

CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF PIERCE COUNTY

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Article I. Organization

1.01. **Name.** The name of this organization will be the Republican Party of Pierce County and may be

referred to from time to time as “the Party”, “Pierce GOP”, and/or “RPPC”.

1.02. **Authority.** The Republican Party of Pierce County is authorized to perform such acts as set forth by the Constitution of the Republican Party of Wisconsin as amended from time to time, the Constitution of the Republican Party of Pierce County, and resolutions approved by a majority of the RPPC Executive Committee.

- a) 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.

1.03. **Purpose.** The purpose of the Republican Party of Pierce County shall be to promote and expand the principles and values of the Republican Party throughout Pierce County and preserve for all people the Republican form of government guaranteed by the Constitutions of the United States of America and the State of Wisconsin.

Article II. Membership

2.01. **Voting member.** Except as provided in 2.015, membership shall be open to all citizens of voting age who satisfy all of the following requirements:

- a) Believe in the purposes, principles, and values of the Republican Party
- b) Reside in Pierce County
- c) Are not a member of any other political party.
- d) Have no outstanding dues owed to the Republican Party of Pierce County
- e) Have been recorded by the Secretary or Treasurer at least 30 calendar days before the start of the county caucus.

2.015. **Resigned and Expelled Members.** Any member that has resigned per 2.06 or been expelled per 2.07 shall not be an eligible voting member for 3 consecutive caucuses, beginning with the most recent caucus that follows their expulsion.

2.02. **Associate Member.** Associate membership shall be open to all citizens of voting age who satisfy 2.01 (a), (c), (d), and (e). Associate members shall be non-voting members.

2.03. **Membership Terms.** Membership terms shall be for one calendar year beginning on January 1 and ending on December 31 of the same year. On December 1st of each year, the Party may begin collection of dues for the subsequent year beginning January 1.

2.04. **Dues.** RPPC shall impose dues on its members yearly. To be eligible for membership under 2.01, dues must be paid no later than 30 days prior to the start of the county caucus. The dues amount shall be prescribed by a resolution approved by a majority of the RPPC Executive Committee.

2.05. **Eligibility.** To be eligible to be a delegate from Pierce County at any District Caucus or State Convention, a member in good standing shall have paid dues at least 30 days prior to the county caucus and meet all criteria as a voting member under 2.01.

2.06. **Resignation.** Any member may at any time resign as a member of the RPPC. Under no circumstance shall a member be refunded their dues following their resignation if the member was a voting member at the most recent preceding caucus.

2.07. **Expulsion.** Any member in good standing may petition the Executive Committee for suspension

or expulsion of another member. The Executive Committee shall consider the petition, following an investigation and hearing process as outlined in Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised, and may, by unanimous vote of Executive Committee, recommend suspension of a member for cause.

Article III. Officers

3.01 Eligibility. No member of the Executive Board may be employed by or a contractor for any 501(c)4, Political Action Committee, or Independent Expenditure Committee (otherwise known as a 527) at any time during their tenure. Any conflict of interest at the time of nomination and thereafter must be disclosed. If an Executive Committee member becomes employed or contracted by such an organization at any point during their tenure, their resignation is automatic, and the office shall be vacant. Vacancies occurring under this section shall be filled in accordance with Section 4.02 of this constitution.

3.02. How Elected. Officers of the RPPC shall be elected biennially in odd-numbered years at the county caucus. The term of each officer shall expire upon the election of their successors at the county caucus in the immediately succeeding odd-numbered year prior to April 1st.

3.03. Chairman. The Chairman shall be the chief administrative officer of the Republican Party of Pierce County. It shall be the Chairman's duty to:

- (a) Ensure the operation of the Party conforms with all election laws.
- (b) Act as the official spokesperson for the Party
- (c) Craft all meeting and caucus agendas.
- (d) Preside over all meetings and caucuses.
- (e) Appoint, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, members of the Standing Committees, designating one member Committee Chairperson.
- (f) Create, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, Special Committees.
- (g) Appoint, with the advice and consent of a majority of all Executive Committee members, members of all Special Committees, designating one member of each committee its respective Chairman.
- (h) Appoint a Parliamentarian to serve at the county caucus.
- (i) The Chairman may designate duties in 3.02(b) to the First Vice-Chairman as created in 3.04, or the Second Vice-Chairman as created in 3.05.

3.04. Chairman Eligibility. To be eligible to serve as RPPC Chairman per 3.02, a person must satisfy all the following criteria:

- (a) Have been a member of the Party for the two most recent years.
- (b) Have qualified for at least one Campbell award.
- (c) Have served for at least 1 year on the RPPC Executive Committee.

3.041. Chairman Nomination at Caucus. If no member is eligible to serve as RPPC chairman per 3.04, Caucus members may nominate any member from the floor.

