shall prevail. Expenditures equal to or over the sum of \$1,000 will need to be approved by the full Executive Committee. If the EC cannot agree on the expenditure equal to or over \$1,000.00, a vote shall be taken at the next regular LRC meeting. The funds shall be disbursed only with the consent of the majority of the LRC members in attendance. A special meeting may be called.
2. Record of the approvals by the EC must be documented in the Executive Committee meeting minutes and disclosed to the LRC. No officer or member of the Executive Committee of the LRC shall expend any funds of the LRC without authorization of the Committee.

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3. The storied/saved monies of the LRC shall be kept in an LRC checking account. The checking account shall have three signatories. The signatories can consist of the Treasurer and any other two members of the EC, including the Deputy Treasurer, if applicable. There shall be an annual year-end audit of the books that is disclosed to the Committee in a report that is sent to the membership within 10 (calendar) days. The audit report may be sent alone or included as minutes from a meeting where the audit was presented. Additionally, an audit shall take place whenever the office of Treasurer and or Chairperson is transferred from one member to another or whenever requested by the Chairperson or a majority vote by those members in attendance at a properly convened regular meeting.

Secretary: The Secretary shall prepare minutes for all LRC meetings and shall be the custodian of all permanent books and records of the LRC and may accomplish other tasks as requested by the Chairperson.

Communications (Media) Coordinator: The Communications (Media) Coordinator shall be the LRCs liaison to the community issuing press releases and meeting announcements via appropriate print and social mediums. The Communications Coordinator will send announcements and all other communications via the local newspaper, LRC social media, the NH GOP website, and all forms of interactive electronic media.

B. Election of Officers

Officers shall be elected at the first regular meeting on odd numbered years. Candidates for an officer position must be an LRC member in good standing and have their nomination seconded by an LRC member in good standing. When there are more than 2 candidates for one position, proper balloting will be followed. A majority of those present and voting shall decide the election. Only LRC members in good standing may vote in an election.

C. Vacancies of Officers

The Chairperson shall fill vacancies on a temporary basis within 30 days of occurrence. Such temporary officers shall serve until the next regular meeting, when the office shall be filled by an election. Should a vacancy not be filled within 30 days of occurrence, the County or State Chairpersons shall have authority to fill the vacancy until next regular meeting. The Chairperson may grant reasonable leaves of absences and appoint temporary replacements.

D. Disqualification and Removal of Officer and or Member

No one may serve as an officer of the LRC who openly and publicly supports a candidate from another party in preference to a Republican in a partisan election and/or does not meet the criteria for membership. See Article II, Section A.

Officers may be removed from office by written petition of a simple majority of members. -The Chair of the New Hampshire Republican State Committee shall be informed. The Officer will receive a 7-calendar day written/electronic notice prior to the submission of the petition.

Failure to perform the duties of the position and/or upon three unexcused, consecutive absences from LRC meetings and or events, are sufficient cause to have an election to remove the officer. A majority of members in attendance may elect to remove the officer. The Officer will receive a 7-calendar day written/electronic notice prior to removal.

A member may be removed from membership by a unanimous EC vote if he/she does not meet the standard of a member in good standing including conduct that does not comply with these bylaws.

E. Primary Elections and the Chairperson

If the LRC Chairperson runs as a candidate or has a spouse as a candidate in a primary, he/she will take a leave of absence until after the primary election has been completed, this includes during recounts or other election disputes. The Chairperson may not use his/her current title as Chairperson as a campaign claim or to advantage his/her campaign.

If the chairman or their spouse is in an *uncontested* primary, there should not be any need for the chairman to step aside. They or their spouse have already won the primary.

Article IV - Bylaws

A. Bylaws:

These bylaws are LRC's rules to regulate operations in accordance and under the under the regulatory authority of accordance with New Hampshire State and Rockingham County Republican Committees. These bylaws were drafted by the by-laws committee and adopted on October 5, 2023 by LRC's members.

B. Amendments to the Bylaws

A member of the LRC in good standing may submit amendments to these bylaws at any time to LRC Officers at a regular meeting or in writing to the Executive Committee. If in writing to the Executive Committee the Chairperson is to bring up the proposed bylaw change at the next possible regular LRC meeting. The proposed change is to be properly presented, discussed and voted upon by LRC members in good standing at the regular meeting.

These by-laws were adopted by a majority of a quorum of the general membership of the Londonderry Republican Committee at the **October 5, 2023**, regular meeting.



Jonathan Esposito

Chair

October 5, 2023