

GUADALUPE COUNTY CONSERVATIVE REPUBLICANS

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Guadalupe County Conservative Republicans also know as GCCR.

ARTICLE II. OBJECTIVES

- A. To promote an informed public through political education and activity, to encourage and stress popular Sovereignty.
- B. To increase the effectiveness of members in the cause of good government through active political participation in city, county, state, and federal government.
- C. To facilitate and support cooperation among the members of the Republican Party and to support the Principles, Priorities and Platform of the Republican Party of Texas.
- D. To foster loyalty and work to elect conservative candidates in all elections, to include non-partisan elections.
- E. To work for the election of the Republican Party's nominees on the local, state, and national level.

ARTICLE III. POLICY

A. This organization and its President may publicly endorse any candidate for office in contested Republican Primaries, Runoff Elections, Special Elections, and non- partisan elections in which there are two or more Republican candidates with board approval. **Endorsement Exemption:** This article pertains only to contests between Republican candidates for public office. Officers of this organization who are candidates, or whose husband, or a member of their family are candidates, shall be exempt from this rule but may not endorse in the name of the organization.

B. Individual members of this organization may work for any candidate of their choice in contested Republican primaries but may not use the name of this organization or their titles within this organization to endorse candidates.

C. Statements issued and resolutions passed in the name of this organization must be approved by a simple majority of its members present and voting at a regular meeting of the organization.

D. When members wish to speak at a regular meeting where guest speakers have been arranged, they will be limited to 3 minutes upon approval from the presiding officer.

E. A political candidate may be invited to speak at a regular meeting after the last day of filing for election or re-election. After the last day of filing for their intended position, all candidates including the incumbent can be invited to speak at our regular meetings. This will give all candidates an opportunity to present their platform.

F. Guadalupe County Conservative Republicans will not endorse nor support a Republican candidate who has been declared ineligible or censured by the local or state party under RPT rule 44.

G. This organization may contribute any funds to a candidate for a primary or runoff election prior to the election with board and/or membership approval.

H. No candidate shall use the Guadalupe County Conservative Republican logo in any political advertising without the express written approval of the Board.

I. Neither the organization nor any individual member shall lobby using the name of Guadalupe County Conservatives without the express written permission of the Board.

J. This organization shall be a Political Action Committee (PAC) and registered as such with the Texas Ethics Commission (TEC).

K. This club may be dissolved by a two-thirds vote at any board meeting of the organization, provided notice of the dissolution has been given in writing at the earlier meeting and has been emailed to all members. In case of dissolution, the Board of Directors shall, after payment of all liabilities of

the organization, distribute any remaining assets to other Conservative Organizations by vote of the Board. No assets shall be distributed to any member or officer of the organization.

L. All officers and all committee chairs and vice chairs shall provide passwords for social media administrative rights, and properties of the organization to the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

A. Eligibility: An active member is a person who believes in Conservative philosophies and the goals of this organization. They shall pay annual dues. They shall be U.S. citizens. They shall be registered voters and affiliated with the Republican Party or sign an oath of affiliation.

B. To be eligible to vote for organization business and/or organization elections, a member must not be considered delinquent in payment of dues and must have attended at least one meeting a quarter, volunteered in one event biannually.

ARTICLE V. DUES

A. Family Membership: (Primary and Spouse) shall be seventy dollars (\$70)

B. Single Adult Membership: shall be forty dollars (\$40)

C. Membership dues for active members shall be paid annually each year and shall be delinquent if not paid by March 1st. Membership dues can be paid in the following classifications: Family (Primary and Spouse), or Single Adult. Members who join after October 31st of each year will pay prorated dues for the remaining months in the year. Dues shall be set annually by the Board.

D. Membership Drive: The organization will hold a membership drive each year in October. New Members can join any time.

E. The Fiscal Year: Of this organization shall be from January 1 through December 31.

ARTICLE VI. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A. Members: The Original Board of Directors shall consist of four (4) elected officers, seven (7) founding members.

B. Duties of the Board of Directors:

1. This Board shall have the authority to transact any necessary business between meetings, make recommendations as to policies of the organization, fill vacancies and approve activities undertaken in the name of the organization.

2. Any elected or appointed officer who is delinquent in the performance of his/her duties for a period of three (3) months may be relieved of his/her office by the Board of Directors.

