

**The  
Constitution  
Of  
The Republican Party of St Croix County Wisconsin**

**ARTICLE I ~ NAME**

The name of this organization shall be "THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF ST CROIX COUNTY".

**ARTICLE II ~ PURPOSE**

The purpose of this organization shall be:

- (a) To correlate and unify under one central organization the activities of the Republican Party of St Croix County.
- (b) To advance in every honorable way fundamental Republican principles and policies.
- (c) To cooperate and assist in all county, state and national elections as a voluntary grassroots organization.
- (d) To preserve for all people our republican form of government as created under the Constitution of the United States and State of Wisconsin.
- (e) To direct, manage, supervise and control the business, property and funds of the Republican Party of St Croix County.

**ARTICLE III ~ MEMBERSHIP**

Membership in this organization is open to all St. Croix County citizens of voting age who believe in the above objectives, purposes and principles of the Republican Party.

- (a) Qualified and voting members of this organization are Republicans in good standing who have been recorded by the Treasurer of this organization as having paid current dues at least (15) days prior to any caucus or meeting; however, if someone is a member in the last calendar year they shall have the right to renew their membership at the time of caucus and be considered "In Good Standing".
- (b) No one may become a member in good standing if they hold a membership in another political party committee registered with the Federal Elections Commission and/or the State of Wisconsin Government Accountability Board or the State elections governing body.
- (c) The Executive Committee may determine categories of membership.
- (d) The term of membership is a calendar year.

## ARTICLE IV ~ OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section One: Elected Officers: The elected officers of this organization will be a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. Other officers may be provided for in the By-laws.

Section Two: Executive Committee: The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected officers and at least five (5) but not more than nine (9) members elected from the membership at large. The membership of the Executive committee should try to represent all geographic areas of the county.

Section Three: Compensation: All officers shall serve without compensation. Full or part-time employees may be paid such compensation as the Chairman and Executive committee determine.

Section Four: Duties of Officers:

A. CHAIRMAN: The Chairman shall:

1. Preside at all caucuses and meetings of the party and the Executive Committee.
2. Have general supervision of the work of the party.
3. Appoint, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, a Nominating Committee, Delegate Nominating Committee and other such ad hoc committees as the Chairman deems necessary.
4. May hire, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, full or part-time employees.

B. FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN:

The First Vice-Chairman shall, in the absence of the Chairman, perform the duties of the Chairman.

C. SECRETARY: The Secretary shall:

1. Keep and read minutes of caucuses and meetings.
2. Maintain a current roster of the Executive Committee.
3. Be the custodian of all records of the party.

D. TREASURER: The Treasurer shall:

1. Receive and be custodian of all funds of the party.
2. Pay all bills.
3. Maintain a list of all current paid members and furnish a copy of this list to the Membership Committee.
4. Keep an account of all monies received and disbursed.
5. Report in full as required by the Chairman.
6. With the Chairman, file all proper reports as required by law.

Section Five: Duties of the Executive Committee: The Executive committee shall:

- (a) Have authority to transact business between caucuses or meetings.
- (b) Make recommendations as to the policies of the Party.
- (c) Advise the Chairman.
- (d) Approve vacancies that occur between elections pursuant to Article IV, Section Seven.
- (e) Oversee the delegate selection process to assure that a full slate of delegates and alternates may attend District Caucuses and State Conventions.
- (f) Formulate policies governing its actions in those matters not provided for in this Constitution.
- (g) Conduct such other duties as may be prescribed.

Section Six: Term of Office: The term of office for the elected officers and the Executive Committee shall be two years, commencing in the odd-numbered years. The term shall begin following the adjournment of the County Caucus at which they were elected, and shall continue until their successors are elected.

Section Seven: Vacancies: In the event of a vacancy in an office or the Executive Committee, the Chairman shall, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, appoint a successor to serve the balance of the term of the vacant office.

Section Eight: Election of Officers: All officers and elected members of the Executive Committee shall be elected in a duly constituted County Caucus or meeting prior to April 1<sup>st</sup> in the odd numbered years.

#### **ARTICLE V ~ COMMITTEES**

Section One: A Nominating Committee of three (3) or five (5) members shall be elected by the Executive Committee at least sixty (60) days prior to the date of each election at the county caucus. This Committee shall report at least one nominee for each position. The report shall be published with the notice of the meeting at which the election is to be held. After such report is presented at the caucus, nominations from the floor shall be allowed. All nominees shall be current members at the time of nomination and election. The Nominating Committee should try to nominate candidates who represent all geographic areas of the county.

Section Two: Delegate Nominating Committee of not less than three (3) members shall be appointed by the Chairman and approved by the Executive Committee for the purpose of nominating eligible delegates and alternates to attend each District Caucus and State Convention. The list of nominee delegates and alternates shall be published and distributed prior to the Call to Order of the County Caucus. Nominations may also be made from the floor of the County Caucus. Nominees must be eligible to be delegates or alternates.

Section Three: In addition to the foregoing committees, the Chairman, with the consent of the Executive Committee, may establish from time to time, such other special or temporary committees as may be deemed necessary or desirable such as a Finance, Campaign or Communications Committee.

## ARTICE VI ~ CAUCUSES AND MEETINGS

Section One: At the call of the Chairman or at the direction of the Executive Committee or upon petition of twenty-five (25) members in good standing, caucuses and meetings shall be held upon proper notice pursuant to Article VI, Section Two. Such petition shall state the exact purpose of the caucus or meeting.

Section Two: Caucuses.

- A. A regular County Caucus shall be held prior to April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year at which time delegates and alternates shall be elected to attend the District Caucus and State Convention. In odd-numbered years, election of officers and the Executive Committee shall be held.
- B. A County Caucus shall be one called and advertised in at least two editions of a local paper in the County with final publication prior to said caucus. The Chairman may notify members via internet communication systems. The Chairman shall mail a notice to all members upon the request of three (3) members of the Executive committee or upon written petition of any ten (10) members of the County organization. If a mailed notice is requested it must be requested no less than twenty (20) days prior to the caucus and sent no less than ten (10) days prior to the caucus.
- C. Where there is only one candidate for an office, election may be held by voice vote. Only members as defined in Article III are allowed to vote.
- D. Where more than one candidate is nominated for an office, election will be by written ballot. Only members as defined in Article III are allowed to vote. A majority of the votes cast shall elect.

Section Three: Executive Committee Meetings.

- A. The Executive Committee shall hold meetings at such times that are determined by the Executive Committee.
- B. Special meetings of the Executive Committee may be called by the Chairman or by written request of five (5) members of the Executive Committee and upon notice to all members of the Executive Committee.
- C. 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:
  1. A majority of the members shall have access to the specified electronic media.
  2. A quorum for the meeting shall be established by roll call vote and, once established, shall be assumed present until the meeting is adjourned.
  3. 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.

