

**CLARK COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE
BYLAWS
As Adopted on January 8, 2015**

In accordance with the Revised Code of Washington (RCW), Chapter 29A.80, the Clark County Republican Central Committee as defined in RCW 29A.80, Sections .030-.041, did adopt the following rules and regulations on January 8, 2015 at Vancouver, Washington, for the purposes of governing itself.

Article I NAME

Section 1. The official name of this organization shall be the Clark County Republican Central Committee, hereinafter referred to as CCRCC.

Section 2. The primary trade name of this organization is the Republican Party of Clark County. This organization may also use the trade names of Clark County Republicans, and Clark County Republican Party.

Article II PURPOSE

Section 1. To provide opportunities and encouragement for all interested Republicans in Clark County to participate in Republican political activities and to participate in the formulation of the Republican Party and general public policy.

Section 2. To promote fair and open election processes in which all Republicans can participate.

Section 3. To provide fair and open caucus and convention processes in which all Republicans can participate.

Section 4. To promote the Core Principles of the Clark County Republican Party as adopted according to Article XVIII herein.

Article III CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The CCRCC shall consist only of the duly elected or appointed Republican Precinct Committee Officers of Clark County as defined in **RCW 29A.80.041** and **RCW 29A.80.051**.

Section 2. Duly elected Precinct Committee Officers shall be the only individuals entitled to vote at the CCRCC organizational meeting as described in **RCW 29A.80.030**.

Section 3. No PCO shall be appointed to a vacant precinct until completion of the organizational meeting (as described in Article X) for the current term.

Article IV ELECTED OFFICERS

Section 1. The CCRCC shall elect a County Chairman and a County Vice-Chairman who shall be of the opposite sex as prescribed in **RCW 29A.80.030**.

Section 2. The CCRCC shall elect a male State Committeeman and a female State Committeewoman for membership in the State Central Committee as prescribed in **RCW. 29A.80.020.**

Section 3. The CCRCC shall elect a Treasurer and Secretary.

Section 4. Legislative District Chairs or Directors

- a) One Legislative District Chair, described in **RCW 29A.80.061**, from each legislative district wholly contained in Clark County who is duly elected by the Precinct Committee Officers within in each such District
- b) For any legislative district not wholly contained in Clark County, either:
 - (1) the Legislative District Chair duly elected in accordance with Article 10.4 of the WSRP Bylaws IF said Legislative District Chair resides in the portion of the legislative district located within Clark County, or;
 - (2) One Legislative District Director, from each legislative district containing any part of but not wholly contained within Clark County, who is duly elected by the Precinct Committee Officers within in the portion of each such District that is contained within Clark County.
- c) If a Legislative District Director is elected according to Article IV Section 4. b) (2) above, and subsequently a Legislative District Chair is elected according to Article IV Section 4. b) (1) above, then the Legislative District Chair shall replace the Legislative District Director on the Board.

Article V ASSISTANTS, EXECUTIVES & DIRECTORS

Section 1. The County Chairman, upon the recommendation of the Secretary, shall appoint, subject to Board approval, an Assistant Secretary who shall act in place of the Secretary when the Secretary is temporarily unavailable or unable to perform the duties of Secretary. The Assistant Secretary appointed under this section may not vote as member of the Board.

Section 2. The County Chairman, upon the recommendation of the Treasurer, shall appoint, subject to Board approval, an Assistant Treasurer who shall act in place of the Treasurer when the Treasurer is temporarily unavailable or unable to perform the duties of Treasurer. The Assistant Treasurer appointed under this section may not vote as member of the Board.

Section 3. The County Chairman subject to Board approval, a majority of the Board subject to the approval of the Chairman, or two thirds of the Board may appoint other Executives as deemed necessary. Executives appointed under this section shall have specified duties, including but not limited to: finance, candidate development, communication, precinct development, legal, operations, and special events. Executives appointed under this section may not vote as members of the Board.

Section 4. Executives recommended by either the County Chairman or a majority of the Board, subject to CCRCC approval, may become Directors. Directors approved under this section may vote as members of the Board.

Section 5. Directors shall serve a full term of up to two years. Executives shall serve a full term of up to two years unless:

- a) The County Chairman resigns his position. At such time, the Executives' terms shall expire upon election of a new chairman.
- b) The County Chairman is removed from office. At such time, the Executives' terms shall expire upon removal of the County Chairman.

