

LINN COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Article I - General

- A. The Linn County Republican Central Committee shall be known as the LCRCC. These Bylaws and Rules shall become effective upon their adoption by the LCRCC. They shall remain in effect in perpetuity except when amended, suspended, or repealed by the LCRCC or at such time that the LCRCC should cease to exist. These Bylaws and Rules shall be used to justly and democratically govern the LCRCC, and to properly and expeditiously manage the Financial and Human Resources of the Linn County Republican Party. These Bylaws and Rules shall not be in conflict with the Bylaws of the Oregon Republican State Central Committee (ORP Bylaw Article XXI).
- B. The Oregon Republican Party has elected to participate in elections for precinct committee person as provided in ORS 248.015 to 248.029, as amended. All references to those statutory provisions in these Bylaws [*in*] are conditioned upon the party's intention to rely upon those statutes. If the party elects not to be bound by those statutes, all references to those statutes in these Bylaws shall be null and void. These bylaws do not bind the LCRCC to comply with any other portion of chapter 248, unless the Republican Party specifically agrees to be bound by any other portion of chapter 248.

Article II - Membership

- A. The Republican Precinct Committee Persons of Linn County shall be members of the LCRCC.
- B. Further, since LCRCC officers need not be Republican Precinct Committee Persons, such officers shall also become members upon election.
- C. Republican public officers shall be members of the LCRCC.
- D. Republicans who have been nominated at the preceding primary election shall be members of the LCRCC.
- E. Members of the Executive Committee of the LCRCC shall also be members of the LCRCC. (The Executive Committee is defined in Section 4 of Article III herein.)

Article III - Rights and Privileges

The LCRCC shall have the right and obligation to:

- A. Hold meetings.
- B. Elect officers.
- C. Adopt rules of parliamentary procedure.

- D. Select an executive committee.
- E. Adopt, amend, suspend, or repeal bylaws or rules.
- F. Fill vacancies of Republican Precinct Committee Persons.
- G. Remove a "selected" Republican Precinct Committee Person.
- H. Pay the cost of a recall election for an elected Republican Precinct Committee Person.
- I. Conduct any other lawful business as may be properly brought before the LCRCC.

Section 1

MEETINGS

- A. Organizational Meeting: The LCRCC shall meet and organize not earlier than the date of the General Election, [~~not~~] nor later than November 25, of even years. The retiring LCRCC shall prepare a written notice designating the time, date, and place of the organizational meeting. The Chairman of the retiring LCRCC shall obtain from the County Clerk pursuant to ORS 248.023(3) the official roll of the LCRCC and as one of his or her primary duties as the retiring Chairman shall oversee the mailing of the above notice of the organizational meeting by the County Clerk so as to assure that said notice is mailed to all duly elected committee persons. (ORP Bylaws Article XXI)
 - 1. Notice of such meeting shall be mailed no later than 30 days prior to the date of the meeting to all certified Republican Precinct Committee Persons elected during the primary election of that year or appointed pursuant to County rule. A copy of the notice must be sent to the State Central Committee no later than 30 days prior to the date of the meeting.
 - 2. The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers of the LCRCC and to elect delegates and alternate delegates to the Oregon State Central Committee pursuant to ORP Bylaws and to conduct any other business deemed appropriated by the LCRCC.
 - 3. A person appointed to fill a vacancy in the office of Precinct Committee Person may not vote on the election of the LCRCC officers at the organization meeting of the newly elected committee, but may vote to fill any vacancy in a committee office after the organizational meeting.
 - 4. Transfer of Property. At the organization meeting of the newly elected LCRCC, the officers of the retiring LCRCC shall make available to the newly elected committee the property, records, and funds owned or controlled by the retiring committee.
 - 5. At the organizational meeting, the LCRCC shall elect officers.

They need not be members of the LCRCC. Within 48 hours of the election, the new Chairperson shall send a list of the elected officer to the County Clerk and the State Central Committee.

