

# CONSTITUTION

## REPUBLICAN PARTY OF MARINETTE COUNTY

### Article I - Name

The name of this organization shall be, "The Republican Party of Marinette County."

### Article II - Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to unify, under one central organization, the activities of the Republican Party of Marinette County, and to advance in every honorable way fundamental Republican principles and policies, and as a voluntary organization, cooperate and assist in all county, state, and national elections, to the end that our Republican form of government, as created under the Constitution of the United States and the State of Wisconsin, be preserved for all of the people.

As a constituent, self governing part of the Republican Party of Wisconsin, this organization shall direct, manage, supervise and control the business, property and funds of the Republican Party of Marinette County.

### Article III - Membership

Membership in this organization shall be open to all Marinette County residents of voting age who believe in the above objectives, purposes and principles of the Republican Party. Qualified and voting members of this organization shall be those Republicans who have paid their current dues to the Republican Party of Marinette County and who have been recorded by the Secretary or Treasurer at least ten (10) days prior to any meeting or caucus. Individuals who are not Marinette County residents or not of voting age may join as non-voting, sustaining members.

The membership year shall be from July 1 to June 30th.

### Article IV - Officers

#### Section 1: Officers

The Officers of this organization shall consist of a Chairperson, a 1st Vice-Chairperson, a 2nd Vice-Chairperson, a Secretary and a Treasurer. A woman shall hold at least one of the following offices: Chairperson, 1st Vice-Chairperson, 2nd Vice-Chairperson, Secretary or Treasurer.

#### Section 2: Terms of Office

The Officers named in Section 1 shall be elected in a duly constituted County Caucus held at least 30 days prior to the District Caucus in the odd-numbered years.

### Section 3: Duties of Officers

The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings or caucuses of the Party and of the Executive Committee, and shall have general supervision of the work of the organization. The 1st Vice-Chairperson, in the absence of the Chairperson, shall perform the duties of the Chairperson. The 2nd Vice-Chairperson shall perform all the duties of the Chairperson in the absence of both the Chairperson and the 1st Vice-Chairperson. The Secretary shall keep and read minutes of all meetings or caucuses and shall be the custodian of all records of the Party. The Treasurer shall receive and be custodian of all funds of the Party and shall pay all bills. The Treasurer shall keep an account of all monies received and disbursed and shall report in full as required by the Chairperson. The Chairperson and the Treasurer shall file all proper reports as required by law.

### Section 4: Compensation

All Officers shall serve without compensation except that they may be reimbursed for expenses upon approval of the Executive Committee. The Chairperson, with the approval of the Executive Committee, may appoint full or part-time employees who may be paid such compensation as determined by the Executive Committee.

## Article V - Executive Committee

### Section 1: Composition

The Executive Committee shall consist of:

- A. The Officers named in Article IV Section 1
- B. At least five (5) Members At Large elected at the same time and in the same manner as the Officers.
- C. The immediate past County Chairperson.
- D. The Chairperson of the County Young Republicans.
- E. The Representative of Republican office holders chosen by his/her peers.
- F. Executive Committee members must attend two-thirds of all called meetings and be an active participating member of the Party in order to remain on the Executive Committee. Should a member of the Executive Committee be absent for more than two-thirds of all called meetings, the Executive Committee may schedule a general membership meeting to discuss disciplinary action.

### Section 2: Terms of Office

- A. Officers, two years, see Article IV, Section 2.
- B. Members At Large, same term as Officers.
- C. Immediate past Chairperson, until present Chairperson becomes immediate past Chairperson.
- D. The Chairperson of the Young Republicans and the Representative of Republican

office holders shall serve as members of the Executive Committee while they hold these titles in their respective organizations.

### Section 3: Duties of the Executive Committee

The Duties of the Executive Committee shall be to:

- A. Transact any necessary business between meetings or caucuses.
- B. Make recommendations as to the policies of the Party.
- C. Fill vacancies in the Executive Committee that occur between elections.
- D. Oversee the delegate selection process to assure that a full slate of delegates and alternates may attend District Caucuses and State Conventions.
- E. Advise the Chairperson and to perform any other duties prescribed.