Article VI REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

Section 1. The County Chairman with approval of the Board, the Board with approval of the Chairman, or two thirds of the Board may remove any Assistant or Executive appointed under Article V Section 1 through Section 3. The County Chairman may suspend an Assistant or Executive pending Board approval of such removal at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

Section 2. With the exception of Legislative District Chairs, Elected Officers or Directors may be removed by a no confidence motion brought before the CCRCC by one of the following methods:

- a) By a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board based on reasonable cause provided that the Elected Officer or Director to be removed receives ten days notice of intent to remove;
- b) A petition calling a special meeting to remove the Elected Officer or Director has been signed by a majority of the qualified Precinct Committee Officers. Upon receipt of such petition, the Chairman, shall verify the petition and call a special meeting not earlier than ten days and not later than twenty-one days from receipt of the petition. In the event the Chairman is sought to be removed, the Vice-Chairman shall verify the petition and call such meeting. In the event the Chairman and Vice-Chairman are sought to be removed, Officers in the following order shall verify the petition and call such meeting: Secretary, Treasurer, State Committeeman, and State Committeewoman. In the event removal is sought of all of the Elected Officers, and the Elected Officers refuse to call a meeting of the CCRCC, a meeting to remove the Officer(s) may be called pursuant to Article XIII Section 7. No meeting shall be held pursuant to this subsection unless all duly qualified Precinct Committee Officers are given proper notice at least five days prior to the meeting. Immediately following removal, the CCRCC shall immediately proceed to elect replacement(s).

Section 3. If the Board finds by majority vote, that an Elected Officer or Director has:

- a) Been absent, without excuse, for three consecutive regularly scheduled meetings;
- b) Publicly supported a candidate for partisan public office who is opposed by a nominee of the Republican Party; and the elected Officer has been provided with ten day's notice of intent to remove.
- c) Nothing herein shall require the Board to adopt such a finding.

Section 4. Any Elected Officer or Director who becomes ineligible for Board membership shall be automatically removed from office.

Section 5. The Legislative District Chair may be removed only by the majority vote of the elected Precinct Committee Officers in the chair's district per **RCW 29A.80.061**.

Article VII VACANCIES IN OFFICE

Section 1. A vacancy in any of the Elected Offices shall be filled in the same manner as originally specified in Article IV of these By-Laws.

Section 2. A vacancy in the position of Chairman shall be filled by the Vice-Chairman, who shall call a special meeting of the CCRCC for the purpose of electing a new County Vice-Chairman.

Section 3. A vacancy in any of the Directors, Executives or Assistants can be filled in the same manner as originally specified in Article V of these By-Laws.

Section 4. All replacements to vacancies shall fill out the balance of the vacated term.

Article VIII BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. No person shall be eligible for Board membership unless he is a registered voter in Clark County, Washington.

Section 2. Members of the Board of Directors, also known as "the Board", shall be:

- a) Elected Officers pursuant to Article IV herein
- b) Assistants appointed pursuant to Article V Section 1 and Section 2 herein
- c) Executives appointed pursuant to Article V Section 3 herein
- d) Directors approved pursuant to Article V Section 4 herein
- e) Republican residents of Clark County holding partisan elected office shall be non-voting, ex officio members
- f) The duly elected President of each of the following clubs, if officially chartered, shall be ex officio Executives:
 - (1) Clark County Republican Women
 - (2) Clark County Young Republicans
 - (3) Clark County College Republicans
 - (4) Super Teenage Republicans

Section 3. The Board shall meet at a time and place set forth by Board motion or resolution. The Chairman, or five (5) voting members, may call a special board meeting upon 5-day telephonic or electronic notice to Board members. The Chairman with the consent of a majority of the Elected Officers may call an emergency meeting with as little as 24-hour telephonic or electronic notice to all board members. The Chairman shall provide a minimum of 24 hour telephonic notice to all board members who have not earlier confirmed receipt of notice of the emergency meeting. The failure of any board member to receive notice shall not constitute grounds to invalidate action of the Board unless such member's vote could have affected the outcome of the Board's decision.

Section 4. The Board shall set forth the policy of the Clark County Republican Party and have all powers not inconsistent with federal or state law, the By-Laws of the Washington State Republican Party, or these By-Laws. The Board shall take no action inconsistent with an adopted resolution or motion of the members of the CCRCC.