6. At this organizational meeting, the LCRCC shall endeavor to fill the vacancies of Precinct Committee Person.
7. Notice to the State Central Committee. Within five business days of the County organizational meeting, the newly elected Chairperson of the LCRCC shall cause notice to be provided in writing, of the names of each officer, delegate, and alternate delegate to the State Central Committee. The LCRCC must also provide a current copy of all County Bylaws and rules no later than November 30th of each even numbered year.
8. Notice to County Clerk. Within five business days of election, the newly elected Chairperson for the LCRCC shall cause a notice to be provided to the County Clerk's office designating the newly elected LCRCC Chairperson as the official authorized to communicate with and receive notices from the County Clerk on behalf of the Parties affiliation within the County.
9. Notice to the Secretary of State. Within five business days of the election, the newly elected Chairperson of the LCRCC shall cause all appropriate forms to be filed with the Secretary of State's office which will provide adequate notice to that office of the change in the party of leadership and which will officially transfer responsibility for Contribution and Expense reporting to the new officers.
10. Failure to Organize. In the event that the LCRCC fails to organize, the Chairman of the State Central Committee may appoint a temporary LCRCC Chairman for the purpose of calling an organizational meeting within 60 days of his or her initial appointment. Until officers and delegates are duly elected, but in no event for a period which exceeds 60 days, the temporary Chairman may represent the LCRCC as a temporary delegate to the State Central Committee.
11. Election of Officers and Delegates to the State Central Committee. The newly elected LCRCC shall elect a chairman, vice chairman, secretary, treasurer, and delegates and alternate delegates to the State Central Committee. Only newly elected precinct persons may vote to fill these positions.
12. [*Eligibility to Vote. The newly Elected Chairman, within 48 hours of the chairman's election, shall send a list of the newly elected officers of the LCRCC to the County Clerk and the State Central Committee.*]

B. Meeting on Call of the Chair:

The Chair may cause the Secretary to call meetings of the LCRCC as deemed necessary.

C. Petitioned Meetings:

Due to the nature and tradition of the LCRCC, normally only a small percentage of the LCRCC is present at any one meeting. Therefore, in order to prevent a small number of members causing an action undesirable to the membership as a whole, a petitioned meeting shall be authorized. Those members of the LCRCC finding an undesirable action may petition the Secretary to call a meeting if at least twice as many petitioners exist as there were members who voted for the alleged undesirable action. The Secretary, if such a petition will authorize a meeting, shall be required to state the purpose of meeting on the notice.

D. Quorum:

No action shall be taken at any meeting with less than five members with voting privileges.

Section 2

ELECTION OF OFFICERS, DELEGATES, AND ALTERNATE DELEGATES

A. Qualifications for office:

Any registered Republican who meets with constitutional requirements and residing within the County shall be eligible to hold office.

B. Number:

There shall be four elected officers of the LCRCC.

C. There shall be a chairperson, a vice-chairperson, a treasurer, and a secretary.

D. Term of office:

LCRCC officer terms shall be two years, more or less. The term of office shall begin upon election at a organization meeting an expire at the next organizational meeting. Should an officer be elected in mid-term, that term of office shall expire at the next [biennial] organizational meeting.

E. Elections:

1. Only currently elected [or selected] Precinct Committee Persons may vote for officers.
2. No proxies shall be allowed to vote.
3. Officers shall be elected by a simple majority of a quorum.
4. The Chairperson shall determine the method of voting.
5. Except at the Organizational Meeting, Executive Committee members shall be granted participation and voting privileges.

F. Vacancies in office:

Should the Chairperson position become vacant for any cause, the Vice-Chairperson shall automatically succeed to that office. The LCRCC may either fill the vacancy by calling for an election or operate with the office of the Vice-Chair vacant. In the latter case, the remaining officers shall be responsible for the duties of the vacant office. The Chairperson shall be responsible for justly allocating those duties.

G. Recall:

Any or all of the elected officers may be recalled by a petitioned meeting.

H. Rights and privileges of the Chairperson:

1. The Chairperson shall be the chief executive of the LCRCC.
2. The Chairperson shall be responsible to ensure that the LCRCC and its Executive Committee provides the widest and fairest representation of the Linn County Republican Party.
3. The Chairperson is also the presiding officer of the LCRCC.
4. The Chairperson shall become familiar with any election statutes that pertain to the party and its governance.
5. The Chairperson shall cause the Secretary to give timely notice of meeting.
6. When the County Central Committee selects a person to fill a vacancy in the office of a Precinct Committee Person, the Chairperson shall give written notice to the County Clerk of the selection.
7. The Chairperson shall also be responsible, upon retiring, to call the Biennial Organizational Meeting, filing with the County Clerk notice of each newly elected committee Person and sending a copy to the retiring State Central Committee.
8. Upon election of the newly elected officers, the Chairperson shall send notice of the results of that election to both the County Clerk and retiring State Central Committee.
9. The Chairperson shall have voting privileges at State Central Committee meetings.

