

## **DISTRICT 23 REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE**

### **BYLAWS**

#### **ARTICLE I – NAME AND MEMBERSHIP**

- Section 1. The name of the organization shall be “District 23 Republican Committee,” hereinafter “District.”
- Section 2. The District shall function as part of the Maricopa County Republican Committee and in cooperation with the State Committee of the Arizona Republican Party. These Bylaws are created to govern the District in accordance with Arizona Revised Statutes (“A.R.S.”) Sections 16-821, 16-822, and 16-823. and any other applicable sections. These Bylaws shall, when not in conflict with state laws, Maricopa County Republican Committee (“MCRC”) Bylaws, and Arizona Republican Party Bylaws, establish a working organization, and govern the conduct of meetings and the business of the District, its officers, and committees. These Bylaws shall apply to and be binding upon the District as a whole and, when applicable, upon the Precinct Committeemen (“PCs”) and the committees of the District.
- Section 3. The membership of the District shall consist of all duly elected and appointed Precinct Committeemen in Arizona Legislative District 23, in accordance with A.R.S. Sections 16-821, 16-822, and 16-823.

#### **ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVES**

- Section 1. The object and purpose of the District shall be:
- A. To support and elect Republican candidates at all levels of government;
  - B. To promote an informed electorate through political education;
  - C. To promote the platform of the Republican Party;
  - D. To develop, maintain, and support a permanent Republican precinct organization;
  - E. To increase the effectiveness of workers of the Republican Party in the cause of good government through active political participation;
  - F. To increase registration of Republican voters.
- Section 2. In a Republican Primary election contest for public office, it shall be the policy of the Executive Committee of the District to refrain from supporting any candidate in that contest, except as provided for in Article X, Section 1.
- Section 3. From time to time, the District shall express its will on a variety of issues in the form of resolutions. In some cases, these resolutions may provide the District’s expressed will and provide explicit direction to our elected representatives at various governmental levels, including, but not limited to, school board, city/town, county, state, and federal offices.
- A. The member of the District proposing a resolution shall provide the text of the proposed resolution to the Chairman for subsequent distribution to the membership via e-mail (with confirmed receipt) at least ten (10) days prior to the vote on the resolution at a meeting of the District. Approval of the resolution shall require a majority vote of the PCs present, in person, and qualified to vote pursuant to these Bylaws, except as provided for in Article X, Section 1.
  - B. When the District expresses itself through such a resolution, any elected official or candidate for elected office who acts in contravention to the resolution may be censured by the District.
    - 1. The Act of Censure is itself a resolution and must conform with these Bylaws as it relates to its adoption.
    - 2. If an elected official or candidate for elected office is censured by the District, the District shall not provide support for his/her election or re-election activities in any primary election.

**ARTICLE III – DISTRICT ORGANIZATION**

Section 1. District Precinct Committeeman. An elected or appointed Precinct Committeeman (“PC”) must be a registered Republican voter living within the precinct pursuant to A.R.S. 16-822.

