

BYLAWS OF THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

Article 1 Name and Purpose

Section 1. The name of this organization is the Williamson County Republican Party (“WCRP”).

Section 2. The purposes of the WCRP include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A. Recruit and elect Republican candidates to office on the national, state and local levels;
- B. Raise funds for Republican campaigns and in support of Republican causes;
- C. Recruit membership and involvement in the WCRP ~~and other recognized Republican organizations at all levels;~~
- D. Assist the Tennessee Republican Party (“TRP”), the Republican National Committee (“RNC”), ~~and other local recognized Republican organizations in carrying out their purposes;~~
- E. Promote awareness of the Republican Party Platform on public policy issues and foster good citizenship in general;
- F. Increase the effectiveness of **WCRP** members in the cause of good government through active political participation.

Article II County Executive Committee

Section 1. The WCRP shall be governed by the Williamson County Republican Party Executive Committee (“CEC”) in accordance with these **Bylaws** and the **Bylaws** of the TRP.

Section 2. The CEC shall consist of the following **Voting Officers (“Officers”)**:

- A. Elected by the County Convention (“Convention”), the County Chairman (“Chairman”), First Vice-Chairman (opposite sex from Chairman), Second Vice-Chairman, Third Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, & Assistant Treasurer.
- B. The Immediate Past County Chairman (“Past Chairman”).
- C. Elected by the SEC District, the State Executive Committeeman and State Executive Committeewoman.

D. Elected by the respective organizations' memberships, the President of ~~any~~ Tennessee Federated Republican Women's Club in the County, and the Chairman of the Williamson County Young Republicans ("YR").

~~E. Officers must qualify as bonafide Republicans defined throughout these **Bylaws** as having voted in the last three (3) of four (4) **Tennessee** Republican primaries.~~

F. Officers must be **and remain** current with payment of WCRP **Membership Dues** ("dues").

G. Officers are required to actively participate in and assist with events hosted by the WCRP, including but not limited to, Reagan Day, Mix and Mingles and Summer Picnic.

~~H. No Officer may hold more than one voting office.~~

~~I. No Officer may be active in or serve on the Board of any other organization whose mission is contrary to the WCRP's or whose efforts seek to undermine the WCRP.~~

Section 3. **Nonvoting CEC Officers** ("**Non-Voting Officers**") shall include the WCRP legal counsel and any other **Non-Voting Officer** deemed necessary by the Chairman. These Non-Voting Officers shall be appointed by the Chairman subject to the approval of a majority vote of the CEC. The WCRP legal counsel shall not be prohibited from simultaneously holding a voting office on the CEC.

Section 4. The following shall apply to endorsement of candidates in contested elections:

A. The WCRP, CEC or any individual **Officer or Non-Voting Officer** shall not endorse a Republican candidate in a contested **Republican Primary** election. Exceptions to the above prohibition include:

- ~~1. Candidacy by an **Officer or Non-Voting Officer**, his spouse, or a member of his immediate family,~~
2. Endorsement of a Republican opponent of a Republican candidate who, as a member of the **Tennessee** General Assembly, voted for any redistricting plan opposed by the TRP either through the State Executive Committee ("**SEC**"), the State Chairman, or the TRP's legal counsel.
3. Endorsement of a Republican opponent of a Republican candidate who, as a member of the **Tennessee** General Assembly, **voted for a person who was not the nominee of the Republican Caucus of either the House or Senate for any office of each.**

B. The WCRP, CEC or any individual **Officer or Non-Voting Officer**, shall NOT endorse, or assist in any manner, a Democrat or other non-Republican in a **general** or primary election in which a Republican is a candidate or has filed as a candidate.

Section 5. **A CEC vacancy (“vacancy”)** occurs if an Officer dies, resigns, moves out of the County, is absent from three (3) consecutive officially called CEC meetings, is unable to complete his term, is officially removed by the CEC ~~or otherwise becomes disqualified~~. The Secretary shall announce at the beginning of each CEC meeting **any vacancy or an Officer that has become disqualified**.

Section 6. **In case of vacancy by the Chairman or Treasurer, the First Vice-Chairman or Assistant-Treasurer shall automatically assume the office of Chairman or Treasurer, respectively.** The CEC shall proceed to then elect a new Chairman or Treasurer, and fill any other vacancy, by majority vote, at a duly called meeting within thirty (30) days after such vacancy occurs.

An Officer elected to fill a vacancy shall serve until his successor is duly elected and takes office at the next Convention. These Officers must also qualify as bona fide Republicans and be current with payment of their dues per Article II, Section E and F.

Section 7. No Chairman shall serve more than two (2) full consecutive terms. A Chairman running for public office in a contested Republican Primary shall resign his position within ten (10) days after the filing deadline.

