

IOWA COUNTY  
REPUBLICAN  
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BYLAWS

**THE IOWA COUNTY REPUBLICAN  
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PREAMBLE**

We firmly believe in the basic principles of our Republican Party. We believe in maximum individual freedom consistent with the rights of others, and support government intervention only when necessary. That the most effective government is government closest to the people. We are firmly committed to meeting human needs in a fiscally responsible manner. We believe in freedom and equal opportunity for all.

**ARTICLE I  
NAME**

The name of organization shall be “The Iowa County Republican Central Committee.”  
(Hereinafter referred to as Central Committee)

**Article II  
Purpose**

The purpose of this organization shall be to correlate and combine under one central organization the activities of the Republican Party of Iowa County and to strengthen in every way fundamental Republican principles, to cooperate and assist in the conduct of local, state, and national political campaigns, and to discharge such duties as are required of it by law.

**ARTICLE III  
Membership**

The membership of the Central Committee shall consist of registered Republicans who are residents of Iowa County and be composed of two duly elected persons from each precinct in Iowa County, and its duly elected officers chosen from its membership or otherwise, and such at-large precinct persons as recommended by the County Chairperson and approved by the Central Committee.

3.1 Additional members of the Central Committee may be added upon recommendation of the Chairperson with the approval by a majority of voting members at a properly convened Central Committee Meeting.

3.2 Opportunity shall be given to each precinct in the County to be represented in Central Committee. The number of members allowed from each precinct shall be in proportion to the number of Republican votes cast in the most recent general election for President, or for Governor if the case so be, and shall be calculated from the number of members in the precinct with the most members on the Central Committee.

**ARTICLE IV**  
**Term of Office**

The term of office of each member of the Central Committee shall begin immediately following their election at the precinct caucus and shall continue for two years or until his or her successor is elected and qualified, unless sooner removed by the Central Committee for inattention to duties, incompetence, or failure to support the ticket nominated by the Party, or in the event of vacancies occasioned by resignation, death, inability or refusal to serve of any committee person. Iowa Code, Section 43.99.

4.1 Absence from three consecutive regularly called meetings without notification to the chairperson shall be considered inattention to duty.

4.2 The Central Committee shall organize by March 1 of the year immediately following a general election year

**ARTICLE V**  
**Election Procedure**

5.1 Members of the Central Committee are elected at the precinct caucuses or properly appointed by the County Chairperson and confirmed by the Central Committee.

5.2 Election of officers shall be held by March 1, in the year following a General Election (odd numbered years) and their term shall be for 2 years. Officers may be elected from outside the existing Central Committee but must be registered Republicans and reside in Iowa County. In the absence of an acting Chairperson, a Temporary Chairperson and Temporary Secretary shall be elected by the Central Committee members to conduct the election of Central Committee officers.

5.3 The Central Committee shall elect the following officers: Chairperson, Co—Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer, and may elect any other officers deemed necessary by the Central Committee.

**ARTICLE VI**  
**Vacancies**

Vacancies in the Central Committee shall be filled by appointment of the Chairperson and confirmed by a majority vote of the Central Committee present.

**ARTICLE VII**  
**Precinct Organization**

The elected precinct persons may appoint and organize additional party workers within their precincts for the purpose of assisting all Republican candidates. (Sign location, voter registration, fund raising, coffees and etc.)

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **Officers**

The officers of the Central Committee shall be the Chairperson, Co—Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer and any other officers deemed necessary by the Central Committee .

8.1 The Chairperson shall be the chief executive officer of the Central Committee and Chairperson of the Executive Committee. He/she is responsible for the conduct of the Central Committee's activities in a manner that will assure the accomplishment of the Central Committee's objectives, subject to the provisions of the bylaws and the concurrence of the Central Committee in matters of policy. He/she shall appoint such standing and ad hoc committees as are necessary to achieve the objectives of the Central Committee. He/she shall preside at all meetings of the Central Committee and the Executive Committee. The Chairperson, or his/her designated alternate, shall conduct a training session for all prospective Caucus Chairperson and Co—Chairperson to clarify to them the important rules and functions of the caucus. Special note shall be given to the proper procedure for election of delegates to the County Convention. The Chairperson, or his/her designate alternate, shall issue the convention call to all duly elected delegates to the County Convention announcing the date, time, and place of the County Convention. The County Chairperson shall select, contingent upon ratification by a majority of the Executive Committee, the time and place of the County Convention. The Chairperson or his/her designated alternate, shall include in the call a notification of the proposed manner in which delegates to the State and District Presidential and Statutory Conventions will be elected.

8.2 The Co—Chairperson shall act for the Chairperson in his/her absence, disability, or resignation, and shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the Chairperson or by this document - In the event of the resignation of the Chairperson, the Co—Chairperson shall call a meeting for the election of a new Chairperson. At the discretion of the Chairperson, the Co—Chairperson shall serve as liaison with county auxiliaries and district committees and/or organizations. In the event of absence of Chairperson and Co—Chairperson, the Executive Committee shall appoint a temporary Chairperson.

8.3 The Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings of the Central Committee and the Executive Committee, and all other records including a calendar of coming events. The Secretary shall perform such other duties as may pertain' to the office, and as specified in this document.