I. Rights and privileges of the Vice-Chairperson:

1. The Vice-Chairperson shall have such powers and perform such duties as the Chairperson may assign.

2. In the absence or incapacity of the Chairperson or during periods when the Chair is vacant, the Vice-Chairperson shall assume all of the powers and duties granted to the Chair by these Bylaws and in the applicable statutes.
3. The Vice-Chairperson shall have voting privileges at State Central Committee meetings.

J. Rights and privileges of the Treasurer:

1. The Treasurer shall be the chief financial officer of the LCRCC.
2. The Treasurer shall keep clear and accurate records of the financial condition of the LCRCC.
3. The Treasurer shall keep such records and give such notice as required by ORS [260.072] **260.063 and 260.073**.
4. The Treasurer shall file any other reports or notices that Federal or Oregon laws require of political treasurers.
5. The Chairperson may assign other duties and responsibilities to the Treasurer.

[6. *The Treasurer shall have voting privileges at State Central Committee meetings.*]

K. Rights and privileges of the Secretary:

1. The Secretary shall keep minutes for all the meetings of the LCRCC and its Executive Committee. These minutes shall also contain a tally of the votes for any action taken.
2. The Secretary shall be responsible to give proper notice for all meetings of the LCRCC and the Executive Committee.
3. The Secretary shall maintain a roster of all members and officers of the LCRCC and the Executive Committee.
4. The Chairperson may assign other duties and responsibilities to the Secretary.

L. Rights and privileges of the **Delegates and** Alternates Delegates:

- 1. There shall be elected Delegates to the State Central Committee whose numbers shall be established under Article II, Section A, Paragraph 1 of the ORP Bylaws.**
- 2. These LCRCC Delegates shall have the right to participate at any State Central Committee meeting to represent the interest of the LCRCC. These Delegates shall have such other powers and responsibilities as the Chairperson may assign.**

[1]3. There shall be elected three Alternate delegates: first

Alternate Delegate, second Alternate Delegate, and third Alternate Delegate.

- [2]4. The Alternate Delegates shall have such powers and responsibilities as the Chairperson may assign.
- [3]5. In the absence of a voting delegate, the first Alternate Delegate shall have the right to participate and vote at any State Central Committee meeting to [*chairperson*] **represent** the interest of the LCRCC. Other vacancies shall be filled in succession by the remaining Alternate Delegates.

M. Prohibition against appointing officers:

All officers of the LCRCC shall be filled only by an election by the LCRCC, except as provided in ORP Bylaws, Article XXI.

Section 3

RULES

A. Parliamentary Authority:

The rules contained in "Roberts Rules of Order Revised" shall govern the LCRCC in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and Rules that may be adopted by the LCRCC.

B. Notice:

No action may be taken at a meeting without proper notice. Except as otherwise specified herein, proper notice shall consist of the date, time, and place of the called meeting. The notice shall be sent to each member by U.S. Mail. Notice shall not be given for a period of less than six days.

Section 4

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A. The Executive Committee:

1. Membership: The Executive Committee shall consist of:

- (a) Any Republican elected official residing in the County[.];
- (b) Any Republican nominee residing in the County[.];
- (c) President of the Linn County Republican Women's Club[.];
- (d) The Officers of the LCRCC, who shall also be the

Officers of the Executive Committee[.];

(e) The Chairperson of the Candidates Assistance Committee[.]; and

(f) Other members appointed by the Executive Committee.

2. Rules:

(a) The Executive Committee shall govern itself by the Bylaws of the LCRCC.

(b) The LCRCC hereby grants the Executive Committee all of its rights and privileges save and excepting the following:

(i) The Executive Committee shall meet quarterly to set the agenda of the LCRCC meetings, or more often if required by at least five members.

(ii) The Executive Committee may not elect or appoint LCRCC Officers.

(iii) The Executive Committee may not amend, suspend, or repeal the Bylaws of the LCRCC. However, the Executive Committee may adopt, amend, or repeal additional rules that it may desire, providing they shall in no way be inconsistent with the ORP Bylaws.

(iv) The Executive Committee shall appoint a Chairperson for a Candidates Assistance Committee. This Chairperson shall be responsible for the disbursement of any funds to the candidates. Further, the Executive Committee shall establish rules by which these fund shall be disbursed.