

Grays Harbor Republican Party 2023 – 2024
Constitution and Bylaws



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ARTICLE I

NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1. Name:

The name of this organization shall be the Grays Harbor Republican Party (GHRP).

Section 2. Purpose:

The GHRP is organized to elect officials to office, to promote and make more effective in Grays Harbor County the Principles for which the Party stands and any legal acts as may be authorized by the Central Committee.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP AND PRIMARY ORGANIZATION

Section 1. Membership:

A) Membership in GHRP shall consist of any residents of Grays Harbor County who consider themselves Republicans and express a desire for membership.

B) Registration at a precinct caucus, contributions of time and/or money, and participation in other Party functions shall constitute evidence of membership.

Section 2. Governing Body:

A) The governing body of the GHRP shall be the Grays Harbor County Republican Central Committee, as set forth hereinafter.

B) Until the organization of the Central Committee has been initially completed and the officers elected, the membership of the Central Committee shall be limited to those Precinct Committee Officers (PCOs) elected by a majority vote of the electors in their respective precincts at the last November general election and certified by the County Auditor as provided by law.

Section 3. Vacancies:

A) When a vacancy in the Office of a PCO exists after the Primary Election in the same calendar year as the organizational meeting (Even years), such vacancies shall not be filled until after the Organizational Meeting and the election of new officers.

B) When a vacancy in the Office of a PCO exists, such vacancy shall be filled by the Chair upon nomination of a resident of that precinct.

C) Such nomination must be approved by a majority vote of the Central Committee at either the time of the nomination or the next regularly scheduled meeting.

D) The Chair shall not be allowed to nominate PCOs to any vacant precinct during the period from an even numbered State Primary Election and through to a scheduled Biennial Organizational Meeting of the GHRP. (See Article III, Section 1.)

E) Precincts which have no elected PCOs to represent them after the Biennial Organizational Meeting and after any appointments of PCOs, may be assigned Precinct Captains, approved by the Chair and ratified by the Central Committee. Precinct Captains need not be residents of the precinct they represent, and are viewed as temporary until a PCO residing in that precinct is elected or appointed. Precinct Captains are considered members of the Central Committee and allowed to vote on Central Committee matters, but not if there is a Precinct Committee Officer representing that precinct, in which case the PCO has the vote.

ARTICLE III

MEETINGS

Section 1. Biennial Organizational Meeting:

A) Pursuant to RCW 29A.80.030:

1) Following the State's General Election held in even-numbered years, this Committee shall meet for the purpose of organization at an easily accessible location within the County.

2) Said Meeting shall be subsequent to the certification of PCOs by the County Auditor and no later than the second Saturday of the following January.

B) It is the responsibility of the Chair of the retiring committee to notify* each duly elected PCO of the date, time and place for the meeting, to be held preferably on a Saturday.

C) Credentials - Organizational Meeting:

- 1) It is the obligation of the duly elected PCOs to present proof of Identification to the retiring Chair to match the documentation provided by the County Auditor.
- 2) Absentee PCO Proxy vote: The Proxy must be a resident of that precinct and present a written instrument signed by the absent Elected PCO authorizing said proxy.
- 3) No person and no precinct may cast more than one vote.

Section 2. Central Committee Meetings:

A) Date, Time and Notification* GHRP Central Committee:

- 1) The Central Committee shall meet monthly on a stated day set by the Executive Board.
- 2) The Chair shall notify* each PCO and Precinct Captain as to the date and time at least five (5) calendar days prior to such meeting.
- 3) It shall be the duty of each member to keep their residential address, mailing address, email address and phone number current with the GHRP Secretary.

B) Quorum and Voting:

- 1) A quorum shall consist of one-quarter (1/4 or 25%) of the PCOs and Precinct Captains.
- 2) Precinct Captains who represent precincts without PCOs may vote with the same standing as PCOs, except in Biennial Organizational meetings, in which only elected PCOs may vote. All persons professing themselves Grays Harbor Republicans who are present at any meeting of the Central Committee shall have the right to an advisory vote to a matter being considered.
- 3) Should a division of the house, or a roll call vote be duly and properly requested, only the Elected PCOs and Captains present (including those on video conference) shall be allowed to vote.

C) Special Central Committee Meetings:

- 1) The Chair or three (3) members of the Executive Board shall have the authority to call the Central Committee into Special Session, provided that notice* is given to all members of the Central Committee prior to such meeting.