Section 8. **In addition to vacancy as stated in Article 2, Section 5,** an Officer may be removed for cause. Cause shall consist of disqualification by, but not limited to, **any violation of the Bylaws or engagement in conduct unfit for an Officer as determined by the CEC.** To remove an Officer, other than the Chairman for cause, at least two (2) other Officers must file a written motion with the Chairman, stating the specific reasons for the proposed removal. The requesting Officers must send a copy to the Officer for whom removal is being proposed by certified mail, return receipt requested, at the Officer’s address last known to the WCRP. Such a motion shall be filed and the copy sent at least thirty (30) days before the CEC meeting at which the motion to remove is being considered. After receiving the motion, the Chairman may appoint a committee to investigate the facts set forth in the motion. At the CEC meeting at which the motion is considered, the Officer for whom removal is sought, and those Officers requesting removal, shall have the right to be heard, present evidence and call witnesses. It shall not be necessary to follow the rules of evidence or other procedures followed in courts of law or equity. The affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Officers physically present, at which a quorum is met, shall be required for removal. Officer vote proxies shall not be allowed. If the Officer is removed, his removal shall take effect immediately upon the Chairman’s announcement of the vote. The vacancy shall be filled in accordance with these **Bylaws**.

Section 9. To remove the Chairman from office, [Rule F of the TRP’s Rules and Regulations](#) shall govern the process.

~~Section 10. Standing and Ad Hoc Committees.~~

~~Standing Committees shall be formed to assist in carrying out the work of the WCRP and the Chairman may, at his discretion, also appoint Ad Hoc Committees for additional purposes. Any Standing Committee and Ad Hoc Committee created shall cease to exist upon the election of a new Chairman. With the advice and consent of the CEC, Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs shall be appointed within thirty (30) calendar days of the Chairman's election. Each Standing or Ad Hoc Committee must include at least one (1) Officer and should also include other WCRP Members ("Members"). Each Member must be a registered voter in Tennessee, be current with payment of dues, actively participate in Committee responsibilities and attend as many WCRP events as practical. These Committees serve as non-voting members to the WCRP.~~

~~Each Standing Committee or Ad Hoc Committee Chair shall provide a monthly written report to the CEC and may also be requested to appear in-person at a regularly scheduled CEC meeting.~~

~~The specific details and responsibilities of the Standing Committees and any Ad Hoc Committees shall be included in the WCRP Policies and Procedures ("Policies and Procedures") which shall be reviewed and modified annually by June 30.~~

~~The Standing Committees of the WCRP shall be:~~

~~A. Administrative Committee~~

~~The Administrative Committee shall consist of the Chairman, Secretary, other Officers and Members as deemed necessary by the Chairman, up to a total of 15. The Chairman shall serve as Chair of this Committee~~

~~B. Elections & Candidate Support Committee:~~

~~The Elections & Candidate Support Committee, under the direction of the Chairman and First Vice-Chairman, shall assist in the work to recruit Republican candidates for elected office.~~

~~C. Outreach & Events Committee:~~

~~The Outreach & Events Committee, under the direction of the Chairman and Second Vice-Chairman, shall focus on delivering the message of the WCRP, organize events and maintain the WCRP events calendar.~~

~~D. Membership Committee:~~

~~The Membership Committee, under the direction of the Chairman and Third Vice-Chairman, shall assist in the work to recruit new members to the WCRP and maintain appropriate Membership records.~~

~~E. Finance Committee:~~

~~The Finance Committee, under the direction of the Treasurer and Chairman shall review the WCRP financial statements monthly, conduct requested internal reviews and advise as to financial policies and procedures.~~

~~F. Fundraising:~~

~~The Fundraising Committee, under the direction of the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, shall~~

~~create strategies to accomplish the fundraising goals as noted in the annual budget. These goals shall be submitted to the CEC within ninety (90) days after the budget is approved.~~

Article III Election of Officers

Section 1. Election of Officers shall be made in accordance with the **Bylaws** and Rules of the TRP. Officers shall be elected at the Convention to be held between January 15 and April 15 of each odd numbered year or as otherwise approved by the TRP Chairman.

Section 2. All Officers are elected for two-year terms or until their successor(s) is elected in accordance with Section 1 of this Article.

Section 3. All voting shall be by secret ballot unless only one single candidate is nominated, then voting shall be by affirmation.

Article IV Meetings

Section 1. The CEC shall meet at least quarterly, but shall meet monthly during Tennessee statewide election years.

Section 2. The CEC shall set the schedule for its meetings within thirty (30) days after the Convention. The Chairman shall have the discretion to change the meeting schedule as he deems appropriate.

Section 3. Notice of the exact date, time and place of each regularly scheduled meeting, an agenda outlining principal items to be discussed, proxy forms, and any other materials required by these **Bylaws** shall be emailed to each Officer and Non-Voting Officer at least five (5) days prior to the date of said meeting. The extent of the description of the agenda to be included in the notice shall be at the Chairman's discretion.

Section 4. Special meetings may be called by the Chairman at his discretion, or at the written request of any two (2) Officers in the absence of the Chairman, with five (5) days' email notice to the CEC. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the notice.

