

BYLAWS OF THE



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BYLAWS OF THE REPUBLICANS OF SPOKANE COUNTY

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ARTICLE I: NAME

Section 1: The name of this organization shall be the Republicans of Spokane County, which shall be governed by the members of the same, hereinafter referred to as the RSC.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

Section 1: The purpose of this organization shall be:

- A. To promote an informed electorate through political participation, education and activities; and
- B. To increase effectiveness of government through active political participation in the political process, striving towards limited government; and
- C. To recruit and encourage candidates to serve at all levels; and
- D. To inform the public of the principles of the Republican Party; and
- E. To promote sound, honest and representative government at all levels; and
- F. To preserve and protect the dignity, rights, freedom and liberty of the individual citizen.

Section 2: In accordance with the stated Purpose, this organization shall:

- A. Endorse Republican candidates as agreed by the membership, after complete and appropriate discussion, debate and vote have taken place; and
- B. Endorse the National Republican Platform; and
- C. Remain dedicated to preserving the Constitution and Bill of Rights as our founding fathers intended.

Section 3: The general supervision, regulation and direction of the Republicans of Spokane County shall be vested in the Republican National Committee, subject in the following order of priority to:

- A. The Rules of the Republican National Committee;
- B. These Bylaws;
- C. The provisions of the Washington State Republican Committee not in conflict with the foregoing.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERS

Section 1: Members of Republicans of Spokane County shall read and adhere to the principles set forth in the Mission Statement of the Republicans of Spokane County and the Bylaws of the Republicans of Spokane County and shall be categorized as:

A. Voting Members:

- (1) Must have attended regularly scheduled meetings of the RSC for at least six months, with the exception of founding members; and
- (2) Must maintain a 50% attendance record during the most recent past six month period of time. Founding members are exempt from 50% attendance, but may not count in quorum unless present; and
- (3) Must be age 18 years of age or older; and

- (4) Must be a registered voter when voting membership is granted and thereafter maintained; and
- (5) Must obtain and adhere to the Mission Statement of the RSC and these bylaws; and
- (6) Must pay annual dues as determined by the organization.

B. Non-Voting Members

- (1) Have not met one or more of sub-section A (1) – (4) above; and
- (2) Must obtain and adhere to the Mission Statement of the RSC and these bylaws; and
- (3) Must pay annual dues as determined by the organization; and
- (4) May not make motions, vote, or be counted in quorum.

Section 2: Removal from Membership

A. Any member of the RSC may be removed, with thirty days written notice from the Membership Chair, from membership by the two thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Voting Members present at a regularly scheduled meeting, quorum being present, for the following reasons:

- (1) Non Payment of Dues as defined in the Standing Rules of the RSC
- (2) Failure to comply with the *BYLAWS OF REPUBLICANS OF SPOKANE COUNTY*

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers of the RSC shall be the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership Chair; and shall be elected by the Voting Members from the membership of the RSC. No person shall be elected to any office who is not a member of the RSC.

Section 2. Officers act as the Executive Board and shall perform the duties described in the parliamentary authority and these bylaws.

A. The Chair shall:

- (1) Be the Chief Executive Officer of the RSC; and
- (2) Preside at meetings of the RSC and its executive committee; and
- (3) Execute the Bylaws and policies established by the membership of the RSC; and
- (4) Serve on each Standing Committee of the RSC.

B. The Vice Chair shall:

- (1) Serve as Chair in the absence of the Chair; and
- (2) Assist the Chair in the duties of the office; and
- (3) Act as Chair of the Rules and Bylaws Committee; and
- (4) Act as Chair with all the duties of the Chair upon vacancy of the position until the next meeting of the RSC; at which time the membership shall decide the course of action.

C. The Secretary shall:

- (1) Keep minutes of all meetings of the RSC and of the Executive Committee; and

- (2) Present minutes at each meeting of the RSC; with copies provided to officers in advance of each meeting; and
- (3) Receive, record and disperse all notices, correspondence and any other pertinent information to the members and officers.

D. The Treasurer shall:

- (1) Be the custodian of all funds belonging to the RSC; and receive and disperse all funds of the RSC; and
- (2) Keep an accurate and strict accounting of the receipt and dispersal of funds and balances which shall be presented at each meeting of the RSC; and
- (3) Provide for two signatures of the executive committee on each check dispersed; and
- (4) Provide official receipt of donation and gifts to the RSC; and
- (5) Be responsible for the filing with appropriate authorities all statements and/or reports required by Federal or State laws; and
- (6) Notify the Membership Chair and all members who are delinquent in dues with thirty day notice of delinquency; and
- (7) At the conclusion of his or her service in this office, turn over to his or her successor all moneys and records of the RSC, and aid with any audit as may be required.

