

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

OF

SYLVANIA AREA DEMOCRATIC

CLUB

REVISED AND ACCEPTED

September 23, 2024

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ARTICLE I - NAME

The official name of this club shall be the "Sylvania Area Democratic Club."

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The purpose of this club shall be to promote and stimulate the residents of Sylvania Township, the City of Sylvania, and western Lucas County to take an active interest in governmental affairs, to foster and promote the ideals and principles of the Lucas County Democratic party, and to provide for all people, the highest degree of justice, social welfare, and happiness in the administration of the government.

ARTICLE III - POLITICAL ACTIVITY

SECTION 1. This organization shall actively support the endorsed nominees of the Democratic Party in national, state, and local elections and shall conduct aggressive campaigns in support of the nominees and platform of the Democratic Party. This organization shall endeavor to contribute to the continuous growth and influence thereof. This organization shall seek advice and cooperation of the Executive Committee of the Lucas County Democratic Party and shall be influenced and guided by the policies of the Lucas County Democratic Party.

SECTION 2. Any Democratic Candidate running for office may ask the Sylvania Area Democratic Club to recommend endorsing them as a Candidate to the Lucas County Democratic Party. To do so the Candidate must attend a club meeting and ask for a recommendation of endorsement. Club recommendation of endorsement requires candidate nomination by a member of the club in good standing and agreement by a simple majority of club members.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. Any resident, eighteen years or older, may become a member of the club, with voice and vote, the year in which he/she becomes a member. They must be a member in good standing to be eligible to vote or hold office.

SECTION 2. Application for membership to the club shall be in writing, signed by the applicant. The applicant shall attend one meeting where the application is read to the membership in attendance and the applicant is introduced.

SECTION 3. Membership dues shall be determined annually by the Officers and

members. Membership dues are to be paid in January of each year.

SECTION 4. An Associate Member shall be a person living outside the limits of the geographical area which the club serves. An Associate Member shall not have the right to vote on the Constitution or Bylaws. An Associate Member shall hold no office but are otherwise entitled to all other privileges of the club.

SECTION 5. Officers may expel members for any of the following reasons:

- A. Failure to pay dues after thirty (30) days notice
- B. Leaving or renouncing the Democratic Party or this club
- C. Any good cause that is voted on and approved by seventy five percent of the members present at a Regular Meeting or a meeting called for that purpose.

SECTION 6. Any member who is expelled shall have the right to appeal that decision to the Lucas County Democratic Party.

SECTION 7. All appeals can be submitted in writing to the Secretary, who shall deliver said appeal to the Executive Committee of the Lucas County Democratic Party for resolution.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

SECTION 1. There are four (4) Officers of this club; President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

SECTION 2. All Officers elected in November of even number years will serve for a period of two (2) years beginning on January 2 of the following year.

SECTION 3. The President shall preside at all the meetings of the club and shall appoint all chairs of the club's committees with the approval of the membership. The President shall be a de facto member of all committees.

SECTION 4. The Vice President shall preside at meetings in the absence of the President and shall assume any duties that are assigned by the President.

SECTION 5. The Secretary shall record and keep the minutes of all meetings, the roster of members, preserve all membership applications, and perform other duties that are assigned by the President. The Secretary shall send out all notices of meetings to all members by electronic mail, U.S. mail, or phone and conduct correspondence of the club as directed by the President.

SECTION 6. The Treasurer shall keep an itemized account of the expenditures and revenues, providing a report at the club meetings. The Treasurer shall prepare and sign all checks for the club expenses, retain paid invoices and bills of sale, prepare and file any necessary financial reports with the Lucas County Board of Elections, perform

usual and ordinary activities related to billing and collecting annual membership dues. All ordinary operating expenses shall be approved by the Executive Committee. All checks written shall require two signatures (Treasurer and a designated officer).

SECTION 7. No Officer, committee, or member of the club shall give an interview or statement for publication in the press or otherwise, that in any way would commit this club, as an association of Democrats to any political policy or Candidate. The Officers of the club shall draft all such proposed statements for publicity pertaining to Sylvania Area Democratic Club policy to develop a plan to increase the visibility and invitation of the club to area Democrats.

ARTICLE VI - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1. The election of Officers shall take place in the month of November of even numbered years.

SECTION 2. The Officers will select a Nominating Chairperson to provide the Officers a list of members in good standing who are eligible to run for office. A member not appearing on this list is not eligible to run for office that year. Nominations may be made from the floor at the November meeting, using said membership list. A member must be present to be nominated, unless they have previously expressed their willingness to serve to either the Officers or the Nominating Chairperson and are prevented from attending due to exigent circumstances.

ARTICLE VII - VACANCIES IN OFFICE

SECTION 1. In any case of an Officer vacancy, nominations to fill the vacancy may be made by the general membership prior to or at the next regularly scheduled meeting. If a quorum is present, a majority vote shall elect the replacement officer.

ARTICLE VIII - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SECTION 1. The Executive Committee consists of the elected Officers. They shall have general charge of the business and affairs of the club. They are empowered to discuss actions and questions of political policies and activities and can approve or reject matters under discussion. At no time shall Officers adopt a plan contrary or detrimental to the interests of the Lucas County Democratic Party.

ARTICLE IX - MEETINGS

SECTION 1. Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall control parliamentary discussions of the Club, Executive Committee, and Officers, unless provided herein.

SECTION 2. This organization shall hold at least six (6) meetings a calendar year. Membership will be notified 7 days prior to the meeting. Additional meetings will

be scheduled as necessary. In case of an emergency or conflict, a meeting may be cancelled by a majority of the officers.

SECTION 3. A quorum of the membership at any regular scheduled meeting or special meeting shall consist of seven (7) members in good standing.

SECTION 4. Two members of the Executive Committee or any five (5) members may file a written request to the Secretary for a Special Meeting. When notified, the President will authorize the Secretary to notify members of any the Special Meeting not later than seven (7) days before the meeting.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

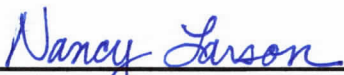
SECTION 1. Any member in good standing may propose an amendment to this Constitution and Bylaws. It must be submitted in writing to the Secretary. The President will authorize the Secretary to send the proposed amendment not later than seven (7) days prior to the meeting where the amendment will be read. Said amendment shall be read, seconded, discussed, prior to a vote. If a majority of the members present vote in favor, it shall be declared a "proposed amendment."

At the next Regular Meeting, it will be discussed and voted upon. If two-thirds (2/3) of the membership present approve the amendment, it will be adopted, amending this Constitution and Bylaws.

ARTICLE XI - CONGRATULATORIES/CONDOLENCES

SECTION 1. The officers may spend up to twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars for an appropriate response to births, deaths, and weddings without prior approval from membership.

WITNESSED AND APPROVED BY:



President-Nancy Larson



Treasurer-Loren Sengstock

Vice-President-Vacant



Secretary-Loren Sengstock

Date: September 23, 2024