- A. Elected Precinct Committeeman. The term of an elected PC is two years in length, begins on October 1 after the primary election at which the precinct committeeman was a candidate, and continues until October 1 after the following primary election at which a precinct committeeman is elected, unless the term ends sooner as the result of resignation or removal from office.
- B. Appointed Precinct Committeeman. The term of an appointed PC commences upon the date of completion of the appointment process, as described in Article III, Sections 1.C. and 1.D., and continues until October 1 after the following primary election at which a precinct committeeman is elected, unless the term ends sooner as the result of resignation or removal from office.
- C. Vacancies. Vacancies are created by death, resignation, a change of domicile away from the precinct from which that person was elected or appointed, or a reason defined in A.R.S. 38-291. A vacancy occurs when there is a failure to elect the allowed number of PCs at the primary election. Vacancies resulting from failure to elect the allowed number of PCs at the primary election shall not be filled by appointment until after the State Organizational Meeting in January of odd-numbered years.
- D. Filling a Vacancy by Appointment. Upon recognition of the existence of a vacancy, the District Chairman should notify the Precinct Captain of the vacancy within five (5) days. The Precinct Captain shall, within fifteen (15) days of notice from the District Chairman, recommend to the District Chairman a person to fill the vacancy. If the District Chairman approves the recommendation, he/she shall, within fifteen (15) days, sign the appointment form and forward it to the MCRC Chairman. If the Precinct Captain and District Chairman disagree on whom should be appointed to fill the vacancy, both recommendations shall be forwarded to the MCRC Chairman within fifteen (15) days. If the Precinct Captain does not make a recommendation to the District Chairman within fifteen (15) days of notice from the District Chairman, the District Chairman should, within an additional fifteen (15) days, submit a recommendation to the MCRC Chairman.
- E. Duties of Precinct Committeemen. The duties of PCs include, but are not limited to:
  - 1. Voting, in person or by proxy, as specified in these Bylaws and/or MCRC Bylaws, at each and every District and county party election, when qualified to do so;
  - 2. Assisting the Republican Party in voter registration;
  - 3. Assisting and encouraging Republican voters to vote in each election;
  - 4. Attending District & precinct meetings;
  - 5. Working with his/her Precinct Captain;
  - 6. Creating enthusiasm and support for the Republican Party and its platform;
  - 7. Helping to elect Republican candidates;
  - 8. Helping to recruit and train new volunteers for the Republican Party;
  - 9. Fostering loyalty to and promoting the principles of the United States Constitution and the Republican Party Platform.

Section 2. Precinct Captain.

- A. Election of Precinct Captain. The District Chairman shall direct the PCs of each precinct to meet and elect from among their number, by a majority vote of the newly elected PCs, a Precinct Captain within twenty (20) days after the certification of the primary election results by the Board of Supervisors. The documentation of that vote, using the District’s Precinct Captain Election Form, shall be submitted to the District Chairman, or his/her designee as soon as practicable. In deference to MCRC Bylaws, Article II, Section 3.A., the election of Precinct Captains will become official at the District Organizational Meeting. If the PCs of any precinct fail to meet and elect a Precinct Captain prior to the District Organizational Meeting, that

election shall take place during the District Organizational Meeting.

- B. Appointment of Precinct Captain. If the PCs of any precinct fail to elect a Precinct Captain as specified in Article III, Section 2.A., a Precinct Captain may be appointed by the District Chairman to serve until such time that the PCs meet and elect a Captain.
- C. Duties of Precinct Captain. The duties of the Precinct Captain include, but are not limited to:
  - 1. Assisting PCs and workers within his/her precinct to work effectively before and on Election Day;
  - 2. Facilitating voter registration activities within the precinct;
  - 3. Recruiting and training Republicans to fill available, authorized PC positions;
  - 4. Keeping the precinct organization intact and, when PC vacancies occur, recommending replacements;
  - 5. Cooperating with the District Executive Board and faithfully executing policies and programs promulgated by the Executive Board.

Section 3. Area Directors. An appointed Area Director must be a PC living within the area/precinct with current voting status in the District. An Area Director may concurrently serve as Precinct Captain, and/or an Area Coordinator for Operations.

- A. Organization of Area Directors. The District is organized into up to ten (10) geographical areas. An Area Director may be appointed for each of these areas. The Area Directors assist in the distribution of information, walking lists, and action plans from the First Vice-Chairman and the Area Coordinator(s) for Operations to the Precinct Captains and otherwise assist/support the Precinct Captains in his/her duties.
- B. Appointment of Area Directors. Each Area Director is appointed by the District Chairman with the consent of a majority of the Executive Committee and shall serve at the pleasure of the District Chairman.
- C. Duties of Area Directors. An Area Director shall serve as “point person” under the First Vice-Chairman and Area Coordinator(s) for Operations for one of the up to ten (10) areas of the District. His/her duties may include:
  - 1. Ensuring that each Precinct is functioning properly by keeping in contact with and assisting Precinct Captains to fill Precinct vacancies, facilitating the election or appointment of Precinct Captains pursuant to Article III, Section 2, and assisting in the distribution of materials to Precinct Committeemen;
  - 2. Coordinating with the First Vice-Chairman, appointed Chairmen, and Precinct Captains to obtain volunteers, register voters, and conduct other assigned District activities;
  - 3. Arranging for needed training of Precinct Captains;
  - 4. Assisting Precinct Captains to ensure that proxies for County and State meetings are valid and carried by authorized persons;
  - 5. Working with the First Vice-Chairman to ensure that Nomination Forms, Petitions, and Affidavits for the Primary Election are properly completed and submitted.

