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To whom it may concern:

Enclosed please find the amended by-laws of the Ontario County Democratic Committee which were filed at the Ontario County Board of Elections on January 13, 2003.

The following officers were elected at the organization meeting in September 2002:

Donna M. Klemann, Chairperson
8837 Sandy Bottom Rd.
Honeoye, NY 14471

William J. Krueger, Vice-Chairperson
470 Washington St.
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Please file this information at the State Board of Elections according to NYS election law.

Thank you,
Mary Q. Salotti
Commissioner of Elections



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BY-LAWS OF ONTARIO COUNTY DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE

ARTICLE I

NAME

The Name of this organization shall be Ontario County Democratic Committee.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP

The membership shall consist of two (2) members from each election district of Ontario County, duly elected biennially pursuant to Article 2 of the Election Law.

ARTICLE III

OFFICERS

Sec. 1. The officers of the Committee shall consist of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

Sec. 2. The Chairman of the Committee, or in his/her absence or incapacity to act, the Vice-Chairman, shall preside at all meetings of the Committee and perform all the duties usually devolving upon a presiding officer, and shall generally supervise all political activities of the County Committee.

Sec. 3. The Secretary of the Committee shall seasonably notify each member of the Committee of all its meetings, issue all other authorized notices to members or persons, make and keep a true record of all meetings of the Committee, have custody of the By-laws and minutes, conduct the correspondence, execute all such writings as he may be officially instruct and authorized to do, and perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Chairman.

Sec. 4. The Treasurer shall be charged with the collection and custody of the funds of the Committee and their disbursement under the direction of the Chairman, and at the first meeting following the general elections, and at any other time when requested by the Chairman, or three members of the Committee, shall make a full written report of the financial transactions of the Committee.

Sec. 5. Officers of the County Committee must be members of the County Committee.

ARTICLE IV

COMMITTEES

Sec. 1. There shall be an Executive Committee, comprised of the following: The Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Democratic Commissioner of Elections, Chairs of the Standing Committees and one person from each town or city in the County of Ontario; Each member of the Executive Committee representing a town or city shall be elected within thirty (30) days after the re-organizational meeting of the County Committee by the members of the County Committee representing the districts of that town or city. The Executive Committee shall have the authority to conduct the business of the County Committee only if it shall be impossible to wait for a regular or duly called special meeting of the full County Committee. Each elected officer and the Commissioner of Elections shall have one vote; appointed chairs ½ vote and the vote of town/city representatives shall be in proportion to the party vote in his/her municipality, but in no case less than ½ vote.

Sec. 2. The following Standing Committees shall be appointed by the Chairman:
Affirmative Action, Law, Issues, Finance and Publicity.

Sec. 3. Special committees shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Committee from time to time to discharge such duties as may be assigned to them.

ARTICLE V

MEETINGS

Sec. 1. The County Committee shall, within twenty (20) days after its election, meet and organize by the election of a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

Sec. 2. Meetings of the Committee may be called by the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, or ten (10) members of the Committee, on not less than five (5) days notice by mail.

Sec. 3. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the duly elected or appointed members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum, and no business shall be transacted at any time unless a quorum be present at roll call. When a quorum is once present, it is not broken by the subsequent withdrawal of any County Committee Member.

Sec. 4. The order of business shall be as follows:

1. Roll call.
2. Reading of Minutes.
3. Resignations and vacancies.
4. Report of Treasurer.
5. Correspondence.
6. Report of Committees.
7. Old Business.
8. New Business.

Sec. 5. All proceedings shall be conducted under and pursuant to Roberts' *Rules of Order*, Revised, and as the same may be from time to time amended, except as herein otherwise provided.

ARTICLE VI

VOTING

Sec. 1. Except as otherwise provided in these By-laws, the voting power of each member shall be in proportion to the party vote in his/her district, pursuant to Section 12 of the Election Law.

Sec. 2. Voting with regard to items one (1) through six (6) of the Order of Business set out in Section 4 of Article V of these By-laws shall be non-proportional, unless a member shall call for a proportional vote, and such call shall be approved by a majority of the votes cast in proportional balloting.

