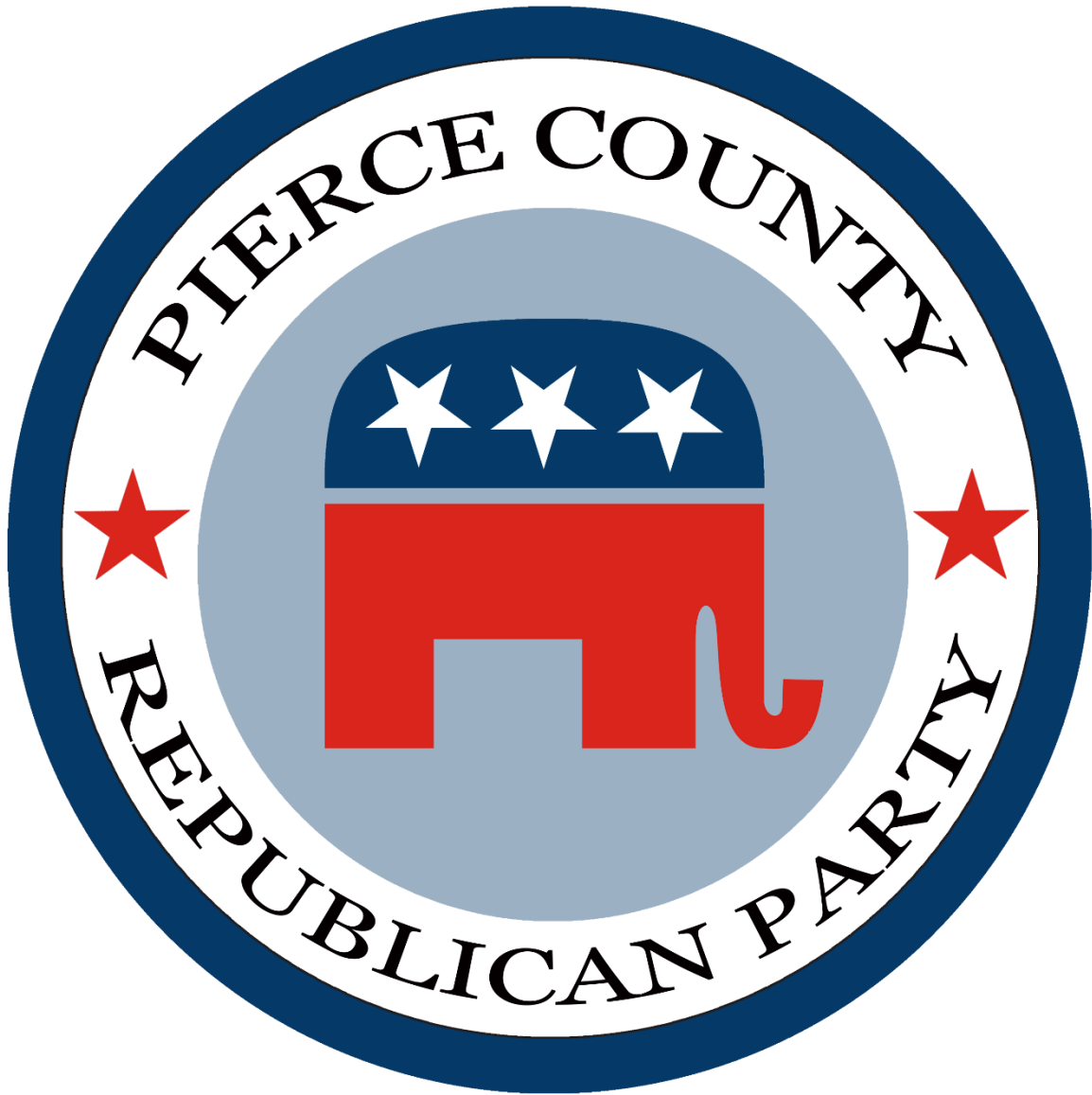


**REPUBLICAN PARTY OF PIERCE COUNTY, WI**

**By-Laws & RPPC Constitution**



**Voted on and approved by delegates present**

**Republican Party of Pierce County Caucus**

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# Republican Party of Pierce County

