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How to Make Changes in Your County Political Party

State law defines political parties and their controlling committees.

ORC 3517.03

The controlling committees of each major political party or organization shall be a state central committee...; a county central committee...

State law requires each political party to adopt and file its bylaws or party rules with the Secretary of State.

ORC 3517.02

Each political party shall file with the office of the secretary of state a copy of its constitution and bylaws, if any, within thirty days of adoption or amendment.

In Ohio, the state parties and the county parties all frame, adopt, and file a copy of their party rules with the Secretary of State.

State law does not say who in the political party frames, adopts, amends, and files such bylaws, so it must be assumed that the Controlling Committees, i.e., the Central Committees do so; and they do so by a majority vote of the Members of such Committees.

State law requires political party Central Committees to meet after their election in even-numbered years at an organizational meeting. At such meeting they can adopt such bylaws, elect officers, elect an Executive Committee, and proceed to conduct other business as prescribed in the rules they have adopted.

The general question most concerned patriot voters in our Party have these days is, how do we change policies, performance, and personnel of our Party?

Specific questions at this point may be posed:

1. Other than the Organizational Meeting, how often shall the Central Committee meet, for what purposes, and who shall call the meeting?
2. How does a political party go about changing or amending its bylaws?
3. Who in the party sets the operational agenda and carries out the business of the party?

It has been brought to my attention that in certain Ohio Counties the Party Central Committees rarely, if ever, meet, other than at the required Organizational Meeting. Furthermore, it will only meet when the Executive Chairman calls a meeting; and there is frequently no mechanism for Members of the Committee to call a meeting themselves. In many cases, the terms of office for Committee Members has been changed from 2 years to 4 years, unlike for our State Committee or in our Capitol City County, Franklin, where our terms are 2 years. Oftentimes, Party Bylaws call for the investment of virtually all powers in an Executive Committee, including the endorsement powers. In addition, I have noticed cases where Party Bylaws do not require at least half of the elected Members of the Committee to be present to constitute a quorum. These are not policies that reflect a republican (or representative) style of governing such bodies. Our systems of government, even down to the political party level are in principle republican institutions, where power flows from the bottom up, where there is

participation and collaboration in self-government, thus engendering not only confidence, but enthusiasm. This is what the MAGA Movement is really all about, returning power back to the People, where it belongs.

Therefore, we recommend actions be taken to change the Bylaws and governing policies of such County Parties as are in need of such improvements.

In order to make any changes to your County Party, you need to have the votes. Thus, being a grassroots organizer in your precinct, getting your map and walking list of voters, and getting yourself or a patriot like you elected is the fundamental and primary step without which you won't be successful in the rest. We covered how to run for Central Committee previously. And you can go to our website and get lots of information on that.

1. Convene a meeting of the Central Committee to amend Bylaws and conduct other business.
 - a. Get existing Members of the Central Committee to request (put pressure on) the Chair of the Central Committee and the Chair of the Executive Committee to call a meeting of the Central Committee for the purpose of amending the Bylaws.
 - b. If they decline, see if there is a provision in the Bylaws for a self-call by a certain number of Committee Members to call a meeting of the whole Central Committee. Approximately one-sixth of the total Committee should be sufficient.
 - c. If there is no such provision, lobby the existing Members of the Central Committee, and if a majority of them agree to call a meeting, do so by preparing a written notice of the meeting designating the time and place, and the purpose of the meeting; have it signed by a majority of the Members of the Central Committee, and mail it to all the Members at least 5 days before the meeting. Post a copy of the notice in the Board of Elections office. Proceed to meet, and if a majority of the Members are present, you have a quorum to conduct any business.
2. Propose and vote on amendments to Bylaws for the following purposes:
 - a. quorum should be in all cases a majority of any committee, at the very least.
 - b. Meetings-frequent/regular(quarterly at least), and open to the public. Executive sessions may be called if privacy is needed, under Roberts Rules of Order.
 - c. Amendment provision in the Bylaws should be present and clear. A super-majority may be appropriate if no advance notice is given of intent to amend.
 - d. Term of office-2 year term is preferable and more accountable to the electors (Republican voters).
 - e. Endorsements-the Central Committee should reserve to itself the power to make all endorsements for public office. The Central Committee should not endorse its own incumbent Members.
 - f. The Executive Committee should be of a manageable size, perhaps 15-20 Members, should fairly represent the entire County, should have sufficient powers granted to it by the Central Committee to conduct the operations of the Party, but should give regular reports to the Central Committee of its proceedings as well as Treasurer's reports on Party finances. An Audit Committee should be constituted by the Central Committee, and conduct audits at its pleasure of the financial transactions of the Executive Committee.
3. Filling vacancies: Vacancies on the Central Committee can only be filled by a majority vote of all the Members of the Central Committee, or if authorized, the Executive Committee. The former is preferable. There should be an ongoing process of interviewing and screening prospective appointees by the Executive Committee or a Nominating Committee, which shall give a report on its findings and advance notice of prospective appointments to the existing Members of the Central Committee well before the meeting at which such appointments will be voted on.
4. Plan of Action: Ideas from Central Committee Members should be advanced to the Executive Committee and any Standing Committees on such matters as a County Party Platform, Community outreach, fundraising, candidate development, recruitment, and training. Such ideas should then be crystallized and turned into effective policies and actions by the Executive Committee.

To learn more about the powers and responsibilities of Central Committee Members, see our handout on the website.

The Central Committee is the link between the Voters of our Party and the Party leadership and Officers who direct the affairs of the Party. It is an active interplay, and a collaborative effort in order to win elections. Powers go up and policies and actions come down, but it is a team effort. We should have all of our positions filled, and we should function as a well-oiled political machine. Everyone has to play their part first to choose, then to get out the vote for our slate of candidates.

As Committee Members, we elect a Chairman, not a dictator. The Chairman should always welcome input, open debate, and participation from the Committee. It's no secret that there is a movement afoot in our Grand Old Party. It is a movement of participatory populism. It is a movement of the People versus the Establishment. It is a movement to implement America First policies and Make America Great Again. We are a populist nationalist movement of working class Americans who will not tolerate our party being an inept walking mat for the Democrat Party, a party of collaborators and accommodationists in the destruction of America. We are taking ownership of our Party. We have the high ground. We will press our advantage, and we will vanquish our foes.

Some of the entrenched old guard in the leadership of our Party may be resistant to our suggested improvements, in which case additional measures may be employed to effect change.

1. Form a Patriot Caucus (or America-First Caucus) in your County Party and put forth your platform and policy positions.
2. Create grassroots pressure on Party leadership through your clubs, organizations and direct action by the voting citizens to bring about the desired changes in Party operations.

Stay the Course.

Never give up.

MAGA is ascendant.

We are coming in waves.

We will not be stopped.

We will make the Republican Party Great Again.

And with God's Mercy, we will save the Republic.

We are Americans!