

AMENDED AND RESTATED RULES Of the Schuyler County Republican Committee

PREAMBLE

We, the members of the Republican Committee of the County of Schuyler, firmly believing in the ideals and traditions of the Republican Party of our state and nation, and further believing that the greatest good for the greatest number results when these principles emanate from foundations established at the town, village and county levels, do hereby adopt the following rules of governance:

ARTICLE I -PARTY ORGANIZATION

Section 1- BASIS OF ORGANIZATION: The basis of the organization of the Republican Committee of Schuyler County shall consist of the Republican electors of each election district who have duly enrolled as required by law in their respective election districts for the purpose of participating in the primary elections of the Republican Party.

Section 2 - ASSOCIATION NAME: The name of the association of Republican members from the various election districts within Schuyler County shall be "The Schuyler County Republican Committee" (herein referred to as the "County Committee").

ARTICLE II -COUNTY COMMITTEE

Section 1-AUTHORITY: The County Committee shall be the official governing body of the Schuyler County Republican Party.

Section 2 -UNIT OF REPRESENTATION: The unit of representation of the Republican Party in the County of Schuyler shall be the election district.

Section 3 -MEMBERSHIP: The County Committee shall be made up of two (2) members from each election district, plus one additional member representing each district for each one hundred and ten (110) Republican electors in the respective district who cast votes in the last preceding gubernatorial election, provided that no election district shall have more than four (4) representatives on the County Committee. Attached hereto as Schedule A is a schedule showing the number of representatives from each election district on the County Committee. Following each gubernatorial election, this schedule shall be revised as necessary by amendment to these Rules. It is intended that this Section 3 shall establish proportional representation of each election district based upon the party vote for governor in each district in accordance with Election Law 2-104.

Section 4 -QUALIFICATIONS: Each member of the County Committee shall be an enrolled member of the Republican Party, residing in Schuyler County and within the Assembly district in which the election district he/she represents is contained. If any person who is a member of the County Committee shall at any time fail to maintain such qualifications, said person's membership on the County Committee shall cease and terminate effective as of the date said person

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failed to maintain the qualifications, and his/her seat shall be vacant until filled as herein provided.

Section 5 -ELECTION OF MEMBERS: The County Committee shall be constituted by the election of members of the Republican Party representing each election district within Schuyler County, at the time of the primary election held in every odd numbered year. Members so elected shall hold office until the next election at which members of the County Committee are elected.

Section 6 -ATTENDANCE: County Committee members are expected to attend all regular meetings and meetings of any sub-committee of which they are a member. Three consecutive absences from any meeting, or four absences from County Committee meetings within a calendar year will be grounds for dismissal from the County Committee in accordance with the procedure set forth in Section 7.

Section 7 -REMOVAL OF A COMMITTEE MEMBER: A member of the County Committee may be removed from the County Committee for disloyalty to the party (as herein defined), corruption in office or violation of the attendance requirements set forth in Section 6 above, after notice and a hearing upon written charges by the County Committee or a sub-committee thereof appointed for the purpose of hearing, which sub-committee shall report its findings to the full County Committee. For purposes of these Rules, "disloyalty to the party" shall mean (i) in any election where a Republican has been duly nominated, running against the Republican candidate, publically supporting or endorsing an opposing candidate, or lending material financial or other support to an opposing candidate, and (ii) such other actions or inactions having a materially deleterious effect on the Party as a majority of the members of the County Committee shall determine on a case-by-case basis.

Section 8 -VACANCIES: In the case of any vacancy, it shall be filled by the remaining members of the County Committee by confirmation of an enrolled voter of the Republican Party qualified for election from the election district from which such vacancy shall have occurred. In the event of the removal, resignation, incompetency or death of the Chairperson, the First Vice-Chairperson shall call a meeting of the County Committee within sixty (60) days, and with a quorum present, the Committee shall elect a new Chairperson by majority vote to serve the balance of the term.

ARTICLE III -ORGANIZATION

Section 1-TIME OF ORGANIZATION: (a) Within twenty (20) days after the election of members of the Republican Committee, the Republican Committee shall meet and organize by electing a Chairperson, First Vice-Chairperson, Second Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and a Treasurer. (b) Within three (3) days after said organizational meeting the Secretary shall file with the New York State Board of Elections and with the Schuyler County Board of Elections, a certificate stating the names and addresses of such officers so elected. The officers so elected shall be enrolled members of the party, and residents of Schuyler County, but, need not be members of the County Committee.

Section 2 -COUNTY CHAIRPERSON: The County Chairperson shall be the chief executive officer and have general charge of the Republican Party organization of Schuyler County and shall perform such duties as shall be necessary to promote the best interests and welfare of the

party and the county, including, but, not limited to the following:

- (a) Preside at all meetings of the County Committee and the Executive Committee.
- (b) Establish ad-hoc subcommittees not provided for by these rules as he or she deems advisable and necessary to realize the goals of the Committee.
- (c) With the advice of the Executive Committee, appoint and, at the pleasure of the County Chairperson, remove all officials and members of committees not otherwise provided for in these rules of the Committee.
- (d) Appoint the Town and Village Committee Chairpersons where a vacancy exists for more than ninety (90) days as provided for in these rules.
- (e) The Chairperson shall be an ex-officio member of all subcommittees.