8.4 The Treasurer shall be responsible for the funds of the Central Committee. He/she shall issue checks, keep complete and accurate books of account showing all receipts and disbursements, present a financial report at each regular Central Committee meeting, and might be bonded in sufficient and adequate amount for the protection of the Central Committee. The records of the Treasurer shall be examined annually by an audit committee elected by the Central Committee. The Treasurer shall perform such other duties as may pertain to the office and as specified in this document.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee shall consist of the Chairperson, Co—Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer of the Central Committee and up to four at—large members from the Central Committee. The Executive Committee shall conduct the routine business for the Central Committee when it is not in session. The minutes of all meetings of the Executive Committee shall be read at the next meeting of the Central Committee following such Executive Committee

meeting or meetings for review and ratification. The Chairperson shall appoint the at—large members of the Executive Committee from the membership of the Central Committee and such ex—officio members as are deemed necessary. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for assisting the Chairperson in conducting the Caucus Chairperson training sessions for all individuals who will be conducting such caucuses set out by law or called by the State Central Committee.

### **Article X Precinct**

The precinct persons shall: 1) Call such caucuses as set out by law or called by the State Central Committee; 2) Serve as Chairperson and Co—Chairperson respectively of such caucuses and are responsible for their proper conduct 3) Assist the County Finance Chairperson in the raising of funds; 4) Support the entire Republican Ticket as nominated; 5) Assist in' carrying out any activity related to Republican affairs as set up by the Central Committee,

### **ARTICLE XI Meetings**

The Central Committee shall meet on notification of the Chairperson or Co—Chairperson and meetings must be held not less than six times per year. A quorum for conducting business shall consist of the Executive Committee or at least 2 members of the Executive Committee and at least 2 other members of the Central Committee.

### **ARTICLE XII Auxiliary Organizations**

The Central Committee may recognize all auxiliary organizations recognized by the State Central Committee. Each such auxiliary organization recognized should be coordinated with the Central Committee and should have an official representative at each regular *or* special Central Committee meeting (except as provided in Article V). Each auxiliary Republican organization should give a report of activities and future plans at each regular meeting of the Central Committee.

### **ARTICLE XIII Property, Records, and Personal Responsibility**

All records and property purchased or acquired by the Central Committee or any of its employees in connection with the conduct of the affairs of the Committee shall be the property of the Committee.

**ARTICLE XIV**  
**Contracts, Checks, Loans and Deposits**

14.1 Contracts: The Committee may authorize the Chairperson, Treasurer, Subcommittee Chairperson, or other designee of the Committee to enter into any contract or execute and deliver an instrument on behalf of said committee.

14.2 Loans: No loans shall be contracted on behalf of the Committee and no evidence of indebtedness shall be issued in its name unless authorized by a resolution of said committee.

14.3 Checks, Drafts, Etc.: All checks, drafts, or other orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidence of indebtedness issued: in the name of the Committee shall be signed by the Treasurer of the Committee or his/her assign and such manner as may be determined by the resolution of the Committee.

14.4 Deposits: All funds under the control of the Committee shall be deposited to the credit of said committee in such banks, trust companies, saving and loan institutions or other depositories as the Committee may select. All funds of the Central Committee shall be segregated from any personal funds of the officers, members or associates of the Central Committee.

14.5 No member of the Central Committee shall be liable personally for any obligations of the Central Committee, except that each individual is responsible personally for the prompt transmittal of funds collected by him/her to the Treasurer, and for the accurate accounting as to funds and property in his/her custody on behalf of the Committee. In addition, each officer, subcommittee chairperson, or other assign of the Committee shall assume personal liability for any contracts or instruments entered into in the name of or on behalf of the Central Committee if said contract is not within the scope of their authority in their respective assignments.

**ARTICLE XV**  
**Parliamentary Procedure**

Robert's Rules of Order Revised shall prevail at all meetings of the Committee except as shall be altered by the Code of Iowa, the Republican Party Constitution, or by this document.

**ARTICLE XVI**  
**Amendments**

This document may be amended by the Central Committee at any regular meeting when; notice of a proposal to so amend is included in the call for such regular meeting. A proposal to so amend must be included in such call upon the recommendation of the Chairperson or Co—Chairperson, or upon petition of ten members of the Central Committee presented to the Chairperson at least one week prior to the issuance of the call for such a meeting.

**ARTICLE XVII**  
**Conflict With Statutes and Previous Resolutions**

No provisions hereof shall supersede or abrogate any of the provisions of the statutes of the State of Iowa, the Constitution of the Republican Party of Iowa and the rules of the Republican National Convention which are in conflict herewith.

## **ARTICLE XVIII**

### **Slots**

In the event that the Iowa County Republican Central Committee may be unable to fill our delegate slots for the District and State Conventions by the close of the Iowa County Convention, the Committee may call a special meeting for the purpose of electing and filling the vacant delegate positions. Prior elected delegates and alternate delegates will have priority.

## **ARTICLE XIX**

### **Effective Date**

This constitution was adopted at a meeting of the Iowa County Central Committee on April 17, 2018 at Williamsburg, Iowa, and was filed with the state commissioners of elections of the day of May, 17, 2018.