Section 4. Area Coordinator(s) for Operations. An appointed Area Coordinator for Operations must be a Precinct Committeeman with current voting status in the District. An Area Coordinator for Operations may concurrently serve as Area Director and/or Precinct Captain.

- A. Appointment of Area Coordinator(s) for Operations. An Area Coordinator for Operations may be appointed by the District Chairman with the consent of a majority of the Executive Committee and shall serve at the pleasure of the District Chairman.
- B. Duties of Area Coordinator(s) for Operations. An Area Coordinator for Operations works closely with the District Chairman and First Vice-Chairman to coordinate the dissemination of information, walking lists, and action plans to the Area Directors. He/she also provides support to areas with no Area Director and/or precincts with no Precinct Captain.

**ARTICLE IV – ELECTED OFFICERS**

Section 1. Election, Qualifications, Term of Office, Vacancies, Removal from Office.

- A. Election. At the District Organizational Meeting called pursuant to A.R.S. Section 16-823, the duly elected District PCs having current voting status shall meet and elect, by a vote of the majority present, in person or by proxy, a District Chairman, two (2) Vice-Chairmen, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, each of whom must be a duly elected PC in the District.
- B. Qualifications. Each Officer elected during the Organizational Meeting, or elected to fill a vacancy, shall be a PC from the District with current voting status at the time of his/her election.
- C. Term of Office. Elected Officers shall assume their duties at the close of the meeting at which they are elected. An elected Officer shall serve for a term of two (2) years or until his/her successor is elected. If an elected Officer is not re-elected as a PC, his/her term will still continue until his/her successor is elected at the District Organizational Meeting
- D. Vacancy of District Chairman.
  - 1. In case of a vacancy in the office of District Chairman, except when such vacancy occurs within a sixty (60) day period prior to an Organizational Meeting to be called pursuant to A.R.S. Section 16-823, at a special meeting at which a quorum is present, the PCs within the District shall meet and elect by vote of the majority present, in person or by proxy, a successor (who is an elected PC with current voting privileges) to hold office for the remainder of the current term. Notice of such an election and a proxy form shall be sent to all PCs by e-mail (with confirmed receipt) at least ten (10) days prior to such a meeting.
  - 2. Should a vacancy occur within a sixty (60) day period prior to an Organizational Meeting of the District, the vacancy created shall be filled by election at such Organizational Meeting.
- E. Vacancy in Other Elected District Offices. In case of a vacancy in the office of First Vice-Chair, Second Vice-Chair, Secretary, or Treasurer, the District Chairman shall nominate a person to temporarily fill the vacancy until such time as an election, in accordance with the Maricopa County Republican Committee Bylaws, Article II, Section 5, is held. The nominee shall be subject to approval by a majority vote of the Executive Committee, held at a meeting, via telephone, or by other electronic means. Approval of the nomination shall not be unreasonably withheld. That appointee shall have all voting rights and privileges of the position to which they have been appointed.
- F. Removal of District Chairman. A majority of PCs within the District may petition the Maricopa County Republican Chairman to call a special meeting of the District Committee for the purpose of removing the District Chairman. At such a meeting, in which a quorum is present, a majority vote by the PCs present, in person, may remove the District Chairman. Notice of such a meeting shall be sent by e-mail (with confirmed receipt) to PCs at least ten (10) days prior to such a meeting.
- G. Removal of Other Elected Officers. The First Vice-Chair, Second Vice-Chair, Secretary, or Treasurer may be removed by a majority vote of the PCs present, in person, at any regular or special meeting at which a quorum is present. The elected officer may not be removed at such meeting unless the proposed removal is set forth in the ten (10) day notice of a call of the items or business in such meeting. Notice of the proposed removal shall be sent by e-mail (with confirmed receipt) to PCs at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting by the Secretary, unless he/she is the subject of the removal, in which case by the Chairman or his/her designee.