3.05. First Vice-Chairman. The First Vice-Chairman shall perform the duties of the Chairman in the event of the Chairman's absence or inability to perform required duties.

3.06. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall:

- (a) Be the custodian of all funds for the RCPP.
- (b) Receive and disburse all monies as directed by a majority vote of the Executive Committee and consistent with all state and federal laws governing political organizations.
- (c) Maintain all financial accounts.

- (d) File financial reports as required by election law.
- (e) Provide the Chairman and Executive Committee with regular reports.

3.07. **Secretary.** The Secretary shall keep and provide minutes for all meetings and caucuses and shall be the custodian of all official records of the Party.

3.08. **Parliamentarian.** Parliamentarians act as a facilitator for bylaws, consultant to manage meetings and mentor for members on parliamentary procedure under Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised

Article IV. The Executive Committee

4.01. **Organization.** The Executive Committee shall consist of the following members:

- (a) Each officer is designated in Article III.

4.02. **Vacancies.** In the event of a vacancy in an office under 3.04, 3.05, 3.06, 3.07, or 4.01(b) the Chairman shall, with the advice and consent of a majority of all Executive Committee members., appoint a successor to serve the balance of the term of the vacant office. In the event of a vacancy in the office under 3.02, the Executive Committee shall appoint, by two-thirds vote, a successor to serve the balance of the term of the vacant office.

4.03. **Electronic Meetings.** Regular and Special Meetings of the Executive Committee, any subcommittee or special committee, may be held by electronic means (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 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 meeting transactions either continuously or intermittently throughout the specified time of the meeting.
- (d) The affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum shall be the 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 V. County Meetings and Caucuses

5.01. **When Held.** County meetings and caucuses shall be held at the call of the Chairman or by petition of a majority of the Executive Committee upon not more than 30 days or less than 10 days prior.

5.02. **Caucuses by Petition.** Special caucuses may also be called upon a signed petition of ten percent of the members in good standing. Notification of the intention to circulate the petition must first be presented ten days prior to circulation to the Executive Committee. Such petition shall state the exact purpose of the caucus and shall be mailed to all members of record at least ten calendar days prior to the caucus.

5.03. **County Caucuses.** Shall be held annually, prior to April 1 and no earlier than February 1, in accordance with the caucus rules. The Executive Committee shall approve a draft of the caucus rules to present at the County caucus. Delegates and alternate delegates to the State Convention shall be elected at the county caucus. Proxy voting is prohibited at any county caucus.

1. To vote at any Caucus of the Republican Party of Pierce County a member must be in good

standing and residing in Pierce County and shall be present and have paid dues at least 30 days prior to the date of such Caucus.

2. The slate of candidates selected by the Nominating Committee, per 7.01(d) of the Republican Party of Pierce County Constitution shall be included in the call to caucus.
3. If a majority of the caucus does not accept the slate of candidates, nominations may be made from the floor. Candidates nominated from the floor must submit intent to run with the Republican Party of Pierce County chairperson at least 2 weeks prior to the caucus.

5.04. Parliamentary Authority. Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern all proceedings of this organization except where inconsistent with the constitution or by-laws.

5.05 Delegates and Alternates. Delegates and alternates to district caucus and state convention shall be members in good standing of this organization and nominated by the Chair.

1. Said delegates and alternates shall stand for election by the membership of the organization at the annual caucus.
2. Delegates and alternates to district and state convention are to vote in the best interests of the Republican Party and the Republican principles as they understand them.
3. Actions that can be reasonably determined to be acting in a “unit rule” manner are strictly prohibited.
4. 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 Constitution and Convention Rules of the Republican Party of Wisconsin.

Article VI. Quorum

6.01. Caucus. A quorum for the county caucuses of this organization shall be a number equal to 20 percent of the number of authorized delegates from Pierce County to the preceding state convention.

6.02. Executive Committee. A Quorum for the Executive Committee meeting of this organization shall be a majority of the committee.

Article VII. Committees

7.01. Special Committees. Special Committees may be established by the Chairman, with the advice and consent of a majority of all Executive Committee members. No Special Committee may be abolished without the advice and consent of a majority of all Executive Committee members. All Special Committees shall cease to exist upon the expiration of the Chairman’s term, except if the same person is elected to a succeeding term.

7.02. Committee Members Appointed. All committee members shall be appointed by the RPPC Chairman, with the advice and consent of a majority of all Executive Committee members.

Article VIII. Endorsement Neutrality.

8.01. 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.

8.02 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 IV.

Article IX. By-Laws.

9.01. By-laws may be adopted in compliance with this constitution by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

Article X. Amendments.

10.01. Amendments to this Constitution may be made by a two-thirds vote at any caucus of the party where the call and notice states such purpose.