

**VERNON TOWNSHIP REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE
CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

ARTICLE I -- NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1: The organization shall be known as the Vernon Township Republican Central Committee.

Section 2: The objective and purpose of this organization shall be to promote the Republican principles; encourage involvement of interested individuals; support Republican office holders and candidates who exhibit leadership, moral character, and ethical standards; work together to assure the nomination and election of qualified Republicans.

ARTICLE II -- ORGANIZATION

Section 1: Each duly elected Republican Precinct Committeeman in Vernon Township, Lake County, Illinois, shall be deemed a member of this organization. Each duly appointed Committeeman shall also be deemed a member of this organization.

Section 2: Committeeman may be appointed in any precinct in which there is no duly elected Committeeman by the following procedure or procedures: The Chairman of the Vernon Township Republican Central Committee shall select an appointee and forward that name to the Chairman of the Lake County Republican Central Committee for confirmation.

ARTICLE III -- OFFICERS

Section 1: Officers of the organization shall be a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2: The Chairman shall be the chief executive officer of the Township Central Committee and shall represent the Committee at all local, county, and state Republican meetings. The Chairman shall preside at all Central Committee meetings. The Chairman shall appoint all committees, subject to the approval of the Central Committee; the Chairman shall be an ex officio member of all committees, except the nominating committee. The chairman is authorized to call an executive session of the officers of the Committee.

Section 3: The Vice-Chairman shall assume the duties of the Chairman in any Committee activities when the Chairman is absent. The Vice-Chairman shall assist the Chairman whenever called upon to do so.

Section 4: The Secretary shall record the business of the Organization, a roll of attendance

and minutes of all meetings, and notify members of all meetings.

Section 5: The Treasurer shall have custody of the Organization's funds, maintain necessary records and furnish members with financial reports of the organization at the request of the Chairman.

ARTICLE IV -- ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1: Officers of this organization shall be elected for a term of two (2) years or until resignation of their office.

Section 2: Officers of this organization shall be elected at an organizational meeting to be held no later than thirty (30) days after the official canvass of the results of a Primary Election at which Precinct Committeeman are elected. The meeting shall be called by an officer of the organization at the time of the Primary Election at which Precinct Committeeman were elected. That officer shall be the Chairman if the Chairman was re-elected a Precinct Committeeman at the Primary Election. If not, the succession for calling the meeting shall be the Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. If there is no re-elected officer, the meeting shall be called by the re-elected committeeman Member with the most continuous seniority. If after twenty (20) days following the official canvass a meeting has not been properly called, a meeting may be called by 25% of the members by giving a ten (10) day written notice.

Section 3: Nominations for officers shall be made by a Nominating Committee of five members. The Chairman shall appoint the Chairman and members of the Nominating Committee. A list of nominees shall be mailed to the membership at least seven (7) days prior to the election meeting. Nominations may be made from the floor by any Central Committee member, with the consent of the nominee (who must be present), after the Nominating Committee Chairman has made his/her report.

Section 4: Officers shall be elected by roll call vote or secret ballot. Each member present may cast one (1) vote. The presiding officer shall appoint tellers and other election assistants as the presiding officer deems necessary. Any voting member present at an election may call for a secret ballot vote.

Section 5: A majority of the votes cast are necessary to elect an officer. If three (3) or more persons are nominated for an office, successive roll calls shall be taken with the person receiving the fewest votes on each ballot being removed from consideration. However; any time a nominee receives a majority of the votes cast, the person shall be elected. However; no officer can be elected unless at least half of the votes eligible to be cast at the time of the election actually occurs.

Section 6: In the event of a vacancy in an officers position and within thirty (30) days of said vacancy, the Chairman or next officer in succession shall appoint a Nominating Committee

pursuant to Section 3 of this article. At the next regularly scheduled meeting following said vacancy or as soon as practicable, an election shall be held to fill said vacancy pursuant to the rules set forth above. .

ARTICLE V -- MEETINGS

Section 1: Frequency of regular meetings of the Organization shall be determined by the Chairman. At least one regular meeting shall be called during each quarter of the calendar year. Members shall be given written notice of the date, time and place of the regular meetings at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting. The Chairman may call special meetings for any purpose by giving the members at least four (4) days advance written notice of the date, time and place of the meeting. The date of said written notice shall be the date on which said notice is deposited in the U.S. Mail.

Section 2: A quorum shall be deemed present when at least thirty percent (30%) of the membership is in attendance.

Section 3: All votes to elect officers of the organization or to endorse Republican candidates for public or party office, shall be by roll call vote or secret ballot with each member entitled to cast one (1) vote. Any voting member present at an election may call for a secret ballot vote. On other matters, voice votes may be taken and the Chairman may determine if a motion has been approved or rejected in accordance with what the outcome would have been had a roll call been taken.

Section 4: All matters, other than Republican candidate endorsements and/or amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws, shall be passed by a simple majority vote of the members present, provided a quorum is present.

Section 5: Endorsement of a candidate shall be passed by not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the members present at the meeting of the Central Committee. Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws shall be passed by no less than a majority of the total members present at the meeting of the Central Committee.

Section 6: Where any action of the organization and its officers and/or members is not specifically governed the State Statute or this constitution and By-Laws, Robert Rules of Order shall govern.

ADOPTED THIS ___ DAY OF _____, 19__.

Chairman, Vernon Township Republican Central Committee

Secretary, Vernon Township Republican Central Committee