Section 2. General Duties of Elected Officers

- A. Authority. Officers shall perform the duties provided in this Article and such other duties as prescribed for the office in these Bylaws.
- B. Each and every elected or appointed Officer shall resign upon declaring himself/herself as a

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candidate for a paid elected office at the District, county, state, city/town, or federal level, or accepting a paid (greater than one dollar per year) position for: 1] a campaign committee for a candidate for a paid elected office; 2] a political action committee; or 3] an independent expenditure committee. (Establishment of an exploratory committee for paid political office shall not trigger this requirement.)

### Section 3. District Chairman.

#### A. Duties. The duties of the District Chairman shall include, but not be limited to the following:

1. Organizing the District for effective and continuous organizational work on behalf of the Republican Party and its candidates;
2. Holding District general meetings at least six (6) times in odd numbered years and at least ten (10) times during even numbered years;
3. Presiding at all meetings of the District, Executive Committee, and Board unless he/she designates another member of the Executive Committee to preside in his/her stead;
4. Representing the District in an official capacity, be the recognized leader of the Republican Party in the District, and coordinate the district-wide activities of the Republican Party;
5. Cooperating with the Maricopa County Republican Committee Chairman and attending, in person or by proxy, all Executive Guidance Committee meetings called by the MCRC Chairman. If the First- and/or Second Vice- Chairmen are unable to attend, then the District Chairman's proxy shall be carried by a PC with current voting status from the District;
6. In cooperation with the First Vice-Chairman and Secretary, maintaining a current record of the District organization, including the names of and available contact information for Precinct Captains, Precinct Committeemen, State Committeemen, and other volunteers;
7. Having usual powers of supervision and management customary to the Office of Chairman or as may be assigned by the Executive Committee, and implementing policies for the efficient and responsible operation of the District, subject to approval by the Executive Committee;
8. In cooperation with the District Treasurer, preparing a budget for the calendar year and submit such budget to the Executive Committee for adoption, be an authorized signer on District checks, and have final approval on all District expenditures;
9. Furnishing a monthly-itemized statement of reasonable out-of-pocket expenses required in the performance of duties as Chairman, as set forth in the annual budget. Any expense in excess of the amount budgeted shall be subject to the approval of the Executive Committee;
10. Appointing non-elected Officers and Committee Chairmen/Members as needed, except as otherwise specified in these Bylaws, and be an ex-officio member of all appointed committees, unless excluded by these Bylaws;
11. Assisting the organization and support of Republican clubs within the District, and be the liaison officer to the various Republican Clubs within the District;
12. Organizing and promoting voter registration activities within the District.

### Section 4. First Vice-Chairman.

#### A. Duties. The duties of the First Vice-Chairman shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Performing duties as assigned by the District Chairman and by the Bylaws of the District;
2. Performing the duties of the District Chairman during an absence of the District Chairman or, in the event of a vacancy, until the vacancy is filled;
3. Serving as the Membership Chairman for the District, which includes overseeing recruitment of new PCs.

### Section 5. Second Vice-Chairman.

#### A. Duties. The duties of the Second Vice-Chairman shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Performing duties as assigned by the District Chairman and by the Bylaws of the District;

2. Performing the duties of the District Chairman during an absence of both the District Chairman and the First Vice-Chairman;
3. Serving as the Program Chairman for the District.

Section 6. Secretary.

- A. Duties. The duties of the Secretary shall include, but not be limited to:
  1. Keeping minutes of all meetings of the District and the Executive Board;
  2. Transmitting required calls for meetings;
  3. Compiling and transmitting meeting agendas;
  4. Maintaining a current roster of the District membership and records of attendance at meetings;
  5. Preserving all permanent District records and relinquishing those records to his/her successor;
  6. Performing other duties incidental to the office as may be assigned by the Executive Committee.

Section 7. Treasurer.