Sec. 3. On any other matter of business, a call to suspend proportional voting may be brought by any member, subject to approval by a majority of the votes cast on a proportional basis.

Sec. 4. Any member of the Committee may bring a call for a written ballot on a matter to be determined by proportional voting, and such call shall require the approval of a majority of the voice votes cast in proportional balloting. Upon approval of the call, the Chairman shall appoint at least two (2) tellers to prepare, distribute and collect the ballots, tally the vote and certify the conformity of the number of votes cast with the proportional vote allotted to the members. After such tally and certification, the tellers shall destroy the ballots.

Sec. 5. A member of the County Committee may designate as his/her proxy a duly enrolled Democrat residing in the municipality represented, or another member of the County Committee representing that municipality. No person shall carry more than one proxy to any meeting.

Sec. 6. The form of the proxy shall be in writing and shall designate the name of the member, the election district represented, the name of the proxy designated, the date and time of the meeting, and shall be dated and signed by the member.

ARTICLE VII

TOWN AND CITY COMMITTEES

Sec. 1. There shall be such committees in the towns, cities, and other political subdivisions as the members of the County Committee from such towns, cities or political subdivisions shall organize pursuant to these By-laws.

Sec. 2. Such committees shall have the power to elect officers, to conduct political campaigns, and to carry on such other activities as are customary with such an organization.

Sec. 3. In the case of City Committees, they shall have the power to designate candidates for offices included within their own political boundaries.

Sec. 4. In the case of Town Committees, they shall have the power to issue a call for caucuses as provided by law.

Sec. 5. In the case of failure of such a Committee to meet and fulfill its obligations to the party, the County Chairman may call such Committee together, and demand that it fulfill such obligations, and in the event of their continued failure to act, the County Chairman can issue a call for a caucus or designate a temporary Committee to conduct the campaign or take such other action as may be necessary.

ARTICLE VIII

EXPENDITURES

No person shall be authorized to make any expenditures or incur any liability on behalf of the County Committee except as authorized by the County Committee or, when appropriate, the Executive Committee, or, for amounts less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100), by the Chairman.

ARTICLE IX

VACANCIES

Any vacancies arising subsequent to the election and reorganization of the County Committee and prior to the next scheduled election for such position shall be filled pursuant to Section 2-118 of the Election Law, and as follows:

(a) In the case of the death, declination, disqualification or resignation of a member of the County Committee, or the failure to elect a member, as by reason of a tie vote, the vacancy caused thereby shall be filled by the remaining members of the County Committee or the members of the Executive Committee by the selection of a duly enrolled voter of the Democratic Party, qualified for election from the district as to which such vacancy occurred.

(b) The member so appointed shall not be considered a voting member of the Committee unless or until he/she has obtained the signatures of 5% of the Democrats registered within the election district to be represented.

(c) Nominations shall be filed with the Secretary of the Committee, such filing shall specify whether the candidate for appointment has fulfilled the requirements of subsection (b) above, and no action shall be taken thereon until notice of the vacancy and of the filing of the nomination shall have been given members of the Committee in accordance with Article V, Section 2.

(d) The secretary of the Committee shall be responsible for validating and recording the completion of petitioning for appointed Committee members and shall provide appropriate notice to the Committee regarding the change of status of these members.

ARTICLE X

AMENDMENTS

These By-laws may be amended from time to time by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members of the Committee at a meeting at which there is a quorum provided a copy of the proposed amendment shall be sent with a notice of the meeting at which such amendment is to be proposed, such notice to be not less than five (5) days before such meeting, and to be mailed to the post office address of each member of the Committee pursuant to Article 2 of the Election Law.

ARTICLE XI

INTERPRETATION OF BY-LAWS

All provisions of the Election Law which shall relate to the organization of the County Committee are incorporated herein and shall take precedence over any By-laws in conflict therewith, and in the event that any part of these By-laws shall be held to be unconstitutional or illegal, all other sections shall remain in full force and effect.

Amended: 1/4/2003

Carol Prete, Secretary

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