## By-Laws

(Revised January 26, 2013)

### **Article I. DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS**

#### **Section One.**

Chairman: The Chairman shall preside at all meetings and shall be the chief executive officer of the organization. The Chairman shall have general supervision over the development of its entire program. The Chairman shall make all committee appointments subject to the approval of the membership and shall appoint a representative to attend district meetings when the Chairman or Vice-Chairman are unable to attend. The Chairman shall notify all members of meetings ten days prior to meeting.

#### **Section Two.**

Vice Chairman: The Vice-Chairman shall perform the duties of the Chairman in the absence of said chairman and other such duties as prescribed by the Executive Board.

#### **Section Three.**

Parliamentarian: The Parliamentarian shall act as Parliamentarian for the organization in determining all procedural disputes. Parliamentary authority shall be Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

#### **Section Four.**

Secretary: The Secretary shall keep minutes of the meeting and maintain an up-to-date record of any business in the organization.

#### **Section Five.**

Treasurer: The Treasurer shall be the custodian of the organization's funds and shall render an accounting of all income and disbursements upon the call of the Chairman, or the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall prepare and file all financial statements required by law. The Treasurer shall hold a standing position on the Finance Committee.

### **Article II. DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

#### **Section One.**

The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the transaction of any business of the organization between regular meetings. It shall also create such committees as may be necessary.

**Section Two.**

The Executive Committee may recommend to the membership the removal of any officer or Executive Committee member absent from three (3) consecutive meetings without due cause upon a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Executive Committee.

**Section Three.**

The Executive Committee may recommend to the membership the removal of any officer or Executive Committee member for due cause upon a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Executive Committee.

**Section Four.**

Regular and Special Meetings of the Executive Committee, any subcommittee or special committee, may be held by electronic means (such as telephone conference, video conference, or internet communication system) subject to the following requirements:

- a) a majority of the members shall have access to the specified electronic media;
- b) a quorum for the meeting shall be established by the roll call vote and, once established, shall be assumed present until the meeting is adjourned;
- c) the technology used for the electronic meetings shall allow the members full access to and full participation in all the meeting transactions either continuously or intermittently throughout the specified time of the meeting; and,
- d) the affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum shall be a minimum vote requirement for the adoption of any motion, with a roll call being required upon request of any member participating in the meeting.

**Article III. DUES**

Dues shall be recommended by the Executive Committee and approved at the annual caucus, by a simple majority of members in good standing present.

**Article IV. CAMPAIGN FINANCE****Section One.**

No funds shall be disbursed or allowed to any candidate prior to a primary election.

**Section Two.**

Campaign funds shall be allocated to County Candidates on a priority basis (as decided by a majority vote of the members in good standing at a general membership meeting or caucus) and only to those County Candidates who are not in default of membership dues.

**Section Three.**

Funds in excess of those disbursed to County Candidates shall then be disbursed on a priority basis (as decided by a majority vote of the members in good standing at a general membership meeting and caucus) to Wisconsin State and National Candidates.

**Section Four.**

The Executive Committee shall not cause the organization to expend funds in such a manner as to put the organization into debt.

**Section Five.**

Any member of the Executive Committee who is or shall be a candidate, candidate's campaign chairman, candidate's finance chairman or candidate's coordinator shall be prohibited from voting on any campaign finance.