Section 3 – FIRST VICE-CHAIRPERSON: The First Vice-Chairperson shall:

- (a) Serve the Chairperson as requested and required.
- (b) Act in the stead of the Chairperson in his or her absence or disability.

Section 4 –SECOND VICE-CHAIRPERSON: The Second Vice-Chairperson shall

- (a) Serve the Chairperson as requested
- (b) Act in the stead of the First Vice-Chairperson in his or her absence or disability.

Section 5 -TREASURER: The Treasurer, in addition to such duties and responsibilities imposed by law, shall:

- (a) Have general custody of all funds, evidences of indebtedness and such other personal property of the County Committee as shall be required, and shall deposit the same in such bank or trust company as shall be designated by the County Committee for that purpose.
- (b) Receive and give receipts and quittances for monies contributed to the County Committee and shall payout of funds in hand for all bills, payroll, and other just debts of the County Committee.
- (c) Maintain accurate accounts of all monies received and paid out and shall perform all other duties incident to the office of Treasurer.
- (d) Exercise such other fiscal powers and perform other such duties as shall be prescribed by the Chairperson.
- (e) Be responsible for filing all financial documents in the time prescribed by law.
- (f) Be responsible, upon leaving office, for the orderly transfer of all documents to the Chairperson or the new treasurer and shall fully cooperate with any audit so ordered by the Executive Committee.

Section 6 -SECRETARY: The Secretary, in addition to the duties and responsibilities imposed by law shall:

- (a) Keep all records and minutes of all County Committee meetings.
- (b) Attend to the giving and the serving of all notices required by law and these rules, and shall perform all other duties incident to the office of Secretary.
- (c) Maintain a file of the minutes of meetings within the Republican Party, including all County Committee meetings and minutes of all other meetings as submitted to the Secretary by the recording secretary appointed at any meeting of any sub-committee.

ARTICLE IV - SUB-COMMITTEES

Section 1 -STANDING COMMITTEES: There shall be the following standing sub-committees of the Schuyler County Republican Committee. Except as otherwise provided in the

definition of the particular standing sub-committee, the membership of each sub-committee will be determined according to appointments made by the County Chairperson or as are elected by a majority vote of the members of the County Committee at a special or general meeting thereof.

(a) **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** The Executive Committee will consist of the Chairperson, the First Vice-Chairperson, the Second Vice-Chairperson, the Secretary, the Treasurer and two other members, each from a different town, of the County Committee elected by the County Committee, and shall be chaired by the Chairperson. The Executive Committee shall develop meeting schedules and agendas, provide advice and recommendation to the County Committee on policy matters, coordinate member removal and discipline issues, coordinate the petition process, develop strategies and techniques for promoting the principles, candidates and events of the party and render advice and perform such duties as are deemed necessary by the Chairperson. The Executive Committee shall have general jurisdiction over and control matters affecting the Republican Party in Schuyler County when the County Committee is not in session.

(b) **FUNDRAISING AND EVENTS:** The Fundraising and Events Committee shall consist of the Second Vice-Chairperson and five other members of the County Committee elected by the County Committee, and shall be chaired by the Second Vice-Chairperson. The Fundraising and Events Committee shall be responsible for planning and carrying out fundraising events each fall and spring and all other County Committee events, as required. The Fundraising and Events Committee shall be responsible for developing and implementing other strategies and techniques for fundraising.

(c) **FINANCE:** The Finance Committee shall consist of the Treasurer and two other members of the County Committee elected by the County Committee, and shall be chaired by the Treasurer. The Finance Committee shall be responsible for the review and oversight of all financial matters of the County Committee. This shall include all fundraising activities such as mail campaigns, special events, public appeals and others. The Finance Committee will be responsible for all research necessary to determine the feasibility and legality of all proposals referred to them by the County Committee or subcommittees thereof.

(d) **PARTY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT:** The Party Research and Development Committee shall consist of the First Vice-Chairperson and one member of the County Committee from each town in Schuyler County. The Party Research and Development Committee shall be responsible for the implementation of plans and strategies to promote party growth, including voter registration initiatives, the recruitment and vetting of County Committee members, recruiting and vetting potential candidates for county, town and village offices, acting as a liaison between the County Committee and local officials, researching and reporting to the County Committee with respect to issues affecting the community, and assisting with the petition process.

Section 2 -SPECIAL COMMITTEES: The Chairperson of the County Committee may appoint, from time to time, ad hoc or temporary committees to serve needs not addressed by standing committees. Members of such special committees need not be members of the County Committee.