Section 5. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the Officers as defined in Article II Section 2 above. No vacant office shall be counted for purposes of calculating any quorum required under these **Bylaws**.

Section 6. Officers may proxy their vote to another Officer. The proxy shall name the Officer, shall state the date of the meeting for which the proxy shall be effective, and any limitations or instructions under which the designated proxy shall be voted. Proxies shall not be permitted on votes regarding an Officer removal. Each Officer may carry a maximum of one (1) proxy. Proxies must be submitted to both the Chairman and Secretary by email at least twenty-four (24) hours

in advance of the meeting. Proxies shall count toward quorum. Proxies do not count toward that Officer attendance.

Section 7. Between scheduled CEC meetings, action by motion may be taken by electronic voting via email. The motion must be presented in writing, seconded and approved by a majority of Officers. Actions that shall not be handled by electronic votes include: election of Officers, amendment of the **Bylaws**, or removal of an Officer. The Secretary and or Assistant Secretary shall record and notify Officers of the vote.

Section 9. Non-exclusive CEC meetings shall be open to Members whose dues payments are current.

Article V Officers' Duties

Section 1. The Chairman shall

- A. Serve as the Chief Executive Officer of the WCRP, be responsible for the management and administration of its affairs, preside at all meetings of the CEC, and coordinate WCRP political activities.
- B. Create a **detailed** annual budget, with the assistance of the Treasurer, for review and approval by the CEC no later than thirty (30) days after the Convention and no later than by June 1 of the subsequent calendar year.
- C. Work with the Treasurer to review income and expenses monthly. All disbursements must be authorized by the Chairman or the Treasurer. The Chairman shall approve all requests for disbursements not included in the annual budget. Unbudgeted expenses exceeding \$2,000.00 must be approved by a majority vote of the CEC.
- D. Serve as one of three (3) signatories on the bank account and sign as second signatory for all disbursements exceeding \$2,000.00. If the Chairman is unavailable to sign the assistant Treasurer shall sign as second signatory. Disbursements to a single payee may not be split for the purpose of evading the second signature requirement when the total payment exceeds \$2,000. No signatory may be a signer to a check issued to himself.
- E. Have full access to all accounting and other systems used by the WCRP and CEC.
- F. Preserve order and decorum at all meetings. He shall have the right to employ any staff or contract labor necessary to carry out WCRP duties. The Chairman may create additional Standing and Ad Hoc Committees needed to carry out the purposes of the WCRP as outlined in Article II, Section 10.
- ~~G. Form a Committee of the CEC Vice-Chairs to verify all Republican candidates who request petitions to run in the Republican Primary are bona fide Republicans having~~

~~voted in the last three (3) of four (4) Republican Primaries and are active in the TRP, WCRP, RWWC, WCRCW, Young Republicans or Republican campaigns.~~

E. It is the official duty of the Chairman to notify the Williamson County Election Commission to call for a Republican Primary Election.

Section 2. The First Vice-Chairman shall

A. Perform duties of the Chairman in his absence. If both the Chairman and the First Vice-Chairman are absent from a CEC meeting, the Second Vice Chairman shall serve in his absence.

~~B. Under the direction of the Chairman along with the Second and Third Vice Chairmans shall serve on the committee to verify all Republican candidates who request petitions to appear on the Republican Primary ballot as bona fide Republicans as indicated in Article 6, Section 1, A, B and C. This committee should meet with all candidates whose names appear on the Republican ballot in person to discuss the primary elections and establish a working relationship.~~

~~C. In years of Federal, State, and Local partisan races, shall form a Committee which shall include but not be limited to the Second and Third Vice Chairs. Under the direction of the Chairman, this Committee may conduct candidate surveys based on the issues, voting record and policy which may be distributed as a resource for all Republican voters in Williamson County. This Committee may also work to educate and provide sample ballots to voters.~~

D. Shall direct, under the direction of the Chairman, shall work with the Elections & Candidate Support Committee.

E. Carry out any other duties as needed by the Chairman.

Section 3. The Second Vice-Chairman shall

~~A. Under the direction of the Chairman along with the First and Third Vice Chairmans shall serve on the committee to verify all Republican candidates who request petitions for their names to appear on the Republican Primary ballot as bona fide Republicans as indicated in Article 6, Section 1, A, B and C. This committee should meet with all candidates whose names appear on the Republican ballot in person to discuss the primary elections and establish a working relationship.~~

~~B. In years of Federal, State, and Local partisan races, shall serve on the Election Committee to conduct candidate surveys based on the issues, voting record and policy, which will be distributed as a resource for all Republican voters in Williamson County. This Committee shall also work to educate and provide sample ballots to voters.~~

C. Shall direct, under the direction of the Chairman, shall work with the Outreach & Events Committee.

E. Carry out any other duties as needed by the Chairman.

Section 4. The Third Vice-Chairman shall

~~A. Under the direction of the Chairman along with the First and Second Vice Chairmans shall serve on the Committee to verify all Republican candidates who request petitions for their names to appear on the Republican Primary ballot as bona fide Republicans as indicated in Article 6, Section 1, A, B and C. This Committee should meet with all candidates whose names appear on the Republican ballot in person to discuss the primary elections and establish a working relationship.~~

~~B. In Federal, State and Local Partisan races, shall serve on the Election Committee to conduct candidate surveys based on issues, voting record, and policy which will be distributed as a resource for all Republican voters in Williamson County. This committee shall also work to educate and provide sample ballots to voters.~~

C. Shall direct, under the direction of the Chairman, shall work with the Membership Committee and the District Captains/Precinct Ad Hoc Committee; and work collectively with the WCRP auxiliary groups.