As last amended in RPPC Caucus February 05, 2022  
Approved by RPW Executive Committee January 28, 2022

# Republican Party of Pierce County Constitution

(Revised February 05, 2022)

## Article 1. ORGANIZATION

### 1.1 NAME

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

### 1.2 PURPOSE

The purpose of the organization shall be:

- a. To bring people into the Republican Party and to provide an opportunity for them to find political expression and recognition.
- b. To train people as effective political workers and to cooperate in the election of the Republican Party’s nominees.
- c. To collect, analyze, discuss, and disseminate information concerning political affairs.
- d. To maintain control of the Republican Party of Pierce County in the hands of grassroots Republicans.
- e. To preserve our republican form of government as created under the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Wisconsin.

### 1.3 AUTHORITIES

- a. “Roberts Rules of Order,” shall govern all parliamentary procedure of the Republican Party of Pierce County unless otherwise indicated herein.
- b. This organization shall display no favoritism, nor make any monetary or in-kind contribution towards any candidate campaign who has not won a party endorsement or a partisan primary election.

### 1.4 DEFINITIONS

Unless a different meaning is explicit from the context, in this Constitution:

- a. **“Member in Good Standing”** is defined as a member whose dues are received thirty (30) days prior to the annual county caucus for new members, no later than the day of the county caucus, prior to caucus being called to order, for current members, AND for all members, volunteer activity with the Republican Party of Pierce County, meeting attendance, or volunteer work for Republican candidates

that are members of, or endorsed by, their County, District or State Republican Party.

- b. **“Delegate”** means an authorized voting delegate or voting alternate delegate.
- c. **“County”** means County Republican Party Organization
- d. **“Board”** means the Executive Board of the Republican Party of Wisconsin.
- e. **“State Party”** means the Republican Party of Wisconsin.
- f. **“3<sup>rd</sup> District”** means the Republican Party of the Third Congressional District.
- g. **“Caucus”** means the regular annual meeting of a county organization that the full membership of the county is asked to attend. A special caucus is a general membership meeting held at any other time.
- h. **‘Inwriting’ or ‘written’** means correspondence by typewritten, mailed, or electronic communications.

#### 1.5 MEMBERSHIP

- a. Membership in this organization shall be open to all residents of Pierce County of voting age who believe in the above objectives, purposes and principles of the Republican Party. Republican elected officials who are not county residents but represent districts that include Pierce County shall be considered non-voting ex officio members. There shall also be non-voting associate members who reside in another county but have paid membership dues to the Republican Party of Pierce County. Those under the age of 18 who wish to participate in the political process may also be non-voting associate members.
- b. Members in good standing is defined in 1.4 Definitions a.
- c. Only members in good standing shall be allowed to vote at the annual caucus and regular membership meetings and shall be eligible to serve as officers and as delegates and/or alternates to county, state and national conventions. Associate members shall be allowed to attend meetings and participate but shall not have the same privileges of members in good standing described above.
- d. No member may hold a membership in another political party and/or committee registered with the Federal Elections Commission or the Wisconsin Election Commission, or body overseeing Wisconsin elections.
- e. The membership year shall be from January 1 to December 31.

### Article II. OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

#### 2.1 OFFICERS

- a. The officers of this organization shall be: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and Parliamentarian.
- b. The duties of the officers shall be prescribed in the By-Laws.



- c. Officers shall be elected at the Annual Caucus to serve until their successors have been duly elected and qualified.
- d. Term of office shall be for two (2) years, elected in the odd-numbered years.
- e. Compensation: All officers serve without compensation except that they may be reimbursed for budgeted expenses upon approval of the Executive Committee, may appoint full or part time employees who may be paid such compensation as determined by the Executive Committee.

## 2.2 EXECUTIVE BOARD POWERS

- a. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and Parliamentarian. A College Republican Representative may be appointed to the committee by the UW-River Falls College Republicans each school semester. Serving in a non-voting capacity, each appointee must be approved by the Executive Committee.
- b. The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the Chair, with at least ten (10) days written notice, and at such other times as may be necessary upon a majority vote of the members of the Committee. When a special meeting is called, the purpose therefore shall be stated in the notice of call of said meeting.
- c. The duties of the Executive Committee shall be prescribed in the By-laws.