## Article VI - Committees

### Section 1: Officer Nominating Committees

A Nominating Committee of not less than three (3) members shall be appointed by the Chairperson and approved by the Executive Committee at least sixty (60) days prior to each election. This Committee shall report at least one nominee for each office and at least five (5) nominees for Members At Large to be included with the notice of the meeting at which the election is to be held. After such report, nominations from the floor shall be allowed. A nominee for any position shall be a current active member of the Republican Party of Marinette County at the time of nomination.

### Section 2: Delegate Nominating Committee

A Nominating Committee of not less than three (3) members shall be appointed by the Chairperson and approved by the Executive Committee for the purpose of nominating delegates and alternates to attend each District Caucus and State Convention. The list of nominee delegates and alternates shall be distributed prior to the call to order of the County Caucus. Nominations may also be made from the floor of the County Caucus.

### Section 3: Other Committees

The Chairperson, with the consent of the Executive Committee, may establish from time to time, special temporary committees as may be deemed necessary or desirable.

## Article VII - Meetings and Caucuses

### Section 1

County Meetings and/or Caucuses shall be held at the call of the Chairperson or Executive Committee upon at least eight (8) days notice by mail or email to all members of record or advertised in a local newspaper. County Meetings and/or Caucuses may also be called upon petition of 1) 30 members in good standing, or 2) ten percent of the members in

good standing, whichever is greater; such petition to state the exact purpose of the meeting and copies of such petition along with notification of meeting date, mailed to all members of record at least eight (8) days prior to the meeting.

## Section 2

A caucus shall be held thirty days prior to the District Caucus each year at which time delegates and alternates shall be elected to attend the District Caucus and the State Convention. In the odd numbered years, Officers and Members At Large will be elected to the Executive Committee. Where there is only one candidate for an office, election may be by voice vote. Where more than one candidate is nominated for an office, election will be held by written ballot. A majority of the votes cast shall elect.

## Section 3

Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held upon at least five days notice at the call of the Chairperson or upon petition of the Executive Committee. A regular meeting date may be established. No notice need be given for regular meetings or when held in conjunction with the regular monthly meeting of the Republican Party of Marinette County.

## Section 4

Regular and special meetings of the Executive Committee, any standing committee or special committee, may be held by electronic means (such as telephone conference, video conference, or internet communication system) subject to the following requirements: a) a majority of the members shall have access to the specified electronic media; b) a quorum for the meeting shall be established by roll call vote and, once established, shall be assumed present until the meeting is adjourned; c) the technology used for the electronic meetings shall allow the members full access to and full participation in all meeting transactions either continuously or intermittently throughout the specified time of the meeting; and, d) the affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum shall be the minimum vote requirement for the adoption of any motion, with a roll call being required upon request of any member participating in the meeting.

## Section 5

Voting by proxy shall be prohibited at any regular or special county meeting or caucus, or executive committee meeting.

## Section 6

When Congressional District fees are assessed to the County to cover the cost of District Caucuses, the Treasurer shall be empowered, with the approval of the Executive Committee, to pay such fees prior to the District Caucus.

## Article VIII - Quorum

### Section 1

A quorum for a meeting or caucus of this organization shall be a number equal to twenty five percent of the number of authorized delegates of Marinette County to the last preceding state convention and in no instance, less than 11 members.

### Section 2

A quorum for a meeting of the Executive Committee shall be at least five (5) members of the Executive Committee.

## Article IX - Parliamentary Authority

“Roberts’ Rules of Order, Newly Revised,” shall govern all proceedings except where inconsistent with the Constitution and By-Laws of this organization.

## Article X - Ambiguity

In the event of any conflict or ambiguity of this Constitution or By-Laws adopted hereunder, the Constitution of the Republican Party of Wisconsin shall prevail.

## Article XI - By-Laws

By-Laws may be adopted in compliance with this Constitution by a majority vote at a duly called county meeting or caucus.

## Article XII - Amendments

Amendments to this Constitution may be made by a (2/3) vote at any regular or special meeting or caucus of this organization where the call and notice states such purpose. All amendments must be approved by the Executive Committee of the Republican Party of Wisconsin.

***\*Approved by the State Constitution Committee with suggested and changed revisions approved by the members of the Republican Party of Marinette County on September 18, 2014.***