D. Carry out any other duties as needed by the Chairman.

Section 5. The Secretary shall

A. Under the direction of the Chairman, prepare the agenda for each meeting, and email the agenda to the CEC within five (5) days of the meeting. Take the minutes of each meeting, and email them out to the CEC within five (5) days after the meeting. At the beginning of the next meeting, the Secretary shall make a motion to adopt those minutes.

B. Under the direction of the Chairman, serve on the Administrative Committee and assist with coordinating the efforts of this Committee.

C. The Secretary shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Chairman or the CEC, as needed.

D. All records prepared by the Secretary shall be and remain the property of the CEC. A hard copy or thumbdrive of minutes shall be turned over to the new Secretary upon the end of his term within the first fifteen (15) days of transition.

Section 6. The Assistant Secretary shall

- A. Perform the duties of Secretary in the Secretary's absence. In the absence of both the Secretary and Assistant Secretary, the Chairman shall appoint a substitute.
- B. Be responsible for coordinating all thank you notes on behalf of the WCRP including, but not limited to, guests of Reagan Day, speakers, volunteers, and all candidates whose names appear on a Primary ballot, and those who win the Primary and the General Elections.
- C. The Assistant Secretary shall assist the Chairman and Secretary, as needed.

Section 7. The Treasurer shall

- A. Implement an internal system of strong financial controls and segregation of accounting duties and be responsible for all financial transactions including, but not limited to, timely recording based on the accrual method of accounting, reconciliation of bank accounts, deposits, and disbursements.
- B. Create a **detailed** annual budget, with the assistance of the Chairman, for review and approval by the CEC no later than thirty (30) days after the Convention and no later than June 1 of the subsequent calendar year.
- D. Work with the Chairman to review income and expenses monthly. All disbursements must be authorized by the Chairman or the Treasurer. The Chairman shall approve all requests for disbursements not included in the annual budget. Unbudgeted expenses exceeding \$2,000.00 must be approved by a majority vote of the CEC.
- E. Serve as one (1) of three (3) signatories on the bank account and sign as primary signatory on all disbursements, unless otherwise prohibited.
- F. Have full access to all accounting and other systems used by the WCRP and CEC as necessary to complete financial duties.
- G. Provide financial review and reports at each regular CEC meeting including, but not limited to, Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss and Month End Bank Reconciliation.
- H. Timely file all reports as required by law.
- I. All records prepared by the Treasurer shall be and remain the property of the CEC. A hard copy of monthly transactions is to be maintained on a current basis in the WCRP office. All financial records and system accesses shall be turned over to the new treasurer upon the end of his term and within the first fifteen (15) days of transition.

Section 8. The Assistant Treasurer shall

A. Assist the Treasurer with data collection, preparation and filing of all reports as required by law.

B. Assist the Treasurer with deposits, manage inventory of sales merchandise, maintain the WCRP Membership database, send Membership billing, and manage dues collection. The Membership database shall include names, emails, addresses, phone numbers, occupation, and any other pertinent information.

C. Serve as one (1) of three (3) signatories on the bank account, unless otherwise prohibited.

D. Assist the Treasurer or Chairman as needed.

F. Have full access to all accounting and other systems used by the WCRP and CEC as necessary to complete financial duties.

Article VI Bona Fide Republican Requirements

Section 1. The following shall be requirements for Officers:

~~A. Any individual who is a member of and actively involved in the TRP, his **former Tennessee** County Republican Party, or any recognized Tennessee auxiliary organization. These individuals should be active within the last four (4) years including, but not limited to, campaign contributions, door knocking, or making calls to assist with Republican campaigns. The individual must **currently** reside and be registered to vote in **Williamson County**. **All candidates must provide voting credentials if their former residence within the last four (4) years was in a Tennessee County outside of Williamson County; and**~~

~~B. Any individual who has voted in the last three (3) of four (4) **Tennessee Statewide** Republican Primaries in his **Tennessee** County of residence during those Primary elections. Younger Republicans (18-22) who may not have been of legal age for three (3) Primary elections must have voted in two (2) of the four (4) **Tennessee Statewide** Republican Primaries and have been actively involved for two (2) years in local Republican campaigns/activities. Younger Republicans do not qualify for the Chairmanship position.~~

