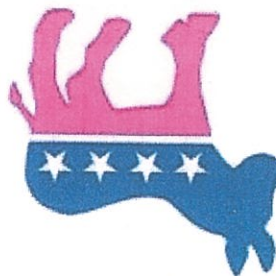


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BYLAWS
 OF THE
 ROSCOMMON COUNTY
 DEMOCRATIC PARTY EXECUTIVE
 COMMITTEE

Recertified July 2018



Section 1 Membership in the Roscommon County Democratic Party, at all levels, shall be open to all members of the Democratic Party regardless of actual or perceived race, color, creed, sex, age, national origin, marital status, religion, ethnic identity, ancestry, sexual orientation, physical appearance, or disability.

Section 2 No test for membership in, nor any oaths of loyalty to, the Roscommon County Democratic Party shall be required or used which has the effect of requiring prospective or current members of the Democratic Party to acquiesce in, condone, or support discrimination against anyone whatsoever on the grounds of actual or perceived identification with any of the protected classes itemized in Section 1 of this Article.

FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES

ARTICLE III

Section 1 The purpose of the Roscommon County Democratic Party Executive Committee is to promote the philosophy of the Democratic Party and to elect Democrats who support this philosophy; to unite and to aid in the activities of all members of the Party, precinct delegates, committees, officeholders, candidates, and all other Democrats working to promote wide and active participation in the Democratic Party.

Section 2 The Roscommon County Democratic Party Executive Committee shall be a non-profit organization, and in the event of its dissolution all assets in real or personal property of the county Party, its officers, and committees shall revert to the benefit of the Michigan Democratic Party. No part of the income or assets of the county Party shall inure or transmit to any of its members except for the reimbursement of actual expenses; reasonable compensation for services, or a contribution for electing a member to office. All such expenditures shall be conditional upon the approval of the county Party.

PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION

ARTICLE II

This organization shall be known as the Roscommon County Democratic Party Executive Committee, and shall consist of the properly constituted executive officers enumerated in Article VI of these Bylaws, who are members of the Michigan Democratic Party in the community, and all of whom are residing in Roscommon County, Michigan.

NAME

ARTICLE I

We, the assembled members of the Democratic Party of Michigan, currently residing in Roscommon County, do ordain and establish these BYLAWS, for the orderly constitution of our local organization:

Section 3 The Roscommon County Democratic Party, on all levels, shall support the broadest possible participation in the conduct of its business, without discrimination against anyone whatsoever on the grounds of actual or perceived identification with any of the protected classes itemized in Section 1 of this Article.

Section 4 The local Democratic Party shall publicize fully and in such a manner as to assure notice to all interested parties of a full description of the legal and practical procedures for selection of Roscommon County Democratic Party officers and representatives on all levels. Publication of those procedures shall be done in such a fashion that all prospective and current members of the county Party will be fully and adequately informed of the pertinent procedures in time to participate in the selection process for officers of the Roscommon County Democratic Party.

Section 5 Any rules and bylaws established by the Roscommon County Democratic Party at any level shall be consistent with the rules of the Michigan Democratic Party, and shall be available to any member of the county Party upon request.

Section 6 The "unit rule" is prohibited at all levels of the Roscommon County Democratic Party.

Section 7 No rule shall be adopted at any level of the Roscommon County Democratic Party which would have the effect of requiring a person to cast a vote or be recorded a vote that is contrary to that person's judgment.

Section 8 All questions of parliamentary procedure not resolved in the rules of the Michigan Democratic Party, or in the provisions of these Bylaws, shall be governed by the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order*.

Section 9 The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the county Party shall be of the opposite sex. The same rule will apply to Standing Committees whenever possible.

Section 10 The use of "secret ballot" voting at any meeting of the Roscommon County Democratic Party, at any level, shall be prohibited.

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 The membership of the Roscommon County Democratic Party shall consist of all duly elected Democratic Precinct Delegates of this county; members of the Michigan Democratic Party residing in this county, and the members of the Roscommon County Democratic Party Executive Committee, the Standing Committees, and officers, all of whom must be members of the Michigan Democratic Party. Membership majorities acting under the Rules of Order in any meeting, in harmony with the rules of the Michigan Democratic Party, and not in conflict with the provisions of these Bylaws (except by amendment), shall be exercising the ultimate authority of the county Party.

Section 1 All public meetings of the Roscommon County Democratic Party, including those of its Executive Committee or of any of its constituent Standing, special, or temporary Committees, shall be open to all members of the county Party, regardless of actual or perceived race, color, creed, sex, age, national origin, marital status, religion, ethnic identity, ancestry, sexual orientation, physical appearance or disability.

Section 2 Regular meetings of all members of the Roscommon County Democratic Party, presided over by the Executive Committee, shall be held monthly on dates, times, and locations previously established by the membership. A minimum of 5 days' notice to interested persons shall be given in the customary manner (such as by telephone, mail, or e-mail) of the date, time, and place of such meetings. All meetings of the county Party shall be held in places accessible and large enough to accommodate all members and interested persons.

