

UNIFORM CONSTITUTION FOR BRANCH CLUBS

Constitution of _____ Branch of the
Republican Party of Milwaukee County

ARTICLE I – AUTHORIZATION

This Constitution is adopted pursuant to a Sub-Charter issued by the Executive Committee of the Republican Party of Milwaukee County pursuant to the provisions of “ARTICLE XII – BRANCH CLUBS” of the Constitution of the Republican Party of Milwaukee County, a copy of which Article is appended hereto and made a part hereof by reference.

ARTICLE II – NAME, PURPOSE AND ALLOTTED AREA

The name of the organization shall be “The _____ Branch of the Republican Party of Milwaukee County.”

The purpose of this organization shall be as set forth in “ARTICLE XII – BRANCH CLUBS’ of the Constitution of the Republican Party of Milwaukee County, a copy of which article is appended hereto and made apart hereof by reference.

The allotted geographical area within which this organization shall carry out its purposes and functions shall be set forth in the By-Laws issued by the Executive Committee of the Republican Party of Milwaukee County as amended from time to time by said Executive Committee.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Membership in this organization shall be open to all citizens of voting age within the allotted area who believe in the objectives, purposes and principals of the Republican Party as set forth in the Constitution of the Republican Party of Milwaukee County and such other members of the Republican Party of Milwaukee County as may choose to join it rather than the Branch Club in which they reside. Members of this organization shall be members of “The REPUBLICAN PARTY OF MILWAUKEE COUNTY”, residing in the allotted area.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

Section One

Officers: The officers of this organization shall consist of a Chairman, a First Vice-Chairman, a Second Vice-Chairman and a Secretary-Treasurer.

Section Two

Terms: The Chairman, First and Second Vice-Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected in that order at a duly constituted Caucus prior to February 1st in the odd-numbered years, and shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified under Article VIII, Section 3 of this Constitution. Their two-year terms begin on adjournment of the Caucus at which they are elected.

Section Three

Duties: Duties of Officers shall be as follows –

- a) The Chairman shall preside at all meetings and caucuses of the Branch and the Executive Committee and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Branch Nominating Committee. The Chairman shall have general supervision of the work of the organization. The Chairman is a member of the County Executive Committee and shall represent the Branch Club at all County Executive Committee meetings.
- b) The First Vice-Chairman, in the absence of the Chairman, shall perform the duties of the Chairman, and other duties as the Chairman may direct.
- c) The Second Vice-Chairman, in the absence of the Chairman and the First Vice-Chairman, shall perform the duties of the Chairman, and other duties as the Chairman and/or First Vice-Chairman may direct.
- d) The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep the minutes of the Branch meetings; shall keep a current list of all the members of the Branch; and shall forward all monies received to the County organization.

ARTICLE V – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section One

Executive Committee: The Branch Executive Committee shall consist of:

- a) The officers of this organization
- b) Two Members-at-large
- c) Such other members as may be designated in Branch By-Laws

Section Two

Terms:

- a) Officers shall be members of the Executive Committee while they hold office.
- b) The Members-at-Large shall be elected after the election of Officers at a duly constituted Caucus prior to February 1st in the odd-numbered years and shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified under Article VIII, Section 3 of this Constitution. Their two-year terms begin on adjournment of the Annual Meeting at which they are elected.

Section Three

Duties of the Executive Committee

- a) Transact any necessary business between meetings and caucuses;
- b) Fill Branch vacancies that occur between elections;
- c) Recommend slates of delegates and alternates for the State's Convention or District Caucuses to the County Executive Committee;
- d) Advise the Branch Chairman and to perform any other duties prescribed under the By-Laws.

ARTICLE VI – COMMITTEES

Section One

Finance Committee: The Chairman, with the approval of the Executive Committee, shall appoint a Finance Chairman. The duties of the Finance Chairman shall be to raise funds for the Republican Party.

Section Two

Nominating Committee: A Nominating Committee of not less than three (3) members shall be appointed by the Executive Committee at least sixty (60) days prior to each election. This Committee shall report at least one (1) nominee for each office. After such report, nomination from the floor shall be allowed. Nominees for Members-at-large and nominees for any officer position shall be current and qualified members at the time of nomination.

Section Three

Other Committees: In addition to the foregoing committees, the Chairman, with the consent of the Executive Committee, may establish from time to time, such other special or temporary committees as may deem necessary or desirable.

ARTICLE VII – APPOINTMENTS

All appointments shall be made by the Chairman, with the approval of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII – MEETINGS AND CAUCUSES

Section One

Meetings or caucuses shall be held upon seven (7) days notice at the call of the Chairman or at the direction of the Executive Committee, or at the call of the RPMC Executive Committee upon petition of four (4) members of the Branch; such petition to state the exact purpose of the meeting or caucus.

Section Two

A Caucus shall be held prior to February 1st of each year. In the odd numbered years, Officers and Members-at-large will be elected to the Branch Executive Committee. Where there is only one candidate for an office, election may be voice vote. Where more than one candidate is nominated for an office, election will be held by written ballot. A majority of the votes cast shall elect. Three (3) membership meetings/events other than the Caucus shall be held at dates and times agreed-upon by the Branch Executive Committee.

Section Three

Qualified and voting members of this organization shall be those Republicans who have been recorded as having paid dues: 1) thirty (30) days prior to any meeting or caucus for persons who are not recorded as members in good standing for any portion of the preceding membership year, and 2) ten (10) days prior to any meeting or caucus for persons who are recorded as members in good standing for any portion of the preceding membership year.

ARTICLE IX – QUORUM

Section One

A quorum for a meeting or caucus of this organization shall be ten percent of the current membership, but not less than seven (7) qualified and voting members.

Section Two

A quorum for a meeting of the Executive Committee shall be a majority of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE X – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

“Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised” shall govern all proceedings except where inconsistent with the constitution and By-Laws of this organization.

ARTICLE XI – BY-LAWS

In the event of any conflict or ambiguity of this Constitution or By-Laws adopted hereunder, the Constitution of the Republican Party of Milwaukee County shall prevail.

ARTICLE XII – AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this Constitution may be made after approval by the Executive Committee of the Republican Party of Milwaukee County and then by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the qualified and voting members at any regular or special meeting of this organization where the call and notice states such purpose.

ARTICLE XIII – ENDORSEMENTS, POLICY MAKING, RESOLUTIONS

This organization is specifically prohibited from endorsing any candidate in a Party primary or any candidate in a non-partisan election or non-partisan Primary Election. Such endorsement may be issued upon petition of a majority vote of the membership of this Branch at any regular meeting hereof and approval by the Republican Party of Milwaukee County as provided for in its By-Laws.

This organization is specifically prohibited from making or attempting or purporting to make any policy-making decisions. However, it is not the intention of this Article to prohibit this organization from taking any action recommending the adoption of any resolution at any regularly called meeting of the Republican Party of Milwaukee County.