- A. Duties. The duties of the Treasurer shall include, but not be limited to:
  1. Promptly depositing all monies received by the District and being the custodian of all funds;
  2. Disbursing funds only upon the order of the District Chairman, or in his or her absence, the Vice Chairman acting in his/her stead. All checks shall be signed by the Treasurer and approved by the District Chairman or a Vice-Chairman acting for the Chairman. The Treasurer shall not write checks to himself/herself without written approval by the District Chairman;
  3. Filing all required state and county reports in a timely manner;
  4. Performing other duties incidental to the office as may be assigned by the Executive Committee.

**ARTICLE V – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE & BOARD**

Section 1. Executive Committee

- A. Composition. The elected Officers of the District are the Chairman, First Vice-Chairman, Second Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be filled by the same person. If one person acts as Secretary and Treasurer, that person shall have only one vote. Together, the elected Officers comprise the Executive Committee of the District.
- B. Quorum. Three (3) of the elected Officers of the District shall constitute a quorum of the Executive Committee. If one person acts as Secretary and Treasurer, that person shall, for the purpose of achieving a quorum, count as only one Officer.
- C. Notice of Meeting. Notice of a meeting of the Executive Committee shall be given to all members of the Executive Committee by electronic means at least twenty four (24) hours in advance of the meeting, but this requirement may be waived by unanimous consent of all five (5) members of the Executive Committee. Any member of the Executive Committee may call a meeting of the Executive Committee with the consent of the majority of its members.

Section 2. Board

- A. Composition. The Board shall be comprised of the Executive Committee, appointed Officers, appointed Committee Chairmen, Area Coordinator(s) for Operations, Area Directors, the Republican legislators of the State Legislative District, and the immediate-past Chairman of the District. The Board includes voting and non-voting members. The elected Officers of the District are the only voting members of the Board.



- B. Quorum. Three (3) of the voting members of the Board shall constitute a quorum of the Board. If one person acts as Secretary and Treasurer, that person shall, for the purpose of achieving a quorum, count as only one voting member of the Board.
- C. Notice of Meeting. Notice of a meeting of the Board shall be sent to all District PCs by e-mail (with confirmed receipt) at least ten (10) days in advance of that meeting. Board meetings shall be open to attendance by all District PCs.

#### **ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS & QUORUM**

- Section 1. At the District Organizational Meeting a quorum shall exist when 25% of the elected PCs with current voting status are present, in person or by proxy. Proxy voters shall be an elected PC, or another registered Republican voter, from the same precinct as the proxy grantor, and otherwise meet criteria specified in Maricopa County Republican Committee (MCRC) Bylaws. Proxy forms shall be in substantially the same form as set forth in MCRC Bylaws.
- Section 2. For a District meeting at which a vote for adoption of amendments to these Bylaws occurs, a quorum shall exist when 20% of all PCs in the District are present in person. For other regular District meetings, a quorum shall exist when 10% of all PCs in the District are present in person, unless otherwise specified in these Bylaws.
- Section 3. In even-numbered years, no fewer than ten (10) regular District meetings shall be held. In odd-numbered years, no fewer than six (6) regular District meetings shall be held.
- Section 4. For purposes of achieving a quorum, notice of all regular District meetings shall be sent to each PC by e-mail (with confirmed receipt) no later than ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting.
- Section 5. Special meetings of the District may be called by the District Chairman. The District Chairman shall call a special meeting of the District upon receiving written requests from at least fifteen percent (15%) of all District PCs. The District Chairman may call special meetings of the Board and Precinct Captains. The District Chairman shall call a special meeting of Precinct Captains upon receiving written requests from at least eight (8) Precinct Captains.
- Section 6. The Organizational Meeting of the District shall be held in even-numbered years. The Organizational Meeting shall be held according to the parameters specified in A.R.S. Section 16-823. An official call to meeting and a proxy form shall be sent to elected PCs by e-mail (with confirmed receipt), or sent by United States mail in accordance with A.R.S. 16-823, a minimum of ten (10) days prior to the Organizational Meeting.
- Section 7. Every meeting of the District shall begin with an invocation and a pledge of allegiance. After this, the meeting follows the 11th edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, unless otherwise specified in these Bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE VII – APPOINTED OFFICERS & COMMITTEES**

