

# Republican Party of Milwaukee County By-Laws

## **1 Branch Clubs**

The Branch Clubs within the Milwaukee County Republican Party shall be defined as follows:

### **1.1 Milwaukee North**

The Milwaukee North Branch is composed of those areas of the City of Milwaukee in Milwaukee County lying north of Interstate Highways 94 and 7-94, comprising all of Aldermanic Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, and 15; and Wards 37, 37, 120, 121, 124, -127, and 275 – 280 of Aldermanic District 10.

### **1.2 Milwaukee South**

The Milwaukee South Branch is composed of those areas of the City of Milwaukee lying south of Interstate Highways 94 and 7-94, comprising all of Aldermanic Districts 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, and Wards 288 and 289 of Aldermanic District 10.

### **1.3 Northshore**

The Northshore Branch is composed of the municipalities of Bayside, Brown Deer, Glendale, Fox Point, River Hills, Shorewood, and Whitefish Bay.

### **1.4 Southshore**

The Southshore is composed of the municipalities of Cudahy, Oak Creek, Saint Francis, and South Milwaukee.

### **1.5 Southwest Suburban**

The Southwest Suburban Branch is composed of the municipalities of Franklin, Greendale, Greenfield, and Hales Corners.

### **1.6 Wauwatosa**

The Wauwatosa Branch is composed of the municipality of Wauwatosa.

### **1.7 West Allis-West Milwaukee**

The West Allis-West Milwaukee Branch is composed of the municipalities of West Allis and West Milwaukee.

### **1.8 Changes to Branch Boundaries**

Changes to Branch boundaries will be considered and adopted under Section 6 of these By-Laws. All proposals for changes shall come from the Branch(es) from whom the territory of the new Branch is coming or from the Branches affected if it is simply a boundary change without the creation of a new Branch.

## 2 Dues

The annual dues for this organization shall be detailed in the table below. Members shall belong to, and have voting rights in, the Branch wherein they reside, unless the member selects another Branch when joining or renewing their membership. In addition, the account of the Branch shall be credited with the ‘branch credit’ from the table below.

Member Type	Annual Amount	Branch Credit
Individual	\$ 15.00	\$ 5.00
Couples or Families	\$ 25.00	\$ 8.00
Students	\$ 10.00	\$ 3.00
Senior Citizens (62 & over)	\$ 10.00	\$ 3.00

Honorary memberships in this organization may be granted by the Executive Committee upon a two-thirds vote thereof. Branches do not receive a branch credit for these honorary memberships and they shall not be entitled to vote at meetings or caucuses of this organization or its branches.

## 3 Branch Club Finance

Branch Clubs shall receive a ‘branch credit’ from each paid membership in the RPMC. The amount of the credit shall be as defined by the Executive Committee in these by-laws.

The amounts credited to each Branch shall be held in the account of the RPMC and a separate accounting shall be kept of the funds credited to and expended by each Branch. Each Branch shall have the authority to expend, at their discretion and consistent with state election law, the amounts credited to them.

In addition to the amounts received from the membership credit, Branches may raise other funds either through direct solicitations or events. All revenues and expenses of these activities shall be through the RPMC treasury, consistent with state election law. All net revenue from such activities shall be credited to the Branch.

The RPMC Executive Committee may not require or prohibit Branch expenses unless they are illegal under state election law. The membership of the RPMC may do so only through the Constitution of the organization. The Treasurer will pay branch expenses after approval by the Branch and submission of receipts or invoices. Expenses that are within the amount the Branch has available do not require approval of the RPMC Executive Committee. Expenses in excess of amounts available require such approval.

## **4 Finance**

Between Executive Board meetings, expenditures may be approved for payment by a minimum of three of the five officers of this organization. No single expenditure in excess of \$250.00 shall be made to any single vendor. No such expenditures by the Officers shall cause the balance in the treasury to fall below \$1000.00. All such expenditures shall be reported to the Executive Board at its next meeting as part of the Treasurer's Report.

An audit of the accounts of the RPMC shall be performed prior to the biennial caucus election of a Treasurer, with a report of such audit submitted to the caucus. This provision does not prohibit or impede the ability of the Executive Board to perform an audit at any time it deems prudent to do so.

## **5 Voting**

For the purpose of voting at Executive Board meetings, proxies shall be allowed for Branch Chairs and the Chairs of the Membership and Finance Committees. Proxies for Branch Chairs shall be appointed in writing, by e-mail or fax and shall be made from the officers of that Branch. For Committee Chairmen, the proxy shall be appointed from the membership of their respective committee.

## **6 Amendment**

Amendments to these by-laws may be made by majority vote at any two consecutive Executive Board meetings called under the Constitution of this organization provided that the substance of the amendment was included in the required notice. Amendments to Section 1 that change Branch boundaries shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote.