

Rules and By-Laws of Kendall County Republican Central Committee

ARTICLE I

NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1:

This organization shall be known and designated as the “Kendall County Republican Central Committee” as provided by the laws of the State of Illinois, and shall be recognized as the primary Republican organization in the County of Kendall, State of Illinois.

Section 2:

Its’ purpose shall be: (1.) To develop, foster, advance and perpetuate the principles of the Republican Party, to support and do all within its power to ensure the election of all Republican nominees for public office whose names appear on election ballots in the County of Kendall. (2.) To fill such vacancies as may occur by virtue of the death or inability of any Republican nominee to serve or as an official of the Republican Party. (3.) To manage the affairs of the Republican Party, within the boundaries of the County of Kendall. (4.) To engage in other activities, functions and services as may be necessary to further the cause of the Republican Party’s principles and candidates.

Section 3:

Endorsements: Nominations for Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the Quadrennial National Nominating Convention of the Republican Party, Republican State Central Committeemen, Representative Committeemen, and any special or extraordinary committees or conventions shall be made by majority vote of elected Precinct Committeemen at a duly called meeting of the Central Committee held not later than the day before the petitions or nominations for such positions close.

The Kendall County Republican Central Committee encourages Republicans to seek public office; therefore, the position of the Kendall County Republican Central Committees regarding endorsements for offices in Primary Elections, expressly excluding Precinct Committeemen, shall be made only in extraordinary situations. Said situations will only be when circumstances suggest that an announced candidate for nomination upon the Republican Ballot in a Primary Election is so lacking in character and credentials of a Republican as to warrant the endorsement of another candidate or candidates by the Kendall County Republican Central Committee. In such situations, the endorsement(s) shall be made only at a duly held meeting of the Kendall County Republican Central Committee held not later than the day before petitions for nominations close and only then by a vote of 90% of the elected Precinct Committeemen. Endorsements will never be made for Precinct Committeemen.

ARTICLE II

MEETINGS

Section 1:

Parliamentary authority of the Organization shall follow Robert's Rules of Order. However, if any rule of Robert's Rules of Order is in conflict with these Rules, these rules shall govern. If any rule is in conflict with the Statutes of the State of Illinois, such Statutes will govern. Any such Rule shall be deemed severable from the remainder of these Rules, which remainder shall retain their full force and effect. A quorum shall be declared when the total number of elected Precinct Committeemen present exceeds 25% of the number of elected Precinct Committeemen.

Section 2:

The Kendall County Republican Central Committee shall hold a County Convention Organizational Meeting every two (2) years, as provided by the laws of the State of Illinois. Such election is required within thirty (30) days of the Primary Election date and is currently set by the Illinois State Board of Elections to be twenty-nine (29) days after the Primary Election.

Section 3:

Members of the Kendall County Republican Central Committee may petition other Meetings, as provided by the laws of the State of Illinois or these Rules, and the Chairman may call such other Meetings, as needed.

Section 4:

Meetings of the Kendall County Republican Central Committee shall be called by the Chairman or upon the written request of three (3) Central Committee members. Notice and the agenda for the meeting will be sent at least three (3) days before such meeting, by the Chairman, either by mail or commonly accepted electronic communication.

Section 5:

The Executive Committee shall schedule regular meetings for the Kendall County Central Committee, at least one (1) each quarter, at a time and place designated by the County Chairman with consent of the Executive Committee. All Central Committee members shall be reminded and notified of such Meetings, 30 days before such meetings. An agenda for those meetings shall be made available by electronic communication at least three (3) days before such meetings.

Section 6:

The Executive Committee shall also meet other times as designated by the County Chairman or upon petition of three (3) of the voting members of the Executive Committee. Notice of a Special Meeting shall be mailed to all voting members of the Executive Committee five (5) days before said meeting.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP VOTING

Section 1:

Each duly elected or appointed and certified Precinct Committeeman shall be a member of the Kendall County Republican Central Committee. Appointed Precinct Committeemen will not have voting rights unless they have been approved by a vote of the Central Committee and certified by the County Clerk. A quorum shall be required for voting on any and all issues.