~~C. No vouching of candidates shall be accepted. Candidates for CEC positions must be **bona fide** as spelled out in Article VI, Section 1 A&B.~~

Section 2. The following shall be requirements for Non-Voting Officers of the CEC:

A. Any individual who has voted in at least three (3) of the last four (4) **Tennessee** Statewide Republican Primaries in his **former Tennessee** County of residence during those primary elections. Younger Republicans who may not have been of legal age for four (4) primary elections must obtain approval from the TRP Chairman. **The individual must currently reside in and be registered to vote in Williamson County. All candidates must provide voting credentials if their former residence within the last four (4) years was in a Tennessee County outside of Williamson County;** and either

1. Any individual who is actively involved in the Tennessee Republican Party, his **former Tennessee** County Republican Party, or any recognized **Tennessee** auxiliary organization of either; or

2. Any individual who is vouched for in writing to the satisfaction of the TRP Chairman as a bona fide Republican, such as by an officer of the TRP, a member of the SEC, or CEC of the **Tennessee County where the individual formerly resided**. The TRP Chairman may require additional verification and shall have final authority to make the determination.

Section 3. Anyone who is working as a paid staff with a Democratic candidate for office shall not be considered a bona fide Republican.

Section 4. The following "bona fide Republican" definition shall be applied in all other instances including, but not limited to, candidacy to public office, appointment to positions such as Election Commissions, and participation in Conventions:

~~A. Any individual who is actively involved in the Tennessee Republican Party, his **former Tennessee** County Republican Party, or any recognized Tennessee auxiliary organizations of either. **The individual must currently reside and be registered to vote in Williamson County. All candidates must provide voting credentials if their former residence within the last four (4) years was in a Tennessee County outside of Williamson County;** and either~~

~~1. Any individual who has voted in at least three (3) of the four (4) most recent **Tennessee** Statewide Republican Primary elections; or~~

~~2. Any individual who is vouched for in writing to the satisfaction of the TRP Chairman as a bona fide Republican, such as by an officer of the TRP, a member of the SEC, or CEC of the **Tennessee County** where the individual formerly resided. The TRP Chairman may require additional verification and shall have final authority to make the determination. As long as they fall under the guidelines of Article VI, Section 1 A&B~~

B. The Contest and Credentialing Committee may authorize individuals to pre-register for the Convention to **allow verification of a voting member's bona fide Republican status prior to the Convention.**

Section 4. The TRP and CEC shall maintain a list of all recognized **Tennessee** auxiliary organizations for the application of the foregoing standards. The CEC shall submit an updated list of recognized auxiliary organizations prior to their Convention. The TRP Chairman has final authority on all approved auxiliary organizations.

Section 5. "Actively involved in" in these bylaws shall be defined as a quantifiable contribution including time or money to the TRP, the WCRP, or any recognized **Tennessee** auxiliary organization. This contribution shall be made from the most recent Convention up to thirty (30) days prior to the subsequent Convention.

Section 6. If there is a challenge to the 'bona fide' Republican status of a person who seeks to run for office, the candidate's status as a bona fide Republican shall be determined in accordance with Article IX, Section 2 of the Bylaws of the TRP.

Article VII Amendment of Bylaws

These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds majority of the full voting membership of the CEC ~~at any meeting~~. Notice of the meeting at which the vote is to be taken includes a copy of the proposed amendment(s). Any amendment is subject to majority approval by the Rules and Bylaws Subcommittee of the TRP and must be submitted between February 1st and July 31st of odd numbered years.

Article VIII Miscellaneous

Section 1. These Bylaws shall be effective on and after their adoption by the CEC and approved by the TRP. All Previous Bylaws or Rules inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 2. These Bylaws are intended to be in conformity with all Bylaws, Rules and regulations of the TRP, and governing Federal and Tennessee statutes, rules and regulations. If any of the foregoing are amended hereafter with the effect that these Bylaws are in conflict therewith, these Bylaws shall be deemed amended to conform therewith. The CEC shall as soon as reasonably possible thereafter cause these Bylaws to be expressly amended to conform therewith.

Section 3. Throughout these Bylaws, the use of the masculine shall include the feminine and neuter; the use of the feminine shall include the masculine and neuter; the use of the neuter shall include the masculine and feminine; and the use of the singular shall include the plural and vice-versa.

Section 4. From time to time, the CEC may adopt rules and regulations to set forth or govern procedures to be followed, conditions to be met, and actions to be taken by the CEC. ~~Such rules and regulations shall have the full force and effect of these Bylaws. Such rules and regulations shall be adopted or amended in the same manner as amendments to these Bylaws as set forth in Article VII.~~

Article IX Robert's Rules

Section 1. The most recent edition of "Robert's Rules of Order" shall govern all proceedings on matters not specifically covered by these **bylaws**.