Section 3 Special meetings of the membership may be called by a majority of the Executive Committee for a declared purpose, or by a majority of the Executive Committee that is granting the petition by one or more members for a special meeting. Special meetings of the Executive Committee, or of a Standing Committee, may be called by a majority of the members of that respective committee. A minimum of 5 days' notice, except under conditions of emergency, shall be given in the customary manner of the date, time, place, and purpose of the special meeting.

Section 4 Quorums for the conduct of business at regular membership meetings exist when 3 or more non-executive members are present and one or more executive officers are presiding, and a quorum for the conduct of business at Executive Committee meetings exists when a majority of the executive officers are present. Quorums for Standing Committees, if necessary, may be established firstly by order of the general membership, or in their absence secondly by the Executive Committee, or in the absence of a ruling by the membership or by the Executive Committee, thirdly by each respective Standing Committee. All meeting motions must pass by a simple majority in order to be carried.

M E E T I N G S

ARTICLE V

Section 2 The officers, Executive Committee, and Standing Committees of the Roscommon County Democratic Party shall be invested with administrative authority on behalf of the membership, and shall be selected in accordance with the rules of the Michigan Democratic Party and as established in these Bylaws.

Section 3 No dues for membership in the county Party shall be deemed necessary, but the Roscommon County Democratic Party, appreciates donations

ARTICLE VI

OFFICERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1 The Executive Committee of the Roscommon County Democratic Party shall be composed of a Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and a Committee Member-at-Large. Beginning in 2008, the delegates to the County convention shall convene in each "even" year, at the call of the County Chairperson, for the purpose of electing Executive Committee members to a new term of office. If a vacancy occurs in the position of a delegate-elected member of the Executive Committee whose term is not expiring, the County Chair shall have the right to appoint a replacement to fill the remainder of the unexpired term, however the membership shall have the right, within sixty (60) days subsequent to the Chair's act of appointment, to confirm that appointment or call for a special election to fill that vacancy. The Executive Committee may temporarily assign replacements to an executive office during emergencies. Officers may serve on both the Executive and Standing Committees simultaneously.

Section 2 In each "even" year, nomination petitions for regular term elections will be sent out with the September meeting notice. Nominees will be accepted with a second at the September meeting, either by petition or voice.

Section 3 Elections for positions thus nominated shall be held in October. Notices for the vote for officers shall accompany the October meeting notice. Officers thus elected shall formally assume office at the November meeting.

Section 4 Each current member in good standing of the local Michigan Democratic Party is entitled to cast one (1) voice vote for each position being elected. Persons who are not in good stand, cannot vote

Section 5 The Executive Committee may take a vote on any appropriate subject at a membership meeting. Any vote by motion, shall require the affirmative assent of a simple majority of the eligible members in good standing who are present, in order for the measure to be adopted. Any pertinent matter as to the operation of the Executive Committee and of the membership may be required to be voted on at a special meeting.

Section 6 Within forty-five (45) days of the beginning of each term of office, the County Chair shall appoint members to the county Party's Standing Committees subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. The County Chair may select the Chairs and Vice-Chairs for any Standing Committee being appointed, or leave the selection of such officers at the discretion of the committee being appointed. Each Standing Committee shall be empowered to elect additional officers, who in their judgment are proper to carry out the purposes of that Standing Committee. Between meetings of the Standing Committees, the Executive Committee shall have the right to perform all the duties of the Standing Committees when necessary, including the filling of vacancies and nominations, as prescribed by law.

(Article VII, Section 2, continued next page)

- a) The Rules and Bylaws Committee
- b) The Finance Committee
- c) The Candidate Recruitment Committee
- d) The Political Organizing Committee

Section 2 The Roscommon County Democratic Party may have the following constituent Standing Committees:

Section 1 The Chairperson of the Roscommon County Democratic Party shall appoint committees and their respective chairpersons in conformity with Article VI, Section 6 of these Bylaws, subject to the approval of a majority of the Executive Committee, for various work necessary to the organization.

STANDING COMMITTEES

ARTICLE VII

Section 12 Any member who is in good standing with both the local and state Democratic Party organizations, and who currently resides in Roscommon County, shall be eligible for office in the Roscommon County Democratic Party.

Section 11 All officers of the Roscommon County Democratic Party shall be elected for a two (2) year term, and may continue to be re-elected by the membership as often as the membership and officers agree to that nomination and election.

- a) The Roscommon County Democratic Party will adhere to the rules and procedures of the Michigan Democratic Party for the management of the local Party's income and disbursements, including but not limited to fundraisers, special events, office and newspaper costs, tickets, meetings, training, and contribution costs to its own member candidates, and all other Democrats seeking office in other counties.
- b) The positions of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined or separated from time to time by order of the membership upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, when such action is deemed reasonable and warranted for the expedient and orderly administration of the local Party's business.

Section 10 The Treasurer shall be responsible for the financial receipts to and the disbursements against the accounts of this organization, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee and the membership. The funds of the county Party will be deposited in banks and shall be drawn upon only by checks signed by two of the officers listed by the bank's records as a signer to the account. The Treasurer shall make regular financial reports to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall have the right to establish a petty cash account, which shall be accountable to the Chairperson or the membership at monthly meetings. The Treasurer shall keep and preserve all books, records, and accurate accounts of the organization's funds during his or her tenure, and deliver same to his or her duly elected successor in office.