Section 5. A majority of the voting Members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

Article IX POWERS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The powers and duties of the County Chairman shall be:

- a) Preside at all meetings of the CCRCC, and the Board of Directors.
- b) Issue calls to meetings.
- c) Issue the Call for County Convention and Precinct Caucuses.
- d) Set the date for all Precinct Caucuses.
- e) To solicit funds.
- f) Advance the purpose of the CCRP as described in Article II herein.
- g) Supervise the affairs and activities of the CCRCC.
- h) Produce an annual report.
- i) Be an ex-officio member of all standing and special committees.
- j) Exercise all powers granted to him by any of these By-Laws.
- k) Shall have general executive and management authority incident or pertaining to the office of Chairman of county political organizations.
- l) The Chairman shall act consistently with Board and Central Committee direction as expressed by standing rule, resolution, or motion, and these By-Laws.
- m) Represent the CCRP at the Washington State Central Committee at all duly called meetings and appoint proxies in the event they are unable to attend a State meeting, according to State Central Committee By-Laws.

Section 2. The duties of the County Vice-Chairman shall be:

- a) Serve in the absence of the County Chairman, as County Chairman, until the elected County Chairman resumes his duties.
- b) In the event of a vacancy in the County Chairmanship, to call a special meeting of the CCRCC in accordance with Article VII Section 2 of these By-Laws, to fill the vacancy.
- c) Perform any duties and carry out any responsibilities assigned to him by the County Chairman.

Section 3. The duties of the State Committeeman and State Committeewoman shall be:

- a) Represent the CCRCC at the Washington State Central Committee at all duly called meetings. Perform such duties and exercise such powers as prescribed in **RCW 29A.80.020**.
- b) Report to the Board and the CCRCC the activities of the Washington State Republican Central Committee.

- c) Appoint proxies in the event they are unable to attend a State meeting, according to State Central Committee By-Laws.
- d) Serve as special representatives of the County Chairman when called upon.
- e) Perform all duties and carry out all responsibilities assigned by the CCRCC.

Section 4. The duties of the Treasurer shall be:

- a) Be custodian of all funds of the CCRCC.
- b) Keep accurate records of all receipts and disbursements of funds.
- c) Sign all checks drawn on the CCRCC bank account, with the joint signature of the County Chairman or County Vice-Chairman.
- d) Post a bond in the amount fixed by the County Chairman.
- e) Have books reviewed annually by an independent audit committee.
- f) Give an annual Treasurer's report to the CCRCC.
- g) Submit a monthly financial statement to the Board.
- h) Complete and file all campaign finance disclosure forms as required by law.
- i) Recommend appointment of an Assistant Treasurer.
- j) Perform any duties and carry out any responsibilities assigned to him by the County Chairman.

Section 5. The duties of the Secretary shall be:

- a) Keep the minutes of the CCRCC
- b) Keep the minutes of the Board of Directors
- c) Distribute the following to each member of the CCRCC within one month of its enactment, adoption, or occurrence:
 - (1) Adopted Bylaws or any changes to the Bylaws
 - (2) The current CCRP platform
 - (3) Resolutions of the Clark County Convention or the CCRCC
 - (4) Adopted Core Principles or any changes to the Core Principles
 - (5) The list of attendees of their precinct caucus
 - (6) The list of elected county convention delegates and alternates from their precinct
 - (7) The list of current Board members or any changes to Board membership
- d) Distribute the minutes of all CCRCC and Board meetings to all CCRCC and Board members within four business days of their approval
- e) Report to the CCRCC and the Board on all correspondence received by the Secretary
- f) Recommend appointment of an Assistant Secretary
- g) Perform any duties and carry out any responsibilities assigned to the Secretary by the County Chairman

Section 6. The duties of the Legislative District Chairs shall be:

- a) To coordinate the CCRP in their district.
- b) To communicate with and inform the Precinct Committee Officers in their district about party activities and issues.
- c) To forward Precinct Committee Officer comments and concerns to the Board and CCRCC.

- d) To appoint Precinct Committee Officers, subject to Board approval, for vacant precincts in their district.
- e) To serve as a liaison between Republican candidates (running for an office that represents their district) and the Board, CCRCC, and Precinct Committee Officers within their district.

Article X ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS

Section 1. The organizational meeting of the CCRCC shall be held in the manner prescribed in the **RCW 29A.80.030** and **29A.80.061**.

Section 2. The Chairman, with consent of the Board, shall determine the time and place of the organizational meeting.