Section 3. Executive Board Meetings:

A) Regular Executive Board Meeting and Quorums:

- 1) The Executive Board, as detailed hereinafter, may meet monthly in a non-public location.
- 2) Notice of the date, the time, and the place **MUST** be sent to each Central Committee Member and Standing Committee Chair prior to such meeting.

- 3) A quorum shall consist of half (50%) of the members of said Board. No proxies shall be recognized.

- 4) The Executive Board shall obtain the approval of the Central Committee prior to authorizing any expenditure in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) or more.

B) Special Executive Meetings and Quorums:

- 1) The Chair or three (3) Executive Board Members shall have the authority to call an Executive Board Special Meeting by word of mouth, e-mail, or telephone call.

- 2) Records shall be kept concerning who was notified and when, who attended, where and when said meeting was held and what action was taken.

- 3) In the event this authority is invoked, a full report must be brought to the next regular Central Committee Meeting.

- 4) In the event an Executive Board Special Meeting determines that funds of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) or more in the aggregate per month are to be spent, the Executive Board shall obtain the approval of the Central Committee prior to authorizing such expenditure.

- 5) A quorum shall consist of half (50%) of members of said board.

- 4) No proxies shall be recognized at an Executive Board Special Meeting.

Section 4. Video Conference inclusion with Meetings:

- A) While in person attendance is preferable, attendance via video conference shall henceforth be allowed and encouraged for those that can't easily attend in person for regular meetings, this does not include the biennial organizational meeting.

1. The Chair shall make reasonable effort to make video conference available to members at every meeting. Any link to join in should be sent out 15 minutes ahead of start of meeting.
2. PCO's/Captains who attend via video conference shall be counted as present and allowed to join in discussion and vote. Members who are not PCOs or Captains shall be allowed to join in discussion and can have an advisory vote.
3. Attendance via video conference shall be noted on attendance records as such.

ARTICLE IV

POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND PCOs

Appointed and Elected PCOs represent the precinct which they live, support the ideals of the party as it pertains to their precinct and promote the party platform in an effort to elect Republicans to office. Precinct Captains act as surrogate PCOs in precincts without elected or appointed PCOs.

Section 1. Vacancies:

It shall be the duty of the PCOs to fill any such vacancies as may occur among Executive Officers in accordance with the procedures herein set forth.

Section 2. Ratification:

All nominations shall be subject to ratification by the Central Committee.

Section 3. Review:

- A) The Central Committee shall review all actions taken by the Executive Board and any standing or ad hoc committees at each monthly meeting.
- B) The Central Committee shall have the power to instruct said bodies and the officers to undertake or cease any action.

Section 4. Contact Information:

It shall be the responsibility of each PCO and Precinct Captain to provide the Chair with current contact information and to attend all Central Committee Meetings, as representation cannot be permitted by proxy. (See Article III, Section 2.A.3)

Section 5. Goals and Objectives:

It is the duty and responsibility of the Central Committee to inform the Executive Board of its goals and objectives for the Republican Party of Grays Harbor.

Section 6. Public Policy Statements and Press Releases:

Any proposed public policy statement must be adopted at a Central Committee Meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote.

Section 7. Sanctions:

A) A duly elected PCO, certified by the County Auditor and sworn in by the outgoing Chair, is entitled to all benefits and responsibilities of that office. However, sanctions may be imposed on any PCO, elected or appointed, as well as any Precinct Captain, Officer or Committee Chair, for the following violations:

B) Grounds for Sanctions:

- 1) Theft of Party funds, and/or materials.
- 2) Failure to provide address for notification*. Note: e-mail is preferred but lack of same shall not be grounds for sanctions.
- 3) Conviction of any Gross Misdemeanor or Felony crime.
- 4) Uncivil conduct that results in the disruption of any meeting (see Roberts Rules of Order, Section 61).

C) Sanctions may include:

- 1) Removal from any elected or appointed Central Committee office.
- 2) Asked to leave the specific meeting.
- 3) Sanctions may be removed upon a written request presented to the Central Committee at a regular monthly meeting, at which time a vote shall be taken to remove the sanction. A quorum of elected PCOs must be present.

ARTICLE V

INTRODUCTION TO OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers:

- A) The primary officers of the GHRP shall consist of a Chair and Vice-Chair, of opposite sexes, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a State Committeeman, and a State Committeewoman.
- B) The six (6) primary officers shall be elected at each Biennial Organizational meeting, with subsequent vacancies to be filled in accordance with the procedures herein set forth. Each officer shall be a Republican resident of Grays Harbor County, Washington, but need not be a Precinct Committee Officer.
- C) The said six (6) primary officers shall constitute the entire voting membership of the Grays Harbor County Republican Executive Board.
- D) The primary officers shall serve in their office for two years or until their successors are elected.