~~Article X Convention or Reorganization and Convention~~

~~Part I - Contest and Credentials Committee~~

~~Section 1. The WGRP shall reorganize itself between January 15 and April 15 of each odd numbered year by means of **either a Convention or Reorganization and Convention.**~~

~~Section 2. On or before January 15 of each odd numbered year, the Chairman shall call a meeting of the CEC by written or email notice sent at least 15 days before such meeting. Such meetings shall take place on or before January 30 of each odd numbered year with that meeting having a majority of the Officers which shall constitute a quorum. If the Chairman fails to call the meeting, the TRP Chairman shall appoint a temporary Chairman to carry out the procedures of a Convention or Reorganization.~~

~~A. **At this meeting, the CEC shall vote, with the approval of a majority of the Officers present, on a Convention** Parliamentary and a Contest and Credentials Committee ("CCC"). The CCC shall consist of a Convention Chairman and five (5) members from five (5) separate districts within Williamson County. The CCC shall have the final authority on, and announce, the eligibility of candidates to run for Officers as set forth in these Bylaws. **The Chairman may serve as the Convention Chairman or a separate** Convention Chairman may be appointed with the approval of a majority of the Officers present.~~

~~Section 3. The duties of the CCC shall include the following:~~

~~A. Call for a Convention unless the Convention Chairman and three members of the CCC call for a Reorganization and Convention. A Convention is assumed by the TRP~~

~~and the WCRP unless otherwise notified by the Convention Chairman of the overriding vote for a Reorganization and Convention;~~

~~B. Prepare instructions for holding the Convention, ballots for each Officer position, and forms to report totals for each candidate;~~

~~C. Acquire and maintain Primary Election records from the last four (4) years;~~

~~D. Acquire and maintain the list of Williamson County members of the TRP, WCRP, Williamson County Career Republican Women, Republican Women of Williamson County, and Williamson County Young Republicans for vetting candidates and **voting members of the Convention (“delegates”)**;~~

~~E. **Conduct pre-registration for the Convention to allow for verification of a delegate’s bona fide Republican status prior to the Convention. Delegates should provide complete voter registration data and submit their name as it appears on their Williamson County voter registration card.**~~

~~F. Hear any challenges presented and determine the outcome of any contest of the vetted candidates and delegates;~~

~~G. Publish an announcement in the WCRP Newsletter, WCRP Social Media, and a publication that has a circulation of at least 10,000 advertising the date, time and location of the Convention along with instructions and requirements on how to register to be a candidate or a delegate at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the Convention. The advertisement shall also state the name, email address, and phone number of the Convention Chairman.~~

~~1. Candidates and delegates shall have fourteen (14) days to register.~~

~~2. Contests of bona fide Republican status for candidates and delegates are accepted up to 48 hours prior to the Convention.~~

~~Section 4 - Meetings of the GCC shall be open to the public.~~

Part II - Convention (Inherently Approved)

~~Section 1. On the date and at the time and place specified, a Convention shall be held **for the election of Officers and the transaction of such other business as may be appropriate. Candidates shall be bona fide Republicans who have been vetted per Article VI, Section 1.**~~

~~Section 2. The order of business for the Convention shall be as follows:~~

~~A. The Convention Chairman shall convene the meeting. If he is unable to be present, the **First Vice-Chairman shall preside. If he is unable, the Second Vice-Chairman or Third Vice-Chairman, respectively, shall preside.** The Convention Chairman may designate, in writing, a temporary Convention Chairman to act on their behalf if neither he nor any of the Vice-Chairmen are able to preside over the Convention.~~

~~B. The next order of business shall be the resolution of any challenge to a **delegate's** right to vote and participate in the Convention. Any bona fide Republican **delegate** who is duly registered to vote in, and resides in, **Williamson County** shall be entitled to vote and participate in the Convention. Any bona fide Republican **delegate** whose loyalty to the Republican Party is questioned may be challenged by any other bona fide Republican **delegate** present and qualified to participate. The challenged delegate shall be entitled to vote and participate in the Convention, upon his public and written affirmation of his allegiance to the Republican Party on the form furnished by the Chairman or the CCC. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no person who is then holding office as a Democrat shall be allowed to vote and participate in the Convention. If a **delegate's** residence or registration to vote in the district is challenged, he shall vote on a paper ballot, which shall be counted, marked, and set aside. If such **delegate** is determined not to be properly registered to vote in **Williamson County** or not to be a resident of **Williamson County**, his vote and participation shall be null and void. All prospective delegates shall present a valid photo I.D. **upon entry.**~~

~~C. The next order of business shall be that the **Convention Chairman** may designate two clerks, who shall assist in distributing, collecting and counting ballots and shall perform such other tasks as are assigned by the **Convention Chairman** of the meeting.~~

~~D. The next order of business shall be the election of a new Chairman and other qualified Officers. Officers shall **meet the requirements set forth in Article VI, Section 2, and be elected by majority vote of the qualified delegates present and voting.** Runoffs shall be held, if necessary, to determine a majority. The newly elected Chairman shall upon his election assume as Convention Chairman and preside at the remainder of the Convention.~~