Section 3. The Officers of the retiring Board shall cause notice of the time and place of the meeting to be mailed to each precinct committee officer at least ten days before the date of the meeting.

Section 4. The order of business at the organizational meeting aforementioned shall include, without limitation:

- a) Reading of call
- b) Adoption of Temporary Organization of the Meeting
- c) Roll Call
- d) Permanent Organization of the Meeting
- e) Adoption of Rules of the Meeting
- f) Adoption of By-Laws
- g) Nomination(s), and Election of County Chairman
- h) Nomination(s) and Election of County Vice-Chairman
- i) Nomination(s) and Election of State Committeeman
- j) Nomination(s) and Election of State Committeewoman
- k) Nomination(s) and Election of Treasurer
- l) Nomination(s) and Election of Secretary
- m) Re-adoption of formerly adopted Core Principles per Article XVIII Section 3
- n) Caucus by District to nominate and elect Legislative District Chairs and Directors
- o) New Business
- p) Good of the Order
- q) Adjournment

Section 5. Contested elections of officers shall be by secret ballot. No proxies shall be recognized at the organizational meeting.

Section 6. Contested elections where there are 3 or more candidates shall require the winning candidate to receive a majority of votes cast. If no candidate receives a majority, the candidate with the least number of votes shall be eliminated and another round of balloting shall take place. This process will continue until a candidate receives a majority of votes cast.

Article XI LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT COMMITTEES

Section 1. County Legislative District Committees are established for each legislative district containing any part of Clark County.

- a) For a legislative district located entirely within Clark County, the legislative district committee shall consist of three or more members, including the chairman elected under Article IV Section 4. a) and a treasurer, elected by the elected Precinct Committee Officers of that district. The same requirements for electing a Legislative District Chair under RCW 29A.80.061 shall apply to the election of all members of the committee.
- b) For a legislative district located in more than one county, part of which is located within Clark County, in accordance with WSRP Bylaws Article 10.4, the elected Precinct Committee Officers of that district shall elect two additional members who, along with the Legislative District Director elected under Article IV Section 4. b), shall serve on that district committee.

Section 2. The purpose of the Legislative District Committees is to develop, coordinate and finance Republican Party candidates and activities within the respective districts.

Section 3. 25 percent of the PCOs within a Legislative District shall constitute a quorum for duly called Legislative District meetings unless otherwise specified in the adopted bylaws of the Legislative District.

Article XII PRECINCT CAUCUSES AND COUNTY CONVENTIONS

Section 1. Precinct caucuses and county conventions shall be governed by the applicable laws of the State of Washington and the applicable rules of the Washington State Republican Party, except county caucuses shall be conducted by Legislative Districts by the respective Legislative District Chairs.

Section 2. The order of business shall include, without limitation:

- a) County Chairman will call the Convention to order.
- b) Appointment of temporary chairman, secretary, sergeant-of-arms, and parliamentarian
- c) First Report of the Credentials Committee—Temporary Report.
- d) Final Report of the Credentials Committee
- e) Report of the Committee on Rules and Order
- f) Election of permanent chairman, secretary, sergeant-of-arms, and parliamentarian
- g) Election of Delegates and Alternates to the State Convention by district caucus.
- h) Report of the Platform and Resolutions Committee.
- i) Proposals to the CCRCC for changes to the Core Principles
- j) Good of the Order.
- k) Adjournment.

Section 3. The Board shall determine numbers of delegates to be elected from each precinct caucus as delegates to the County Convention, in an equitable manner not inconsistent with the laws of the State of Washington or resolutions of the CCRCC.

Section 4. The Committee of Rules and Order shall propose rules to govern the convention.

Section 5. The Committee on Credentials shall act as a committee of recommendation on all credentials questions.

Section 6. The Committee on Platform and Resolutions shall act as a committee to recommend a County Platform and whether or not individual resolutions should be passed by the convention.

Article XIII CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Section 1. Notice of all Central Committee meetings shall be mailed to members of the CCRCC fourteen (14) days before the date of said meeting. Electronic mail shall be acceptable notice for members who have provided such addresses to the Board.

Section 2. Notice shall state the order of business and special programs.

Section 3. Only elected or appointed Precinct Committee Officers will be eligible to vote.

Section 4. Twenty-five (25) percent of qualified Precinct Committee Officers shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5. Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, shall govern all meetings of the CCRCC.