Section 2. Standing Committee Chairs:

Standing Committee Chairs shall be nominated by the Chair and ratified by the Central Committee at each Biennial Organizational Meeting or as soon thereafter as possible.

ARTICLE VI

POWERS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. Chair:

- A) The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Central Committee and the Executive Board and shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the GHRP.
- B) The Chair shall appoint Standing Committee Chairs at each Biennial Organizational Meeting or as soon thereafter as possible, shall assist each such Chair in filling their committee as soon as possible, and is further authorized and empowered to create from the Republican residents of Grays Harbor County such ad hoc committees as they deem advisable, all subject to ratification by the Central Committee.
- C) The Chair shall nominate individuals to fill Precinct Committee Officer Vacancies subject to ratification by the Central Committee.
- D) The Chair shall do all within their power to successfully promote the Republican Ticket.

- E) The Chair shall be an ex officio member of all standing and ad hoc committees, and shall particularly work with the Finance Committee to devise and implement ways and means to meet budget needs set forth by the Executive Board.
- F) The Chair, with approval of the Executive Board, shall arrange for the Biennial Organizational Meeting, appoint a nominating committee, fix the time and place for such meeting, and notify* each duly elected Precinct Committee Officer.
- G) The Chair shall ensure that the Executive Board prepares and adopts an annual budget and an annual program of goals and objectives for the ensuing year in time for same to be presented to the Central Committee for discussion and adoption within sixty (60) days of the Biennial Organizational Meeting. The second year budget, program goals and objective shall be presented to the Central Committee for discussion and adoption at the December meeting.
- H) The Chair, with the approval of the Executive Board, shall arrange for a Biennial Republican County Convention, fix the time and place for such meeting and determine and announce the number of delegates, their appointment and apportionment among the several precincts of Grays Harbor County.
- I) The Chair shall have the power to remove any person they have appointed from office for which cause they deem sufficient, subject to overruling by the Central Committee by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.
- J) The Chair, Executive Board, or PCOs of Grays Harbor County, or a portion thereof, may call a Special Meeting of the Central Committee, whenever requested in writing by three (3) members of the Executive Board or one-fourth (1/4) of the Central Committee.
- K) The Chair shall within 60days of taking office complete required Financial Reporting Requirements training provided by the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC).

Section 2. Vice-Chair:

- A) The Vice-Chair shall consult and work in close cooperation with the Chair, to promote Party organization throughout the County under their direction, and to act as liaison between various Republican Organizations and the Central Committee.
- B) The Vice-Chair shall exercise all the powers and perform all the duties of the Chair in the event of said Chair's absence, sickness, or other inability to act. The Chair shall resume all duties and powers automatically at the termination of their absence or disability.

- B) In the case of death, removal, or resignation of the Chair, the Vice-Chair shall, within thirty (30) days, call a meeting of the Central Committee for the purpose of filling such vacancy in accordance with the procedures herein set forth. (See Article II, Section 3A. and Article IX)
- C) The Vice-Chair shall also be responsible for organizing and coordinating events and fund-raising.

Section 3. State Committeeman and State Committeewoman:

The State Committeeman and State Committeewoman shall (together with the Chair) be the representatives of the GHRP upon the Washington State Republican Party (WSRP) Central Committee, shall act as liaisons between the GHRP and WSRP and Central Committees of other counties, and shall exercise and perform such other duties as the Chair shall assign to them.

Section 4. Secretary:

- A) The Secretary shall keep all minutes and records of the Central Committee and Executive Board Meetings, and any Special Meetings of the PCOs or Executive Board.
- B) Shall see that these minutes are presented at the next Central Committee Meeting, shall take care of any correspondence as requested by the Chair or by a motion of the Central Committee.
- C) May also serve as Secretary of any Standing or ad hoc Committee.
- D) The Secretary shall maintain contact information of all Precinct Committee Officers and Committee Members.
- E) Shall construct a binder consisting of all meeting agendas and meeting minutes at the end of each Biennium.

Section 5. Treasurer:

- A) Shall be the custodian of all funds of the GHRP and shall be consulted before any funds are expended. The Treasurer shall be an ex officio member of the Finance Committee, and shall also perform such other duties as shall be assigned by the Chair.
- B) Shall present to the Central Committee at each scheduled meeting, a balance sheet showing the two previous month's totals showing expenditures, outstanding gross receipts, deposits, and a list of outstanding checks and unpaid bills as of the date of that meeting.

- C) Keep an accurate record of all receipts and disbursements of the Party under the direction of the Chair.
- D) Disburse Party Funds only on the order of the Chair as approved by the Executive Board and the Central Committee.
- E) Shall, within 60 days of taking office complete required Financial Reporting Requirements training provided by the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC).
- F) Be responsible for completing and forwarding such public disclosure reports and documents to the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) in a timely manner as are required by law.
- G) Be required to purchase bond on behalf of the GHRP, only under such circumstances and in such amount as shall be set by the Central Committee and the Executive Board, with the premium of such bond to be paid by the Party rather than the Treasurer.
- H) The Treasurer's books shall be audited annually by an Audit Committee appointed by the Chair. This audit shall occur in December each year.
- I) All funds received by the GHRP Treasurer shall be deposited to the bank within five (5) business days of receipt as required by the PDC.

Section 6. Standing Committee Chairs:

- A) Each Committee Chair shall be appointed by the County Chair
- B) Each Committee Chair shall be answerable to the Executive Board.
- C) Each Standing Committee Chair shall be responsible for filling out their committee as soon as possible with participating members and for ensuring that the goals and objectives for said committee are immediately determined and set and are periodically revised and updated as appropriate.
- D) Each standing Committee Chair shall preside over regular meetings of their committee and shall make monthly reports to the Central Committee and Executive Board as to the activities undertaken by their committee in furtherance of the goals and objectives of the GHRP. Requests for Funds must be made in advance by submitting a request in writing which includes the name of the person requesting the funds, the purpose of the requested funds, and the amount of funds needed. Any individual expenditures not pre-approved by the Executive Committee and/or the Central Committee, will be considered a donation.

E) Each Standing Committee Chair shall take personal responsibility for ensuring that the goals and objectives of their committee are realized, and for making sure that the individual members of their committee perform their assigned and agreed individual tasks.

F) Each Standing Committee Chair shall obtain prior approval from the Central Committee or Executive Board before commencing any major projects in the name of the GHRP, but in minor and day to day activities and in major projects which have already been so approved, each Standing Committee Chair shall have full power and authority to proceed in the name, place, and stead of the GHRP. (Major projects- Any new project dealing with the general public, any change in policy, any fund raising event or promotion either for the Party or a candidate that implies or construes by word or intent the backing or endorsement of the GHRP.

Section 7. Standing Committees to include:

A) Audit Committee

- 1) Shall consist of three (3) persons, who shall be appointed by the Chair.
- 2) Shall audit the Treasurer's accounts as of the close of business November 30th and present the results to the Central Committee or make audit available to the Organizational Meeting (see Article III, Section 1).

B) Candidate and Issues Committee

C) Lincoln Day Dinner Committee

D) Events (Parades and Fairs) Committee

E) Caucus, Convention and Organizational Meeting Committee

F) Bylaws Committee

G) Finance Committee

- 1) Shall prepare the budget
- 2) Report directly to the Chair

Section 8. Legislative District Committees

A) 19th Legislative District Committee

- 1) Shall consist of three (3) persons who shall be appointed by the Executive Board and approved by the Central Committee who reside within the 19th Legislative District.

- 2) At least two (2) shall be PCOs or Precinct Captains.
- 3) At least one (1) shall be a member of the GHRP Executive Board.
- 4) Shall attend the 19th Legislative District Committee Organizational Meeting, vote on its Bylaws, elect the Chair and serve as the GHRP Representatives at all 19th LD Committee Meetings scheduled during the current biennial term.

B) 24th Legislative District Committee

- 1) Shall consist of three (3) persons who shall be appointed by the Executive Board and approved by the Central Committee who reside within the 24th Legislative District.
- 2) At least two (2) shall be PCOs or Precinct Captains.
- 3) At least one (1) shall be a member of the GHRP Executive Board.
- 4) Shall attend the 24th Legislative District Committee Organizational Meeting, vote on its Bylaws, elect the Chair and serve as the GHRP Representatives at all 24th LD Committee Meetings scheduled during the current biennial term.

ARTICLE VII

POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1. General Authority:

The Executive Board shall do all things necessary and proper to promote the welfare and success of the GHRP, and shall advise and assist the Chair in achieving the goals of the Party that are not contrary to the wishes of the Central Committee.

