

CONSTITUTION

REPUBLICAN PARTY OF DUNN COUNTY

Revised September, 2014

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be “Republican Party of Dunn County”, herein after referred to as the “organization”.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be:

- to unify, under one central organization, the activities of the Republican Party of Dunn County;
- to advance in every honorable way fundamental Republican principles and policies as set forth in the Republican Party of Wisconsin Platform;
- to 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.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section One

- Membership in this organization shall be open to all United States citizens who believe in and adhere to the above purposes, and the objectives and principles of the Republican Party. Regular membership: Residents of Dunn County of voting age.
- Ex-officio membership: Elected officials who are not county residents but represent districts that include Dunn County.
- Associate membership: Residents of another county or those who are under the age of 18 and wish to participate in the political process.

Section Two

Members in good standing shall be defined as:

- Regular members who meet the membership requirements specified in this Constitution and the Constitution of the Republican Party of Wisconsin.

- Regular members who pay their dues at least 30 days prior to the annual County Caucus. Exceptions can be made at the discretion of the Chairman.
- Regular members in good standing the previous year who pay their dues prior to the convening of the annual caucus.

Section Three

Only members in good standing shall be:

- Allowed to vote at the annual caucus and regular membership meetings.
- Eligible to serve as officers.
- Eligible to serve as delegates or alternates to the 3rd District Caucus or the Republican State Convention.

Section Four

Ex-officio and Associate members shall be allowed to attend meetings and participate but shall not have the same privileges as members in good standing prescribed in Section Three.

Section Five

No one may be considered a member in good standing if they hold a membership in another political party registered with the Federal Elections Commission or the State of Wisconsin Government Accountability Board.

Section Six

Membership shall be from January 1 to December 31.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

Section One: *Officers*

The officers of this organization shall consist of a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. Duties of the officers shall be prescribed in the RPDC By-Laws.

Section Two: *Terms of Office*

The officers named in Section One shall be elected in a duly constituted County Caucus held prior to April 1st in the odd numbered years. The term of office shall be two years and until their successor is elected.

ARTICLE V – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section One: *Composition*

The Executive Committee shall consist of:

- A. The officers named in Article IV, Section 1
- B. The immediate past County Chairman
- C. Coalitions Chair
- D. Events Chair
- E. Publicity Chair
- F. College Republican Advisor
- G. The Communications Chair
- H. The Membership Chair

Section Two: *Terms of Office*

- A. Officers, two years. (See Article IV, Section 2)
- B. Immediate past Chairman shall serve until present Chairman becomes immediate past Chairman.
- C. Coalitions, Communications, Events, Membership and Publicity Chair shall serve at the pleasure of the County Chairman, subject to approval of the Executive Committee.

Section Three: *Duties of the Executive Committee*

Duties of the Executive Committee shall be prescribed in the Republican Party of Dunn County By-Laws.

ARTICLE VI – COMMITTEES

Section One: *Officer Nominating Committee*

A Nominating Committee of not less than three (3) members shall be elected 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 the slate of candidates shall be emailed or mailed to members with the notice of the meeting at which the election is to be held. At the meeting nominations from the floor shall be allowed. Nominees for any officer positions shall be current members in good standing at the time of nomination.

Section Two: *Delegate Nominating Committee*

Delegates and Alternates to the Third District Caucus and Republican State Convention shall be members in good standing at the time of the Dunn County Caucus, who are nominated by the Chairman. Nominations may also be made from the floor of the County Caucus.

Section Three: *Other Committees*

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.

ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS AND CAUCUSES

Section One

County meetings and/or Caucuses shall be held at the call of the Chairman or by a majority of the Executive Committee upon at least eight (8) days notice by email or mail to all members of record or advertised at least twice in a local newspaper. County meetings and/or Caucuses may also be called upon petition of twenty (20) members in good standing, or ten percent (10%) 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, emailed or mailed to all members of record at least eight (8) days prior to the meeting.

Section Two

A Caucus shall be held prior to April 1st of each year at which time delegates and alternates shall be elected to attend the 3rd District Caucus and the Republican State Convention. In the odd numbered years, officers 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 Three

Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held upon at least ten (10) days notice at the call of the Chairman or upon petition of the Executive Committee.

Section Four

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

ARTICLE VIII – QUORUM

Section One

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 Dunn County to the last preceding state convention.

Section Two

A quorum for a meeting of the Executive Committee shall be a majority of the Executive Committee or a majority of the officers

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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 where the call and notice states such purpose.

ARTICLE XII – AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this Constitution may be made by a two-thirds (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 submitted to and approved by the Executive Committee of the Republican Party of Wisconsin.

Amendments to the By-Laws of this organization may be made by two-thirds (2/3) of the members in good standing at any regular or special meeting or Caucus of this organization where the call and notice states such purpose.