- Section 1. Appointed Officers and Committee Chairmen.
  - A. Appointed Officers of the District may include a Parliamentarian and a General Counsel, and other Officers at the Chairman's discretion. The General Counsel shall advise the Executive Committee and may be paid an amount not to exceed \$1 (one dollar) per year. Appointed Committee Chairmen shall include the Chairmen of the Finance Committee and Nominating Committee, and may include a Chairman of a Bylaws Committee, and of any other Committees duly constituted by the District Chairman, exclusive of the Executive Committee.
  - B. Each appointed Officer and appointed Committee Chairman is appointed by the District Chairman with the consent of a majority of the members of the Executive Committee. Each appointed Officer and appointed Committee Chairman is a non-voting member of the Executive Board and shall serve at the pleasure of the District Chairman. A Committee Chairman must be a PC with current voting status at the time of appointment and during his/her term of service. The Parliamentarian and General Counsel need not be Precinct Committeemen.

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- Section 2. The Finance Committee is appointed by the District Chairman and shall consist of at least three (3) but not more than five (5) PCs with current voting status. Elected District Officers are not eligible to serve as members of the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee shall:
- A. Review the financial records of the District annually and present a report of their review to the District;
  - B. Perform a review of financial records upon a change in the office of Treasurer.
- Section 3. The Nominating Committee shall consist of a Chairman, appointed by the District Chairman pursuant to Article VII, Section 1.B, and four (4) additional members. The four (4) additional members shall be PCs with current voting status and shall be elected at a regular District meeting at least sixty (60) days prior to the District Organizational Meeting, by a majority vote of the elected PCs present, in person, and qualified to vote pursuant to these Bylaws. No more than one (1) PC from a particular precinct may be a member of the Nominating Committee. Current elected Officers and candidates for an elected Officer position are not eligible to serve on the Nominating Committee. The duties of the Nominating Committee are:
- A. To actively solicit qualified nominees for elected Officer positions and State Committeemen, to collect the names for such offices, to confirm eligibility of the nominees, and to secure a commitment from each nominee to fulfill the obligations of the office;
  - B. To produce and present a written report in the form of a ballot at the District Organizational Meeting. This report should contain at least one nominee for each elected Officer position and at least one (1) nominee for each available position for State Committeeman, or as may be otherwise prescribed by these Bylaws;
  - C. To dissolve upon adjournment of the Organizational Meeting, provided that the required business of that meeting is successfully completed.
- Section 4. A Bylaws Committee may be appointed by the District Chairman and shall consist of at least three (3) but not more than five (5) District PCs, with current voting status. The Bylaws Committee may include members of the Executive Committee. If constituted, the Bylaws Committee shall:
- A. Research & review proposed amendments to and revisions of the Bylaws;
  - B. Make recommendations regarding the proposed amendments/revisions to the Executive Committee for consideration and action.

### **ARTICLE VIII – DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING ELECTION**

- Section 1. Only the elected Precinct Committeemen of record and having voting status pursuant to A.R.S. Section 16-821, Section 16-822, and these Bylaws, as of seven (7) days preceding the Organizational Meeting, and who are present, in person or by proxy, at the call to order, shall be allowed to vote for elected Officers and State Committeemen at the Organizational Meeting.
- Section 2. Voting shall be conducted by ballot except when only one nominee is being considered for an office, in which case the election may be made by acclamation.
- Section 3. Maricopa County Republican Committee approved voting systems shall be used for all elections held at the Organizational Meeting, provided adequate District funds are available.
- Section 4. The election shall be conducted as follows:
- A. The Secretary shall certify the total number of eligible voters as of the call to order and, if a quorum, as defined in Article VI, Section 1 is present, the meeting shall proceed.
  - B. The Nominating Committee shall then present its report to the membership.
  - C. After presentation of the Nominating Committee's report, the voting for elected District Officers shall proceed in the following manner:
    1. The election of all District Officers (District Chairman, First Vice-Chairman, Second Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer) shall be conducted simultaneously;
    2. Nominations from the floor shall be entertained (any such nominee shall be present)