Section 2. Open Non Public Meeting:

Absent specific overriding circumstances, all meetings of the Executive Board shall be open to all members of the GHRP, and representatives of affiliated Republican organizations. The Chairs of Standing and Ad Hoc Committees shall be encouraged to attend.

Section 3. Protection of Assets:

- A) The PO Box: GHRP, PO Box 2252, Aberdeen Washington 98520 and its key(s) are owned by the GHRP, maintained by the Party's current Chair or his or her designee(s) and will transfer, at the appointed time, to his or her successor.
- B) The Bank of the Pacific Checking Account is owned by the GHRP, maintained by at least two executive board members appointed by the current Central Committee and will transfer, at the appointed time, to their successors.
- C) The email address ghgopchairman@gmail.com , all related Executive Board gmail addresses and their passwords are owned by the GHRP, maintained by the Party's current Chair and will transfer, at the appointed time, to his or her successor.
- D) The domain name http://www.ghgop.org and registration account username and password are owned by the GHRP, will be maintained by the Party's current Chair and will transfer, at the appointed time, to his or her successor. Renewal of the domain name will be the responsibility of the current Chair. Payment of this renewal will be considered an in-kind donation by the Chair or reimbursable by the Central Committee on a case-by-case basis. The Chair, at his or her discretion, will grant access to at least one other member of the Executive Board to this account.
- E) The website of http://www.ghgop.org and its hosting account username and password is owned by the GHRP, maintained by the Party's current Chair and will transfer, at the appointed time, to his or her successor. All subscriptions and renewal fees associated with the website hosting will be the responsibility of the current Chair. Payment of these fees will be considered an in-kind donation by the Chair or reimbursable by the Central Committee on a case-by-case basis. The Chair, at his or her discretion, will grant access to at least one other member of the Executive Board to this account.
- F) The Facebook Page https://www.facebook.com/ghrepublicans is owned by the GHRP, will be maintained by the Party's current Chair and will transfer, at the appointed time, to his or her successor. The Chair, at his or her discretion, will grant editorial access to this account to at least two other members of the Executive Board or Central Committee. The Chair shall grant a backup Facebook access with full control (formerly admin access) for the GHRP public Facebook page to the Vice Chair or an alternate executive board member. The backup full control access may be used to perform partial control tasks. However, it shall not be used to perform the full control access tasks of changing settings or deleting access of any other users. Also, it shall only be used to grant full control access to the public GHRP Facebook page in case of emergency, including but not limited to accidental deletion of the chair's full control access.
- F) Miscellaneous assets of the GHRP (see attached biennially updated audit list) are owned by the GHRP, will be maintained by the Party's current Chair and will transfer, at the

appointed time to his or her successor. Biennial asset audits are to be performed by a committee appointed by the Chair no later than three months prior to new organizational meeting.

Section 4. Removal from Office:

The following items A through H are prerequisite conditions that must be satisfied—as established by a simple majority vote of elected PCOs—before any vote can be taken to remove an elected officer during his or her term of office:

- A) All complaints must be provided to office holder, in writing, in advance of the meeting.
- B) The meeting must be an Executive Session Meeting (not open to the public).
- C) Notification* sent to every elected PCO.
- D) Only Elected PCOs can vote.
- E) Parliamentarian shall be elected by a simple majority (greater than 50%) vote of the Central Committee as pertaining to Removal from Office (also pertaining to Conventions, see Article VIII).
- F) A secretary must be present and active.
- G) Office holder shall have 30 days to refute complaints.
- H) Super majority--2/3 votes—is needed, by secret ballot, for removal.

Section 5: Vacancies:

The Executive Board shall have the authority to temporarily fill such vacancies as may from time to time occur among the officers of the GHRP, subject to ratification by the Central Committee, pending the election of a permanent replacement to fill such vacancy in accordance with the procedures herein set forth.

Section 6. Program and Activities:

The Executive Board shall be responsible for preparing a program of activities and objectives designed to further the goals and better define the direction of the GHRP in time for presentation to the Central Committee for discussion, approval, and adoption at the regular January meeting annually. This shall be accompanied by a tentative calendar for said program.

Section 7. Agenda:

The Executive Board shall establish an agenda for each regular Central Committee Meeting to ensure discussion of an action upon all appropriate matters of business and policy in an orderly manner.

Section 8. Office Space:

A) Any office space maintained by the GHRP shall be for conducting the business of the Republican Party only.