## Article III. VACANCIES

- a. The Executive Committee shall make appointments to fill a vacancy in any of the officer positions.
- b. The members of the Executive Committee, with the call of the next general meeting, shall give notice of such vacancy.
- c. Officers filling vacancies shall serve, upon appointment by the Executive Committee, until the next Annual Caucus in the odd-numbered year at which elections are held.

## Article IV. ANNUAL CAUCUS AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

- a. The annual caucus shall be held between February 1 and April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.
- b. General membership meetings or caucuses shall be held upon proper notice, at the call of the Chair or at the direction of the Executive Committee, or upon petition of twenty five percent of members in good standing; such petition is to state the exact purpose of the meeting or caucus. Notices of general membership meetings or caucuses shall be advertised in one daily or weekly paper in the County, or in writing to each member, at his or her last known address or electronic address, at least ten (10) days prior to said meeting or caucus.

- c. Members eligible to participate in any regular or special county meeting or caucus shall be those members in good standing. New members will only be allowed to participate if their dues were paid thirty (30) days prior to the meeting or caucus and the other criteria are met to be in “good standing” as defined. Associate members are allowed to attend the meeting, however, are not allowed to vote.
- d. Voting at any meeting by proxy or substitute is specifically prohibited.

#### Article V. ENDORSEMENT NEUTRALITY

- a. No Republican candidate for public office, whether local, state or national shall be endorsed by the Chair of the organization, members of the Executive Committee in their official capacity, the Executive Committee itself, or the organization itself, prior to a party primary or a party endorsing caucus or convention.
- b. Any of said officers who shall violate the provision of Section One of this article, shall be subject to removal from office and any vacancy existing shall be filled as prescribed in Article III.

#### Article VI. ELECTIONS

- a. Nominations for Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and Parliamentarian will be received from the floor at county caucus in the odd-numbered years.
- b. Only members in good standing may vote. A majority of all votes cast shall be necessary for election. In the event that any ballot cast does not result in a majority for any nominee for the position they are nominated for, there shall be further ballots, with the nominee having the lowest vote count being dropped from the second and succeeding ballots until a nominee shall have received a majority of all votes cast. Where there is only one candidate for an office, balloting may be by voice vote.

#### Article VII. COMMITTEES

- a. The Chair, with the approval of the Executive Committee, may establish from time to time any committees as may be deemed necessary or desirable.
- b. The Chair shall appoint the chairman of all committees with the approval of the Executive Committee. Committee membership is voluntary and open to any member in good standing who would like to serve.

#### Article VIII. AMENDMENTS

- a. The Constitution of this organization may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members in good standing present at a general membership

- meeting or caucus called for that purpose and upon approval by the State Executive Committee of the Republican Party of Wisconsin.
- b. The By-Laws of this organization may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members in good standing of the organization present at a general membership meeting or caucus called for that purpose and upon approval by the State Executive Committee of the Republican Party of Wisconsin.
  - c. The Constitution of this organization shall be reviewed by the Executive Committee every two years, alternating with officer election years.

#### Article IX. DELEGATES and ALTERNATES

- a. Delegates and alternates to district and state convention shall be members in good standing, nominated by the Chair.
- b. Said delegates and alternates shall stand for election by the membership of the organization at the annual caucus.
- c. Delegates and alternates must be members in good standing of this organization.
- d. Delegates and alternates to district and state convention are to vote in the best interests of the Republican Party and Republican principles as they understand them.
- e. Actions that can be reasonably determined to be acting in a “unit rule” manner are strictly prohibited.
- f. The Chair shall be authorized to make substitutions and additions/deletions of delegates and alternates to district caucuses and state conventions in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution and Caucus Rules of the Republican Party of the Third Congressional District and the Constitution and Convention Rules of the Republican Party of Wisconsin.