3. It shall be necessary for two (2) signatures of any two (2) of the four (3) officers to co-sign checks of the organization in amounts over \$500.00

4. The Board of Directors shall select a depository bank for deposits of the funds of the PAC.

C. Quorum: A quorum for a meeting of the Board of Directors shall consist of at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the four (4) elected officers and at least fifty percent (50%) of the appointed Standing Committee Chairs.

D. Absences from Board Meetings: More than two (2) unexplained absences are cause for removal from the Board of Directors. All board members shall notify the President or the Secretary of an absence.

ARTICLE VII. OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

A. Must be an adult member in good standing, believe in the principles of the Republican Party of Texas and have attended a minimum of nine (9) meetings of the organization prior to election.

B. Must be a registered voter who has voted in the two (2) previous Republican Party Primary Election.

C. Officers: The elected officers shall be:

- a. President
- b. Vice-President
- c. Treasurer
- d. Secretary

D. Duties of Officers:

a. The President:

- 1. Shall preside at all meetings of the organization and the Board of Directors and Executive Committee.
- 2. May appoint, with the approval of the Board of Directors, all committee chairs except the Nominating Committee.
- 3. Shall have the authority to reassign specific duties as necessary to conduct tasks.
- 4. Shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee and only vote in committees to break a tie.
- 5. Shall prepare a program of action after consultation with the chairs of the standing committees.
- 6. Shall appoint a Parliamentarian who will be approved by the board.
- 7. Shall follow the check signing procedure as adopted by the board.
- 8. Shall represent the organization or designate someone as representative in their absence or inability to do so.
- 9. Shall appoint an annual internal Financial Review Committee of at least three (3) active members which includes the treasurer.

b. Vice-President: The Vice-President shall perform duties assigned by the President and perform the duties of the President in his/her absence, he/she shall also:

1. Plan interesting and informative Programs for the regular meetings.
2. Review/Discuss potential Guest Speakers at Board Meetings.
3. Contact Guest Speakers for scheduling upon approval.

c. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall receive and be custodian of all funds of the organization and shall pay bills as authorized by the President or vote of the Board of Directors.

1. He/she shall keep financial records and give financial reports at regular meetings and to the Texas Ethics Commission as required by statute and/or regulation.

d. Secretary: The Secretary shall keep a factual and unbiased record of the proceedings of all meetings and manage such correspondence as chosen by the President.

1. Shall have the final responsibility for and be the permanent custodian of all correspondence of this organization as chosen by the President.
2. Shall perform other duties as the President may choose.

E. Term of Office: The term of office is for 2 years for all officers and committee chairs. Each person elected to an office shall, however, serve until a successor has been elected, appointed, qualified, and installed NO TERM LIMITS.

F. Vacancies: All vacancies shall be filled by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII. COMMITTEES

A. Standing Committees: The standing committees and chairs will be appointed by the President and approved by the Board. The committee chairs shall be members in good standing and registered voters who have voted in at least one Republican Primary.

B. Other Appointments: The President shall appoint a Chaplain and a Sergeant-at-Arms.

ARTICLE IX. MEETINGS

Regular Meetings: The regular meeting of the organization shall meet the Third Thursday of each month at 7pm with rotating location chosen by the President from January through November unless otherwise ordered by the Board of Directors. There will be no regular meeting in December. A quorum for the meeting shall be at least fifteen percent (15%) of the voting members of the organization. If a quorum is not present, the meeting could be held, no official business can be conducted.

ARTICLE X. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

A. Nominations: At the September meeting the board shall select the three (3) members to serve on the Nominating Committee. The committee will elect its own chair. The committee shall submit one (1) nominee for each office. No one shall be nominated who does not give consent to serve. This committee will give its report at the regular meeting in October. Nominations can be made from the floor for each office when the election is held in November providing, they meet all the necessary requirements. The Board reserves the right to reject nominations.

B. Election of Officers: Ballots shall be used if there is more than one nomination for a certain office. If there is only one nominee, there shall be a voice vote. A plurality vote shall elect.

C. Installation of officers: The elected officers at the November meeting will be installed at once. Their term of office shall begin January 1 to December 31.

ARTICLE XI. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Modified Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern this organization in points not covered by these Bylaws.

ARTICLE XII. AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws can be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the board present and voting at any regular or special meeting, provided notice of the proposed amendment(s) has been given in writing one (1) week prior to the vote.

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