B) Contracts negotiated and entered into by the GHRP shall terminate no later than 30 November of the even numbered years.

ARTICLE VIII

COUNTY CONVENTION

The Chair shall arrange and provide, by appointing a facilitator, for a Grays Harbor Republican Convention and a Party Caucus. Both shall be in accordance with a Call received from the State Central Committee or as called for by the Grays Harbor Republican Central Committee and shall fix the time and place for such meeting with the approval of the Central Committee.

Whenever a Parliamentarian's services are engaged for a county convention, a simple majority (greater than 50%) vote of approval from the Central Committee is required for selecting such Parliamentarian.

ARTICLE IX

ELECTIONS AND OFFICER VACANCIES

(see Article II, Section 3)

Section 1. Biennial Organizational Meeting:

A) Nominations:

1) A Nominating Committee of not less than three (3) members shall be appointed by the Grays Harbor Republican Chair, approved by the Executive Board, and announced to and approved by the Central Committee at its regular meeting immediately prior to the Biennial Organizational Meeting.

2) At the Biennial Organizational Meeting this Nominating Committee shall make its report in writing, presenting at least one nominee for each office, after which nominations may be received from the floor.

3) The members of the Nominating Committee shall help the Secretary provide election materials and may act as tellers for the election.

B) Elections:

1) Elections for each office shall be conducted prior to the continuing report of the Nominating Committee for the next office.

2) A majority of all votes cast shall be necessary for election.

3) Should any ballot cast not show a majority for any nominee for any office, there shall be further ballots with the nominee having the lowest vote dropped from the second and succeeding ballots until one nominee shall have received a majority of all votes cast.

5) Where there is only one candidate for an office, the balloting may be by voice vote, otherwise it will be done by secret ballot.

Section 2. Officer Vacancies (see Article II Sec 3):

A) Nominations and Election:

1) Whenever a vacancy occurs in any elective office under this Constitution and Bylaws, the Chair shall announce same at the first Central Committee Meeting after or during which same has become known and shall immediately appoint a Special Nominating Committee, approved by the Central Committee, to seek candidates for replacement.

2) At the next regular Central Committee Meeting, the Special Nominating Committee shall make its report in writing, presenting at least one nominee for any such vacancy, after which further nominations may be received from the floor.

3) The election shall then be conducted in the same manner as the elections at the Biennial Organizational Meeting.

B) Notice*: The occurrence of the vacancy, the announcement of a Special Election of a replacement, and the report to be presented by the Special Nominating Committee shall all be included in the Call for the said next regular meeting of the Central Committee.

ARTICLE X

ENDORSEMENT OF CANDIDATES & BALLOT MEASURES

Section 1. Candidates and Ballot Measures:

A) No Candidate for public office or Ballot Measure shall be publicly endorsed by any member of the Executive Board prior to a Central Committee vote. Violation is grounds for removal from the board.

B) The Candidate or position on a Ballot Measure receiving the majority of the votes cast, by the Central Committee, will receive the Party endorsement and recommended financial backing of the entire Central Committee.

C) The Central Committee may vote to endorse any candidate or ballot measure prior to the primary.

Section 2. Endorsing Convention, Straw Polls, Polling:

A) In the event there is a Party Endorsing Convention, it will take precedence.

B) Straw polls, anonymous Party polling, individual and personal comments which are not public nor reported to the public, are not considered public endorsements.

ARTICLE XI

PARLIAMENTARY PROVISIONS

Section 1. Roberts Rules of Order:

Robert's Rules of Order (12th ed. dtd Sept. 2020) shall govern all proceedings, except when inconsistent with this Constitution and Bylaws.

Section 2. Suspension of the Rules:

A two-thirds (2/3) vote shall be required to temporarily suspend, for a specific purpose, any provisions of these Bylaws bearing upon the procedure of the Central Committee at any duly constituted meeting of said Central Committee.

Section 3. Discussion Parameters for Suspension:

All motions to suspend are subject to a five minute discussion, prior to the vote, with 2.5 minutes to the maker of the motion and 2.5 minutes to the opponents.

ARTICLE XII

AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Amendment:

This Constitution and Bylaws may be amended at any Regular or Special Central Committee Meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at which a quorum is present provided that the proposed amendment(s) be submitted in writing to each PCO, Captain and the Executive Board Members.

Section 2. Notice*:

Notify, Notice or Notification (throughout this document) shall mean: A text notice sent via e-mail at least five (5) calendar days prior to meetings providing date, time and place for the meeting. (Article III Section 2, A.)