- e) The Communications Committee
- f) The Policy and Resolution Committee
- g) The Action Program Committee
- h) The Endorsement Committee, subject to Article VIII
- i) The Censure Committee, subject to Article IX, Section 3

These committees may include the appropriate sub-committees when appropriate.

Section 3 The Chairperson of the Roscommon County Democratic Party shall be a member ex officio of all Standing Committees.

ARTICLE VIII

ACTS OF ENDORSEMENT

Section 1 The Roscommon County Democratic Party will endorse elected officials and candidates of the Party who are in good standing with the State and local levels of the Party.

Section 2 In making such endorsements, The Roscommon County Democratic Party will follow the guidelines and spirit of the principles of the Democratic Party, and will include promotion in writing and in announcements to the public.

ARTICLE IX

ACTS OF CENSURE

Section 1 Any member of the Roscommon County Democratic Party who behaves inappropriately in a manner that casts a bad light on this organization, or any member who egregiously displays attitudes inconsistent with the policy or spirit of the Democratic Party, may be subject to censure by the county Party.

Section 2 In the event that infractions subject to this Article are alleged and censure is sought, a telephone call stating the nature of the complaint and censure liability will be instituted by the Chair (or the Vice-Chair in his or her absence), allowing the subject person the opportunity to either correct the problem or explain any extenuating or clarifying circumstances. If further action is nevertheless deemed warranted, a follow-up letter will be sent immediately with regards to the problem and the remedies available.

Section 3 In the event that the problem is not corrected, a Censure Committee will be seated, consisting of three (3) people: 1) a person holding elective office within the jurisdiction of the county Party, 2) a person from within the area where the issue arose, and 3) a person from within the county separate from where the incident is occurring. The Censure Committee will investigate the problem and make a recommendation in writing to the Executive Committee of the county Party. A special meeting of the Executive Committee will be immediately convened to make a determination in the matter.

Section 4 Censure shall require a unanimous vote of the Executive Committee.

(Article XI, Section I continued next page)

a) At this meeting, a draft of the proposed language will be read and submitted in writing to the members for their review.

Section I Proposals for changing or amending these Bylaws shall first be referred to the Rules and Bylaws Committee, which shall report its recommendations in writing to the Executive Committee, and then to the membership at the next regular meeting.

AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

ARTICLE XI

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call of Officers
- Reports of the Officers
- Reports of the Committees
- Old Business
- New Business
- Postponed business
- General Discussion Open to the Floor
- Adjournment

The normal Order of Business for this organization shall proceed as follows:

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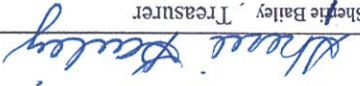
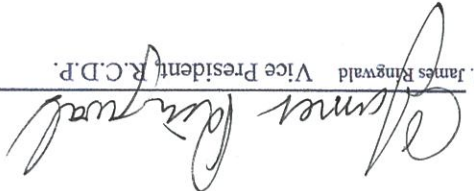
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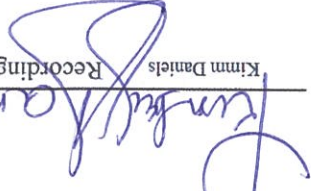
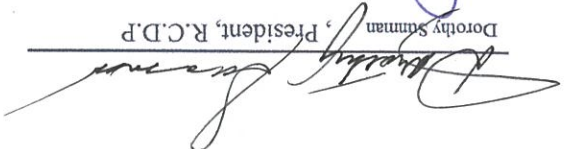
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 Sherie Bailey, Treasurer

 C. James Ringwald, Vice President, R.C.D.P.


 Kimm Daniels, Recording Secretary

 Dorothy Schuman, President, R.C.D.P.

Ratified by assent of the members of the Roscommon County Democratic party on the

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These Bylaws shall be in full force and effect upon their adoption, and shall supersede all bylaws, rules, motions, and policies of a contrary nature that precede it, with the exception of the rules of the Michigan Democratic Party.

ESTABLISHMENT AND LOCAL SUPREMACY OF BYLAWS

ARTICLE XII

Bylaws.

Section 4 Unless specified otherwise, an amendment to which the members have approved shall come into effect immediately upon the Chair's call of an affirmative vote result for that proposed amendment, and shall be included with the next printing of the Bylaws.

Section 3 If approved by a two-thirds majority of the membership that is present and voting thereon at this meeting, the amendment shall be considered adopted.

Section 2 A written notice setting forth the proposed amendment shall be given to all local party members at least two weeks prior to the date of the meeting where the question of its adoption shall be voted upon.

Section 1 A vote on the question to adopt a proposed amendment shall then be taken at the next succeeding regular meeting, or at a special meeting called for that purpose, subsequent to the meeting where the written proposal was originally presented to the members.

Footnote to bylaws signage page

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