Section 3 -TERMS OF OFFICE: Membership of each sub-committee shall be determined at the County Committee's annual organizational meeting.

ARTICLE V – TOWN AND VILLAGE COMMITTEES

Section 1 –Members of the County Republican Committee from the eight (8) towns and four (4) villages within the county shall constitute the Republican Committee in each jurisdiction. The Town and Village Committeepersons shall meet within fifteen (15) days after the election of members of the County Committee to elect a chairperson and such other officers as directed by the County Committee, who may or may not be members of the Committee, but who shall be duly enrolled members of the Republican Party residing in the town or village of their representation. Should a Town or Village committee have a vacancy in the office of chairperson for more than ninety (90) days, the County Chairperson may appoint such chairperson to act until the next general election of the town or village Committee officers as provided for in these rules.

ARTICLE VI –MEETINGS

Section 1-REGULAR MEETINGS: All regular meetings of the County Committee shall be held upon written notice mailed to the last known post office address or email address of all County Committee members at least five (5) days prior to the date for which the meeting is being called. The County Committee shall conduct regular meetings at least once each month.

Section 2 –SPECIAL MEETINGS: Special meetings may be called from time to time by the initiative of the County Chairperson or upon the written request of a majority of Committee members. Only the business for which the Special Meeting was called may be conducted. The same requirements for written notice as noted in section 1 above apply. Emergency meetings may be called by the County Chairperson upon twenty-four (24) hours notice by phone to the Member’s last-known phone number.

Section 3 –QUORUM: A quorum for the purpose of conducting official business of the County Committee shall be twelve members. A quorum of any sub-committee shall consist of those present of the whole membership of any such sub-committee and, unless otherwise provided by law, those present may conduct the business of the sub-committee. Members of the County Committee shall be permitted to attend and participate in meetings of the County Committee or any sub-committee thereof by teleconference with the prior approval of the Executive Committee.

Section 4 – TOWN OFFICE NOMINATIONS: All party nominations for town offices within the County of Schuyler shall be made at the primary election preceding the general election.

Section 5 – RULES: All meetings of the Schuyler County Republican Committee shall be conducted under the Robert’s Rules of Order as informally applied by the County Chairperson or sub-committee chairpersons.

Section 6 –PROXY VOTING: There is no provision for voting by proxy on issues before the Schuyler County Republican Committee.

ARTICLE VII –AMENDMENT OF RULES

Section 1 –PROCEDURE: No amendment to these Rules shall be valid unless a copy of the proposed amendment or new rules has been sent to all County Committee Members at their last-known

post office address or email address, with the notice of the meeting at which such amendment or rules are to be proposed, at least five (5) days prior to the meeting at which they will be considered. No amendment shall be adopted except upon the majority vote of the total membership of the County Committee, except in the event that an amendment shall have failed to be considered for two (2) consecutive meetings due to a lack of requisite attendance at said meetings, in which event said amendment may be voted on and adopted by a majority of a quorum present at any meeting thereafter conducted during the same calendar year in which the amendment was first introduced to the County Committee.

Section 2 –FILING: Within ten (10) days after the adoption of any rule or amendment thereto, a certified copy thereof shall be filed by the County Committee with the office of the New York State Board of Elections and in the office of the Schuyler County Board of Elections. If a section or portion of such rules relate to nomination of candidates for village office, such section or portion of such rules shall be filed in the office of the village clerk. No amendment or rule shall be effective until the filing in the New York State Board of Elections.

ARTICLE VIII – INTERPRETATION OF THESE RULES

Section 1 – Except as otherwise provided by law, the interpretation of these Rules shall be made by the County Chairperson with the advice of the Executive Committee. Their decision shall be binding on the Committee and any sub-committee thereof.

Section 2 – CONFLICT WITH THE LAW: In the event that any provision of these Rules shall not be in accordance with the laws of New York State, such provision will become invalid. All other provisions will remain binding.

Section 3 – RULES OF THE NY STATE REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE:
Any action to be taken by the Schuyler County Republican Committee which is not contained in these Rules shall be governed by the Rules of the New York State Republican Committee.

ARTICLE IX – EFFECTIVE DATE


These Rules will become effective immediately upon filing with the New York State Board of Elections.

SCHEDULE A

Town	District	Number of committee seats
Catharine	1	4
Cayuta	1	2
Dix	1	2
Dix	2	4
Dix	3	4
Hector	1	3
Hector	2	2
Hector	3	3
Hector	4	3
Hector	5	2
Hector	6	2
Montour	1	2
Montour	2	2
Montour	3	3
Orange	1	4
Reading	1	4
Reading	2	2
Tyrone	1	3
Tyrone	2	3

I, Mark Taylor, Secretary of the Schuyler County Republican Committee, do hereby certify that the RULES contained in this document are a true copy of the rules adopted by said Committee, in accordance with the provisions of applicable law, at a meeting called for that purpose in Watkins Glen, NY on September 23, 2015.


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