~~E. The Convention shall then proceed to other such business as may be appropriate.~~

~~**Section 3.** Within three (3) business days after the Convention, the newly-elected Chairman shall certify the **results of the election along with the Convention Chairman and the CCC if the newly-elected Chairman had served as the Convention Chairman,** on forms prescribed and furnished by the CCC. The newly-elected Chairman shall also furnish a list of names and addresses of the **delegates** who voted and participated in the Convention. The names and addresses of the delegates to the Convention shall be **made** available to the public. The ballots of the Convention shall be preserved by the **Chairman** until after the Convention. If the results of the election are timely contested, or if the certification is rejected by the CCC, **the ballots shall be promptly delivered to the Convention Chairman or the CCC, if the newly-elected**~~

~~Chairman had served as the Convention Chairman, to be preserved until any possible contest has been finally resolved or the time for filing any further contest has expired.~~

~~**Section 4.** Within seven (7) calendar days after the Convention, the CCC shall meet and review all certifications made pursuant to Section 3. If it rejects any certification, the Convention Chairman shall, within twenty-four (24) hours, notify in writing any delegate whose credentials have been rejected, specifying the time and place at which any contest of such rejection shall be heard.~~

~~Section 5. If there is a contest of any election at a Convention, the CCC shall hear and resolve the same. Any **delegate** participating in the Convention may contest the results by filing with the **Convention Chairman**, at the email address specified in the newspaper advertisement of the Convention, a written notice of contest stating the specific legal and factual grounds for the contest. Such notice shall be filed within five (5) business days after the Convention. At the meeting held pursuant to the foregoing Section, the CCC shall fix the time and place for hearing all contests filed, and the **Convention Chairman** shall notify the contestants and the contested delegates of the time and place for hearing such contests. Contestants may be represented by counsel at such contest hearings. The CCC or any contestant may record, either by video or audio or by the use of a stenographer or court reporter, provided the method of recording does not cause a disruption to the proceedings. The determination of the CCC may be appealed to the Convention as a whole, in the manner provided elsewhere herein.~~

~~**Section 6.** Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws and Rules, the Convention shall be conducted in compliance with the most recent edition of "Robert's Rules of Order".~~

~~**Part III - Reorganization and Convention (Approval Required by the CEC and TRP)**~~

~~**Section 1.** A unanimous vote of the CEC is required before a Reorganization and Convention ("Reorganization") is held in lieu of a Convention as outlined in Option 1. If a unanimous CEC vote occurs, a second level of approval by the TRP is required.~~

~~**Section 2.** On the date(s), time(s), and place(s) specified, a TRP approved Reorganization shall be held for the purpose of electing Delegates and Alternates allowable for each of Williamson County's Districts. Candidates running for Delegates and Alternates must be vetted, determined to be bona fide Republicans, reside and are registered to vote in Williamson County by the CCCC.~~

~~**A.** The first order of business is to break out into individual spaces by district. Each district shall elect the appropriate number of Delegates and Alternates to participate in the Reorganization. The total Republican vote for the Republican Presidential candidate in the last presidential election shall be the basis by which the number of Delegates and Alternates to be elected is determined. In addition to the votes cast for the Republican Presidential candidate on the General Election day, each District shall be allocated additional votes for absentee and early votes~~

~~cast in each District. These additional votes shall be determined in the manner set forth in the Bylaws and Rules of the TRP. Each District shall be entitled to one delegate for each 200 Republican votes, or majority thereof, calculated for the District.~~

~~B. Each bona fide Republican present and participating in the Reorganization shall be entitled to vote for the number of Delegates to which the District is entitled. No proxies are allowed.~~

~~C. The floor shall be opened for nominations for Delegates. Each person nominated must be bona fide as defined in Article VI, Section 1, A-C of these Bylaws and is a registered voter residing in Williamson County at the time of the election. The total vote for each candidate for Delegate shall be recorded. Delegates in the number allotted to the District shall be elected in order of the highest total vote received. In the event of a tie vote, all names involved in the tie shall be used in consecutive Delegate positions. A runoff shall be used, if necessary, to determine the last Delegate position. Alternate Delegates shall be elected up to the number of Delegates elected. Candidates for Delegate who did not receive sufficient votes to be elected as a Delegate shall become Alternates, in descending order of the number of votes cast for each person. In case of a tie, the same procedure for the selection of Delegates shall also apply to the selection of Alternates.~~

~~D. Delegates and Alternates shall report to and participate in the Reorganization according to Article X, Part II, Option 1.~~

~~Part IV—CEC Certification~~

~~Section 1. Within ten (10) days following certification of the results of the **Convention or Reorganization, the State Executive Committeeman and/or Committeewoman**, or the Chairman of the TRP shall ensure **the Officers** are sworn to a commitment to perform the duties of their position to the best of their ability, as defined in these Bylaws. In addition, the **Chairman** shall confirm, under oath, a pledge to uphold and enforce all Bylaws of the WCRP and TRP.~~

~~Section 2. Within ten (10) calendar days after the **Convention or Reorganization**, the **newly elected Chairman** and Secretary shall certify in writing to the TRP Chairman the following:~~

~~A. Names and addresses of all **newly elected Officers** of the CEC,~~

~~B. The names and addresses of all delegates participating in the **Convention or Reorganization**.~~

These drafted By-laws to be submitted for approval and vote by the Officers September 20, 2021.

WCRP Policies and Procedures

The WCRP Policies & Procedures (Policies & Procedures) ~~shall~~ contain a listing of all Standing and Ad Hoc Committees (Committees), including a detailed description of their function. These Policies & Procedures ~~should~~ be reviewed by the Chairman annually and presented to the Officers for majority approval by June 30 of each year.

Each Committee Chairman shall report in writing monthly to the Chairman summarizing the Committees goals, strategies and accomplishments. These reports should be included in the agenda of each regularly scheduled CEC meeting. The Chairman may also request the Committee Chairman or other Committee members to present a report in-person at any regularly scheduled CEC meeting.

Committee Vice-Chairs and members should be recruited from the WCRP membership who are current with payment of dues.

The Standing Committees of the WCRP shall be:

A. Administrative Committee:

The Administrative Committee shall consist of the Chairman, Secretary, other Officers and WCRP members as deemed necessary by the Chairman, up to a total of 15.

This committee will be responsible for carrying out all administrative duties to include, but not be limited to: office assistance, volunteer coordination, donor database updates in Constant Contact, creation of marketing and membership tools, coordination of all communication efforts to include press releases, responses, and evaluation of issue resolutions, establish and maintain appropriate forms of communications with the TRP including email lists, websites and all social media accounts, plus ensure the WCRP and its candidates are submitting up-to-date and accurate contact information to the TRP.

This committee will also issue any communication deemed necessary by the Chairman, in conjunction with the CEC, and will also assist with reviewing and approving printed materials to include programs and other material used to promote the WCRP.

This committee shall meet every other month to ensure all tasks are performed.

B . Elections & Candidate Support Committee:

The Elections & Candidate Support Committee, under the direction of the Chairman and First Vice-Chairman, shall assist in the work to recruit Republican candidates for elected office.

This committee will verify prospective candidates through voting records, surveys, town halls and debates, provide prospective candidates with information concerning election procedures, and assist them otherwise to maximize the probability of electoral victory. They shall also work to recruit Republican poll workers and poll watchers and recommend or solicit endorsements for Republican candidates in elections other than Primaries.

C. Outreach & Events:

The Outreach & Events Committee, under the direction of the Chairman and Second Vice-Chairman, shall focus on delivering the message of the WCRP, organize WCRP events and maintain the WCRP events calendar.

This committee will deliver the WCRP message by connecting with political, professional, social, and service organizations from which members may be found and by which the WCRP may be well-received. The committee shall organize events that are not otherwise facilitated by the Fundraising Committee. The committee shall maintain a calendar of Republican events, those facilitated by the WCRP, and otherwise, occurring in and around Williamson County, and encourage participation.

Within ninety (90) calendar days of a Chairman's appointment, the committee shall submit a plan to the CEC spanning the duration of their term and proposing events to be executed by the committee and the WCRP.

D. Membership Committee:

The Membership Committee, under the direction of the Chairman and Third Vice-Chairman, shall assist in the work to recruit new members to the WCRP and maintain appropriate membership records.

E. Finance Committee:

The Finance Committee, under the direction of the Treasurer and Chairman shall review the WCRP financial statements monthly, conduct requested internal reviews and advise as to financial policies and procedures.

This committee shall also keep abreast of campaign finance laws and shall ensure compliance of all PAC reports occur in a timely manner.

E. Fundraising:

The Fundraising Committee, under the direction of the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, shall create strategies to accomplish the fundraising goals as noted in the annual budget. These goals shall be submitted to the CEC within ninety (90) days after the budget is approved.

This committee shall form event sub-committees, as needed, to execute approved WCRP fundraising events.

The Ad-Hoc Committees of the WCRP may include:

A . Policy & Issue Education::

This committee shall be under the direction of the First Vice-Chairman.

This committee may develop ways of advising the WCRP's on issues and prepare, when needed, materials and talking points for use by members, the CEC, and Republican candidates.

B . Bylaws:

This committee shall be under the direction of the Chairman and a SEC member.

This committee shall periodically, or by request of the CEC, review the current WCRP Bylaws in whole or in part to consider revisions which may be deemed necessary and prepare appropriate amendments for action by the CEC.

C. District Captains/Precinct:

This committee shall be under the direction of the Third Vice-Chairman.

This committee shall consist of members from each district region within Williamson County. Duties include Polls Watcher training, developing a volunteer base for the polls in each district and building relationships and performing community outreach in each district. Shall work closely with the membership chairman of the CEC.