- immediately prior to the balloting;
  3. The District Chairman shall allow time, not to exceed five (5) minutes, for nominating and seconding speeches for each candidate for an elected Officer position;
  4. The candidate receiving the highest total number of votes for each position shall be declared the winner;
  5. In the event of a tie for a District Officer, the winner shall be determined by selecting the lowest card from a new, well-shuffled full deck of cards.
- D. Balloting for the office of State Committeeman shall immediately follow the election of District Officers and shall be conducted in the following manner and in accordance with A.R.S. 16-825:
1. The portion of the Nominating Committee's report related to nominees for State Committeemen shall be reviewed and nominations from the floor will be entertained (any such nominee shall be present);
  2. Nominating or seconding speeches shall not be allowed for the office of State Committeeman;
  3. The candidates receiving the highest number of votes cast for the allowed number of State Committeemen positions shall be declared State Committeemen. A list of State Committeemen, in the order of number of votes received, will be produced and made available to the District membership as soon as practicable. If there is any subsequent resignation, or other vacancy, the District Chairman shall make a recommendation for appointment to fill the vacancy in accordance with A.R.S. 16-825.01.
  4. In the event of a tie for a State Committeeman position, the winner shall be determined by selecting the lowest card from a new, well-shuffled full deck of cards. If multiple candidates tie for the last State Committeeman position, this process shall be repeated, as necessary, to determine the winner.

#### ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

- Section 1. Amendments to these Bylaws may be proposed by any Precinct Committeeman. No proposed amendment shall be considered unless it has been given in writing and delivered to the District Chairman, who may appoint a Bylaws Committee to review the proposed amendment(s). The Bylaws Committee, if appointed, shall research the proposed amendment(s) and provide recommendations to the District Executive Committee as soon as is practicable. If approved by a majority of the voting members of the District Executive Committee, the proposed amendment(s) shall then be posted on the District web site and sent by e-mail (with confirmed receipt) to the District membership at least ten (10) days prior to any vote to adopt the amendment(s).
- Section 2. Proposed amendments which have been approved by the Executive Committee and distributed to the membership (as stipulated in Article IX, Section 1) shall be considered for adoption at the next regular District meeting following such distribution, provided a quorum as defined in Article VI, Section 2, exists. At such meeting, the text of the proposed amendment(s) shall be available for review by the members attending the meeting.
- Section 3. The approval of the amendment(s) by the Executive Committee shall be considered a motion for adoption. After any discussion, the amendment(s) shall be put to a vote of the membership, and, if adopted by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Precinct Committeemen present, in person, shall become effective upon adjournment of the meeting at which the amendment(s) is/are adopted.

#### ARTICLE X – ENDORSEMENTS

- Section 1. Endorsement by Officers. In a contested Republican primary election, no elected Officer of the District may claim to speak on behalf of the Executive Committee, Board, or the District in support of a candidate in the Republican Primary Election unless authorized to do so by the prior approval by resolution of two-thirds (2/3) of the District PCs present, in person or by proxy, at a duly constituted meeting of the District.
- Section 2. Support of non-Republican candidates. No member of the District shall provide financial support or

declare public support or approval for a non-Republican candidate in any election in which there is a Republican candidate for that elected office, unless that candidate has been censured by this District, Maricopa County Republican Committee, or the Arizona Republican Party.

- Section 3. Enforcement. Should a Precinct Committeeman be alleged to be in violation of Article X, any District PC may ask the Executive Committee to investigate the allegation, including, but not limited to, questioning the PC and making a determination as to the validity of the alleged violation. If the allegation is determined to have merit, by a majority vote of the Executive Committee, the matter shall be referred to the Executive Guidance Committee (“EGC”) of the Maricopa County Republican Committee for further disposition.

#### **ARTICLE XI – SEVERABILITY & PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

- Section 1. If any provision of these Bylaws is found to be in conflict with Arizona Revised Statutes, that provision is voided, but the remainder of these Bylaws shall remain intact and valid.
- Section 2. Any subject not directly covered by these District Bylaws shall be governed by Maricopa County Republican Committee Bylaws, Arizona Republican Party Bylaws, or the 11th edition of Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised, in decreasing order of precedence.