Section 6. The order of the meetings shall include, without limitation, the following:

- a) Call to Order
- b) Reading of the Call
- c) Roll Call
- d) Ascertaining of a Quorum
- e) Unfinished Business
- f) New Business
- g) Good of the Order
- h) Adjournment

Section 7. The County Chairman shall call within five (5) days by regular notice a meeting of the CCRCC, whenever 35 of the members of the CCRCC or five (5) voting members of the Board, by signed petition, demand such meetings be called. In the event that the County Chairman refuses or fails to act, then and in that event, the petitioners shall demand that the County Vice-Chairman call such a meeting. If the County Vice-Chairman should refuse or fail to call such a meeting, then the respective petitioners shall issue a regular call signed by the petitioner's designation time, place and purpose of such a meeting.

Section 8. Notwithstanding any other provision of these By-Laws, the County Chairman shall schedule quarterly meetings of the CCRCC at a time and place of his choosing. Furthermore, Legislative District Chairs shall schedule quarterly meetings at a time different from the scheduled Central Committee meetings.

Article XIV NEWS AND PRESS RELEASES

Section 1. No member of the Board or of the CCRCC is authorized to give a statement or press release to the news media on behalf of the CCRCC or its policies in support of or opposition to any candidate for any public office or any ballot measure before the voters without the express consent of the County Chairman, or majority of the Board present at a duly called board meeting, or a majority of the CCRCC at a duly called central committee meeting.

Article XV AMENDMENT

Section 1. These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at any regular or called meeting of the CCRCC. All proposed amendments by a member of the CCRCC or the Board shall be submitted to the County Chairman in writing not later than ten (10) days prior to the convening of any regular or called meeting of said CCRCC. Copies of the proposed amendments shall be distributed by the County Chairman to all committee members not later than seven (7) days before the meeting at which they are to be considered.

Article XVI CONTINUANCE OF BY-LAWS AND TERM OF OFFICE

Section 1. These By-Laws shall remain in force upon the election and qualification of a new Central Committee pursuant to Washington law or Washington State Republican Party Rule. Notwithstanding the foregoing and Article XV, these By-Laws may be replaced or changed in part at the organizational meeting by majority vote.

Article XVII ENDORSEMENT POLICY

Section 1. By a majority vote of the CCRCC, the CCRP can either “Endorse”, “Oppose,” or take a “No Position,” on Candidates for Non-Partisan offices, Bonds, Initiatives, Referendums, and any other item to appear on a ballot not otherwise defined by the rules of the State or County party. If a vote is taken but is insufficient to pass, then the official party position will be “No Position” by default.

Section 2. In a primary election the CCRP shall only take a “No Position” position on races contested by more than one Republican.

Section 3. In a primary election, provided only one Republican candidate is running for office, a candidate may be “Endorsed” by;

- a) The CCRP by majority vote at a duly called CCRCC meeting.
- b) A Legislative District Committee by majority vote of the PCOs within the same Legislative District at a duly called Legislative District meeting.

Section 4. In a general election, a candidate may be “Endorsed” by;

- a) The CCRP;
 - (1) by majority vote at a duly called meeting of the CCRCC provided only one Republican candidate is running for office, or;
 - (2) by a $\frac{3}{4}$ supermajority vote at a duly called meeting of the CCRCC.
- b) A Legislative District Committee;
 - (1) by a majority vote of the PCOs within the same Legislative District at a duly called Legislative District meeting providing only one Republican candidate is running for the office, or;
 - (2) by a $\frac{3}{4}$ supermajority vote at a duly called Legislative District meeting.

Section 5. Endorsements for Republican candidates given in the primary election shall be applicable to the general election.

Section 6. Endorsements for Republican candidates may be removed by a majority vote of the body that gave the endorsement at a duly called meeting of the body.

Article XVIII CORE PRINCIPLES

Section 1. Initial adoption of, or proposed changes to, the Core Principles of the Clark County Republican Party requires a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority vote of the CCRCC at a duly called central committee meeting.

- a) Notwithstanding Article XIII Section 4, in order to adopt matters under this section, a super-quorum of 51% of the qualified Precinct Committee Officers shall be required.

Section 2. Changes to the Core Principles may be proposed via one of the following methods:

- a) Majority vote of the CCRCC at a duly called central committee meeting, to be considered at the next duly called central committee meeting.
- b) $\frac{2}{3}$ majority vote of the County Convention, to be considered at the next duly called central committee meeting

Section 3. Existing Core Principles may be readopted at subsequent organizational meetings by a simple majority vote.