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Article I Name

This organization shall be known as the **North Oakland Democratic Club**, (the Club).

Article II Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to promote the philosophy of the Democratic Party and to elect Democrats who support this philosophy through the coordination of the activities of precinct delegates, candidates, and all interested Democrats in the Townships of Addison, Brandon, Groveland, Holly, Independence, Orion, Oxford, Rose, and Springfield in Oakland County Michigan. It also includes all jurisdictions (villages and cities) within the boundaries of these townships.

Article III Membership

All persons interested in advancing the principles and ideals of the North Oakland Democratic Club shall be eligible for membership. In order to maintain a charter from the Michigan Democratic Party(MDP), the Club shall have at least ten (10) fully paid or enrolled state party members in the previous year. Membership duration will be consistent with MDP rules.

Article IV Executive Board

Section 1. Board Members

The organization shall elect at least four (4) officers to be known as: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. It shall also appoint at least an equal number of Club members at large, who, together with the officers, shall comprise the Executive Board.

Section 2. Elections

Nomination and election of Executive Board Officers shall be at the November meeting of even number years with the new officers taking office in January of odd numbered years. The term of office for all officers shall be for two (2) years. Election shall be by a majority of the votes cast by Club members in good standing, present and voting, at the time of the election. The Chair and Vice Chair shall be of opposite sex.

Section 3. Nominating Committee

The Chair may appoint a Nominating Committee of members in good standing at least two (2) months prior to the election of the Executive Board. The Nominating Committee shall make its recommendations known in a written notice to all members at least two (2) weeks prior to the meeting at which the elections are to take place. Additional nominations may be made from the floor by the membership, but in no case shall any member be nominated who has not been a Michigan Democratic Party member for at least thirty (30) days immediately preceding the meeting. If MDP membership lapses while a person holds Party office, all rights and privileges of that office are suspended until membership is renewed, at which time all rights and privileges are immediately restored.

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Section 4. Duties of Officers

The duties of the officers shall be as follows:

A. Chair

The Chair shall call and preside at all meetings, appoint all standing committees and act as ex-officio member of these committees.

B. Vice Chair

The Vice Chair shall assist the Chair in the discharge of duties and in the case of absence or incapacity of the Chair, perform those duties. If a vacancy in the office of Chair shall occur for any reason, the Vice Chair shall fill this office for the unexpired term.

C. Secretary

The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings as needed.

D. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall receive and keep a record of all monies paid to the organization; pay all duly authorized bills; deposit in a bank monies in the name of the organization; sign all checks; give a report in the complete record of all income and expenditures at each regular meeting; maintain an accurate record of all members of the Club; and submit the books and records whenever the Executive Board shall desire an audit. An alternate signer of checks shall be authorized by the Executive Board.

E. Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer

In the case of absence or temporary incapacity, the Chair may assign their duties to other members of the Executive Board for the duration.

In the case of vacancy, the Chair shall give the membership written notice and schedule an election in accordance with the Bylaws, to fill the office.

Section 5. Duties of Executive Board

The duties of the Executive Board shall be to conduct the business of the organization between meetings. No expenditures of funds exceeding \$100.00 (one hundred dollars) may be made without the approval of the Executive Board. All actions taken by the Executive Board shall be subject to review at the next regular meeting of the membership.

Article V Meetings

Section 1. Regular Meetings

Regular membership meetings of this organization shall be held at least six (6) times each year, and notice of said meetings shall be provided to the general membership.

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Section 2. Quorum

A quorum at regular meetings shall consist of a number of members in good standing equal to at least one (1) more than the number of members of the Executive Board, but at no time, except at an endorsement meeting, shall the lack of a quorum prevent those present from proceeding with the regular business of the organization. In the absence of a quorum, actions taken by those present shall be ratified at the next membership meeting.

Section 3. Endorsements

If endorsements of candidates are to be made at a meeting, notice of such intention shall be provided by the Executive Board to the general membership and to all candidates eligible for endorsement at least two (2) weeks prior to the regular meeting. No resolution or endorsement shall be deemed to have been passed unless a majority of those members in good standing for at least thirty (30) days immediately preceding the meeting, present and voting, shall vote for the resolution. Such endorsements shall be timely, and shall be limited to candidates for city or township office, school board, local judicial office, county commission, state representative, state senator, and congress, whose districts fall (in whole or in part) within the geographic area of responsibility of the Club.

Section 4. Executive Board

The Executive Board of this organization shall hold at least six (6) monthly meetings during the year. A quorum for such meetings shall be a majority of the Board.

Section 5 The Latest rules of **Robert's Rules Of Order Newly Revised** shall apply to questions of procedure for which there is no applicable rule of procedure under the Rules of the MDP or these bylaws

Article VI Committees

Section 1. Club Committees

The Chair may appoint standing committees as deemed necessary in accordance with the Michigan Democratic Party rules.

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Article VII Amendments

Section 1. Proposed Amendments

Any member in good standing may submit proposed amendments to these Bylaws in writing to the Executive Board, which shall report its recommendations to the members at the next regular membership meeting.

Section 2. Approval of Amendments

These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of those members of the organization in good standing for at least thirty (30) days immediately preceding the meeting, present and voting, providing that written notice setting forth the proposed amendment has been sent to all members at least one week prior to the date of the meeting.

Section 3. Notification of Amendments

Upon adoption by the Club membership, these bylaws and all amendments subsequently made, shall be forwarded to the Michigan Democratic Party's Corresponding Secretary for approval. These bylaws and amendments shall be in full force and effect upon the Club Chair receiving written notification of their adoption by the Michigan Democratic Party's Corresponding Secretary. They shall supersede all **previous rules and bylaws** .

Article VIII Dissolution

Upon dissolution of the North Oakland Democratic Club, all assets remaining after the satisfaction of all debts shall be distributed to the Michigan Democratic Party.

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