Section 2:

A voice vote shall be primarily utilized to decide issues; however, when there is not a clear majority in favor of the motion as determined by the Secretary; only elected members of the Central Committee shall cast his or her weighted ballots by voice vote during a roll call vote, called by the Secretary by Township Name in alphabetical order of precincts and numerical order of the precincts within each Township. At the conclusion of the roll call the Secretary will tally the weighted votes and declare the outcome. (Weighted votes are the number of Republican Ballots cast in the latest Primary Election in the precinct of each Elected Precinct Committeeman.)

A motion can be made to cast ballots by Secret Ballot for any issue to come before the Central Committee, including the election of officers. Such motion must be duly made and seconded prior to voting on the issue and shall be decided by the roll call vote of more than 50% utilizing weighted votes. The procedures for secret ballot are as follows:

- a. A representative from each side of a contested issue or for each candidate for election shall be selected from each side or candidate to assist the Secretary with the balloting. A designated proponent from each side of a contested issue shall be entitled to monitor the entire process.
- b. Once the voting has been declared closed by the Chairman, counting of the weighted ballots shall begin immediately. Results will be determined by a majority vote of the committeemen present weighted ballots. The counting of ballots and the results thereby shall be announced immediately. The Secretary at all times shall ensure the integrity of the ballots.

Section 3:

Each member of the Kendall County Republican Central Committee must be present in order to vote.

Section 4:

Amendments to the Rules may be made at a duly noted and convened meeting of the Kendall County Republican Central Committee, after the amendments to be considered have been either mailed or distributed by a commonly accepted electronic communication to each member at least ten (10) days before said meeting, and at least 50 percent (50%) of the duly elected or appointed Republican Precinct Committeemen are in attendance, and the proposed amendment received more than 60 percent (60%) of the votes present and voting at said meeting.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION AND TERMS OF OFFICE

Section 1:

The elected officers of the Kendall County Republican Central Committee must be duly elected and certified Republican Precinct Committeemen and shall consist of a County Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and Sergeant-at-Arms whose terms of office shall be for two, (2), years or the life of that Kendall County Republican Central Committee, as provided by the laws of the State of Illinois. Said officers shall be elected at the organizational meeting as set forth in Article II, Section 2.

Section 2:

The County Chairman shall appoint elected Precinct Committeemen, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee as hereinafter defined, such officers as are necessary, and such other officers as the County Chairman may deem appropriate, and such appointed officers shall serve at the pleasure of the County Chairman.

Section 3:

Upon election of officers, all records and property shall be promptly turned over to the appropriate newly elected officers. The outgoing officers shall assist in ensuring an orderly transition.

Section 4:

An Executive Committee consisting of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and Sergeant-at-Arms all of whom shall be currently elected Precinct Committeemen, shall all be voting members of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall serve until the next election of a County Chairman.

Section 5:

Vacancies for any Republican appointed or elected offices in Kendall County shall be filled in accordance with the statutes of the State of Illinois, with the exception of County Chairman.

Section 6:

In the event the position of County Chairman of the Kendall County Republican Central Committee becomes vacant due to death or resignation, the Vice Chairman shall assume office until a duly convened County Convention is called within ninety (90) days to elect a Chairman and fill any other vacancy that may occur on the Executive Committee.

Section 7:

The Chairman may at his discretion appoint the President /Chairman, or their representative, from the following organizations; Kendall County Republican Women, Kendall County Young Republicans and the Kendall County Republican Candidate Support Committee, as nonvoting members of the Advisory Committee.

ARTICLE V

DUTIES OF OFFICERS, CHAIRMAN AND COMMITTEES

Section 1:

It shall be the duty of the County Chairman to preside at all County Conventions, all Special Meetings, Executive Committee Meetings and all Meetings sponsored by the Kendall County Republican Central Committee. The Chairman shall have the duty of filling Republican ballot vacancies for general elections due to resignation, death or incapacity consistent with Illinois law. The Chairman or Chairman's designated representative may represent the Kendall County Republican Central Committee at State and National Meetings and the Republican County Chairmen's Association of Illinois Meetings. The Chairman shall serve as a member ex-officio of all committees.