E. The Membership Chair shall:

- (1) Maintain the list of current members, with their current Name, Address, E-mail and whether a Voting or Non-Voting Member.
- (2) Provide a membership card to all Voting Members.
- (3) Record the attendance record of all guests and Members; and
- (4) Report those members eligible to vote based upon attendance and paid dues.

F. Sergeant at Arms should be appointed by the Chair, with the Chair also appointing other Voting Members as assistants when necessary. Term of this office will be specified by the Chair.

Section 3: Term of Office

- A. The normal term of office shall be one year, starting April 1 and ending March 31 of the following year.
- B. Officers shall serve from April 1 of the year they are elected, or from the date of their election in the case of special election or appointment to a vacant office and shall end service on March 31 of the following year or until their successor is elected and assumes office.
- C. No officer shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same office.

Section 4: Method of Selection

- A. Nominees shall be recommended by a Nominating Committee chosen by the Executive Committee at the January meeting of the members. This Committee shall recruit and present nominees for officers at the regularly scheduled February meeting of members.
- B. Nominees from the floor may be presented at the February meeting by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote and acceptance by the nominee. That nominee must be present, a Voting Member meeting all membership requirements and must be vetted by the nominating committee prior to election of officers.

ARTICLE V: MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular Meetings shall be:

- A. Held monthly with a goal of holding each meeting on the third Monday of each month. Each regular meeting should be no longer than 2 hours in length unless a vote taken at that point to extend the meeting is met by a two thirds (2/3) majority vote of those Voting Members present; and
- B. Held at the location to be announced at the end of each regular meeting and posted to each registered member either by e-mail, mail or phone notification. It is each member's responsibility to assure that a current e-mail address or notification preference is provided to the Secretary.

Section 2. Special Meetings shall be:

- A. Upon the call of the Chair; or
- B. Upon request of a majority of the Executive Committee Members; a meeting call shall be issued within ten days of the request; or
- C. Upon request of one third (1/3) of the RSC members; a meeting call shall be issued within ten days of the request.
- D. Restricted to urgent business of the group, with notice to all members including the date, time, place and purpose of the meeting. Business and/or agenda not specifically declared in the call may not be discussed or acted upon.

Section 3. Annual Meetings

- A. Shall be held in March of each year; and
- B. May replace the regularly scheduled meeting; and
- C. Shall include the election of officers for the coming year.

Section 4. Call of the Annual Meetings shall be sent by conventional mail, direct phone contact or via e-mail notice if authorized by the member in writing. Call of the meetings shall be overseen by the Secretary of the RSC.

The call of the meeting shall include the date, time and place of the meeting and an agenda of the items of business to be held.

Section 5. The Executive Committee of the RSC may conduct an Executive Session at any time at the discretion of the Chair; but a majority of the voting members at any meeting, a quorum being present at the time of the motion, may direct that the meeting go into an Executive Session or that a closed meeting go into Open Session.

Section 6. Quorum of any meeting of the RSC shall be the physical presence of at least a majority of the voting members thereof, and may not be by proxy. A quorum, once established shall be recognized until it is brought into question.

Section 7. No business shall be conducted at any meeting where a quorum is not present, except public announcements, and discussions held in a Committee of the Whole.

ARTICLE VI: EXECUTIVE BOARD

- A. Members of the Executive Board shall be the Chair, the Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Chair; and shall include the chairs of all Standing Committees.
- B. Non Voting Members of the Executive Board shall be the Sergeant at Arms and the heads of Standing Committees.

ARTICLE VII: COMMITTEES

Section 1. The Standing Committees of the RSC shall be:

A. The Executive Committee which shall:

- (1) Consist of the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Chair; and
- (2) Hear and resolve controversies which may arise within the membership of the RSC; and
- (3) Appoint the Nominating Committee at the beginning of the calendar year as provided for in these Bylaws.

B. The Rules and Bylaws Committee which shall:

- (1) Be chaired by the Vice Chair of the RSC
- (2) Commit to the strict adherence to the Bylaws of the RSC; and
- (3) Serve as Parliamentarian for the meetings of the RSC.

