BYLAWS
WASHINGTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY
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Article I Name and Purpose

Section 1. This organization is the **Washington** County Republican Party and will be referred to as the **WCRP** throughout this document.

Section 2. The purposes of the **WCRP** shall be to promote Republican ideals, values, and Republican elected officials across Tennessee while, at the same time, helping Republican nominees defeat Democrats in general elections. This includes fostering the growth and strength of the **WCRP** in both membership and funds.

Article II County Executive Committee

Section 1. The affairs of the **WCRP** shall be governed by the County Executive Committee ("CEC") in accordance with the Tennessee Republican Party ("TRP") Bylaws and Rules, the Republican National Committee ("RNC") Rules, and these Bylaws.

Section 2. The CEC shall consist of the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice Treasurer, immediate Past Chair, all State Executive Committee members representing the county, the President of one Tennessee Federated Republican Women club ("TFRW") in **Washington**, and the Chair of the **(WCRP)** County Young Republicans ("YRs"). In the absence of a TFRW club or YR group in the county, a representative of those constituencies may be appointed to the CEC by the TRP Chair.

A. The Vice Chair shall be of the opposite sex of the Chair and will automatically assume the duties of the Chair in his/her absence.

B. Should one person hold more than one position on the CEC, such person will have a total of only one vote on matters before the CEC.

C. In the event that the county has more than one TFRW club, the TFRW president to serve on the CEC will be determined in accordance with Article VIII, Section 3, of the TRP Bylaws and Rules.

Section 3. Neither the CEC as a body, nor the County Chair, shall endorse any Republican candidate in a contested primary election for local, state, or national elections. This Section shall not apply to a Chair in a primary election in which the Chair, his/her spouse, or his/her immediate family member is a candidate.

Section 4. Members of the CEC are expected to attend every meeting. Three successive absences of any locally elected CEC member from a regularly called meeting (those set at the beginning of the year as required by these Bylaws) without a valid reason are grounds for removal from the CEC. To avoid any doubt, this does not apply to SEC members.

Section 5. In the event that the CEC desires to remove a member for any reason whatsoever, the County Party Chairman shall consult with and receive written approval from the TRP Chairman prior to any such removal and shall ensure that any procedural requirements set forth in the TRP Bylaws and Rules and instructions of the TRP Chairman have been met.

Article III Election of Officers

Section 1. Election of officers to the CEC shall be made in accordance with TRP Bylaws and Rules. Officers are elected at county reorganizations held between January 15 and April 15 of each odd numbered year.

Section 2. In the event of the death, resignation, or moving out of the county by an officer, the CEC shall proceed to elect a new officer to fulfill the remainder of the term. The vacancy shall be filled at either a regularly called or special called meeting of the CEC within thirty (30) days after such vacancy occurs. If the office to fill is the Chairman or Treasurer, the Vice-Chairman or Vice Treasurer, respectively, shall automatically assume the duties of the office until the CEC elects a replacement. Should the CEC elect a current CEC officer to fill the vacancy, the subsequent vacancy(ies) must be filled at that meeting as well.

Section 3. No County Chairman shall serve more than two (2) full consecutive terms.

Article IV Meetings

Section 1. The CEC shall set its schedule at the beginning of each year prior to January 31st. The CEC shall meet at least quarterly in non-election years and shall meet monthly during election years.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called by the Chair or by one third (1/3) of the CEC provided that at least seven (7) days written notice of such meeting is given to the CEC.

Article V Officers' Duties

Section 1. The County Chair shall be the chief executive of the **WCRP** and of the CEC and shall be responsible for:

A. Managing the affairs of the CEC.

B. Coordinating the political activities of the **WCRP.**

C. Preserving order and decorum at all meetings.

D. Approving all special committee chairs.

In addition, the County Chair shall have the right to vote on any motion before the CEC but may reserve his/her vote to break any ties.

Section 2. The Vice Chair shall perform the duties of the County Chair in the absence of the County Chair. If both the County Chair and the Vice Chair are absent from a CEC meeting, the CEC shall elect a temporary Chair to preside at the meeting.

Section 3. The Secretary shall take the minutes of each meeting of the CEC. If the Secretary must be absent from such a meeting, the Secretary shall be responsible for obtaining a replacement**.**

The Secretary shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the County Chair. All records of the Secretary shall be and remain the property of the CEC.

In addition, the secretary shall be responsible for transmitting material relevant to the TRP and the **WCRP** via electronic communication in a timely manner. Such material shall include, but not be limited to:

A. Announcements regarding the **WCRP** biennial reorganization.

B. **WCRP** bylaw changes or quadrennial bylaws submissions.

C. Local candidate nomination decisions (as per Rule H of TRP Bylaws and Rules).

D. Vacancies and the election of county party officers.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall be responsible for maintaining a bank account for the **WCRP** and implementing an internal system of financial controls. He/She shall be responsible for counting and depositing money received by the **WCRP** and for reviewing and reconciling the bank statement. The Treasurer shall report at each regular or special meeting of the CEC on the balance of the bank account and all receipts and disbursements since the previous meeting. All records of the Treasurer shall be and remain the property of the CEC.

The Treasurer shall submit a treasurer's report to the TRP twice a year: a) on or before the first Monday of April, and b) on or before the first the second Monday of September.

Section 5. The Vice-Treasurer shall assist the Treasurer in performing his/her duties and immediately assume the role of interim Treasurer in the event the position becomes vacant.

Article VI Bona Fide Republicans/Party Membership

The TRP Bylaws and Rules set forth TRP membership requirements as well as requirements for candidacy to party leadership and public office. The **WCRP** defers to the TRP Bylaws for all issues concerning the rights of membership and its privileges, including without limitation, the right to qualify and run for party leadership and/or public office.

Article VII Amendment of Bylaws

These Bylaws may be amended by a majority of the full voting membership of the CEC at any meeting, provided that notice of the meeting at which the vote is to be taken includes a copy of any proposed amendments. Any changes or amendments to these Bylaws are subject to approval by the Bylaws Subcommittee of the TRP State Executive Committee ("SEC") and the Chair of the TRP.

Article VIII Conformity

These Bylaws are intended to be in conformity with the TRP Bylaws and Rules, the RNC Rules, governing federal and Tennessee statutes, rules, and regulations. From time to time, the TRP may adopt new or make amendments to the TRP Bylaws and Rules, in which case the CEC shall promptly take such actions as is necessary to bring these Bylaws into conformance therewith.

Article IX Robert's Rules

The most recent revised edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all proceedings on matters not specifically covered by these Bylaws or the TRP Bylaws and Rules.