Section 2:

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to attend all meetings, Executive, Regular, Annual and Special Meetings and be responsible for recording and presenting the minutes of all that transpires at such meetings.

Section 3:

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and hold all monies of the Kendall County Republican Central Committee, to keep a record of all income and disbursements, to make disbursements at the order of the County Chairman, to have the financial records in order for inspection and periodically report to the voting members of the Executive Committee. The County Chairman may direct the Treasurer to disburse payments for expenses not to exceed \$250.00 and with consent of the Executive Committee may direct the Treasurer to disburse payments not to exceed \$1,000.00. Expenditures exceeding \$1,000.00 must be authorized by a quorum of the Central Committee. Each committee shall file timely reports, not in excess of 30 days subsequent to an authorized event, for audit. Audits shall be conducted by a committee of three (3) or more Elected Precinct Committeemen, who are not members of the Executive Committee, nominated by the Chairman and appointed by a vote of the Central Committee, at reasonable times determined by the Executive Committee but not less than annually. The Treasurer is responsible for all timely financial communications and filings with the Illinois State Board of Elections.

Section 4

The Sergeant-at-Arms is responsible to keep order during meetings and if necessary remove any member that is overly disruptive.

Section 5:

The Executive Committee shall advise the County Chairman and with the County Chairman shall act as the governing body of the Kendall County Republican Central Committee. Each member shall have one (1) vote and a majority vote shall decide all issues. The Executive Committee at their first meeting of each calendar year will prepare a calendar of planned meetings and events and begin a tentative budget to meet anticipated expenditures. The calendar will be made available to all Precinct Committeeman and others as determined by the Executive Committee.

Section 6:

There shall be five (5) Standing Committees, each with a minimum of five (5) members appointed by the Chairman with consent of the Executive Committee and Special Committees appointed at the discretion of the Chairman and Executive Committee. The Committees and their duties shall be as follows:

CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

This committee will assist and coordinate with Republican candidates in all partisan election campaigns, except when it is specifically requested not to participate. This committee will simultaneously promote the Republican platform and Kendall County Republican Party while promoting the Republican nominees in general elections.

FINANCE AND FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

This committee will manage, organize and coordinate the fundraising activities and campaigns which will fully support the financial needs of the Central Committee to include the financial needs for committee needs authorized by the Central Committee.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

This committee builds party membership and activity by reaching out to the residents of Kendall County through effective events and media. The Outreach Committee coordinates, and supports the events of Republican organizations and candidates in general elections.

INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

This committee shall be responsible for all technology and the maintenance of appropriate databases for the organization.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

This committee is open to elected Republican officials and Republican candidates on General Election ballots. At least three (3) former officeholders will be invited to serve by the Executive Committee. The purpose of this committee is to make the Central Committee aware of the specific needs of officeholders and candidates throughout their terms and campaigns. The Vice-Chairman will serve as the Chairman of this committee.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

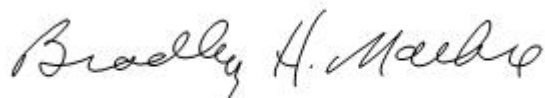
The Chairman, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, may establish and appoint such special committees as are necessary or appropriate. Whenever a Special Committee is created, its purpose and jurisdiction shall be defined in writing. Special Committees shall expire in accordance with the terms of their creation and upon making their final report to the Executive Committee.

These By-Laws of the Kendall County Republican Central Committee, having been approved by vote of the Kendall County Central Committee, rescind and replace any and all other previous By-Laws and Rules of the Kendall County Republican Central Committee.

Adopted on this 21st day of April, 2008



Keith R. Wheeler, Chairman



Bradley H. Mathre, Secretary