C. The Membership Committee which shall:

- (1) Be chaired by the Membership Chair of the RSC;
- (2) Commit to the oversight and records concerning membership and attendance; and
- (3) Prepare and monitor the membership list to include current status of voting members; and
- (4) Prepare and maintain a directory of members to include current address and contact information.

D. The Marketing Committee which shall:

- (1) Be chaired by a member of the RSC and shall be elected by the voting members of the RSC; and
- (2) Be responsible for marketing to include but not be limited to meeting announcements, special events, social networking and the web site for the RSC; and
- (3) Create and maintain an e-mail broadcast list for the RSC; and
- (4) Shall consist of a minimum of three RSC members; and
- (5) Shall maintain a majority of RSC voting members on Committee.

E. The Education Committee which shall:

- (1) Be chaired by a member of the RSC and shall be elected by the voting members of the RSC; and
- (2) Be responsible for programs and education promoting the purpose of this organization as stated in Article II of the RSC Bylaws; and
- (3) Shall consist of a minimum of three RSC members; and
- (4) Shall maintain a majority of RSC voting members on Committee.

F. The Programs Committee which shall:

- (1) Be chaired by a member of the RSC and shall be elected by the voting members of the RSC; and
- (2) Be responsible for programs promoting the purpose of this organization as stated in Article II of the RSC Bylaws; and

- (3) Shall consist of a minimum of three RSC members; and
- (4) Shall maintain a majority of RSC voting members on Committee.

ARTICLE VIII: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Section 1. Where not superseded by the Rules of the Republican National Committee the current *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*, which has been in publication for at least two years, shall govern all proceedings of the RSC.

ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

Section 1. These Bylaws, known as "BYLAWS OF THE REPUBLICANS OF SPOKANE COUNTY" may only be amended by:

- A. A two thirds (2/3) majority vote of Voting Members physically present at the time of vote, a quorum being present; and
- B. Proper notice to the membership being included in the call of the meeting and mailed or e-mailed at least thirty days prior to the meeting to all Voting Members; and
- C. Providing the proposer's name with proposed amendment, precisely worded, along with the bylaw to be amended, precisely worded, and the bylaw as it will read if the amendment is adopted.

HISTORY OF AMENDMENTS

Bylaws presented and adopted, May 18, 2009
Bylaws amended, June 20, 2011

Standing Rules

SR 1. Meeting Time and Location. Unless otherwise ordered by the RSC, the regularly scheduled meetings shall begin at 6:30 p.m. and shall end at 8:30 p.m. The place of the next meeting will be announced at the conclusion of each regularly scheduled meeting per Article V, Section 1, B of the Bylaws of the RSC.

SR 2. Clarification of Membership. To become a member of the Republicans of Spokane County, a prospective member must become acquainted with the RSC by allowing for a time period of 6 months to elapse, during which time, the prospective member must attend a minimum of three (3) regularly scheduled meetings per Article III, Section 1 of the Bylaws of the RSC. The prospective member may participate in discussion and debate if recognized by the chair, but may not bring business before the group by way of motion and may not vote or count in quorum.

SR 3. Dues. Unless otherwise ordered by the RSC, the dues for membership shall be Twenty Five Dollars (\$25.00) per person per year.

SR 4. Payment of Dues. Dues are payable on the first of April of every year for every member regardless of when the member joined or last paid dues.

Founding Members

Ball, Robin
Brazil, Catherine
Brown, Sandy
Brown, Duncan
Calkins, Dwight
Christian, Leonard
Clausen, Kent
Condon, David
Dahlvang, Rose
DeFleming, Mike
DeWitt, Frankie
Eggleston, Craig
Elde, Jacque
Erskine, Bob
Erskine, Maxine
Ehrhardt, Sharon
Gothmann, Bill
Gothmann, Myrna
Good, John
Good, Sharon
Gramlow, Jacque
Griswold, Helena
Herion, George
Herion, Leslie
Johnson, Julie
Johnson, Paul
Karling, Charlotte
Kelly, Cecily
Kelly, Ed
Knowles, Dennis
Larson, Glen
Larson, Marlene
LeLand, Dick
Lindauer, Mel
McDevitt, Gretchen
Markey, Darlene
Meckel, Dan
Milford, Billie
Moran, Debbie
Quinn, Jerry
Quinn-Clausen, Bonnie
Snyder, Carol
Snyder, Skip
Snyder, Keith
Sours, John
Tatro, Bobbi
Town, Shannon
Ward, Ray
Wilhite, Diana