

Constitution and By-Laws of the Republican Committee of Northern Macomb County (As Amended June 22, 2010)

CONSTITUTION *

ARTICLE I

Name This organization shall be known as the “Republican Committee of Northern Macomb County” (hereafter also referred to as “RCNMC” or “The Committee”).

ARTICLE II

Purpose The purpose of the RCNMC shall be:

1. To provide an opportunity for citizens of Northern Macomb County, defined as that area of Macomb County north of the M-59 Highway (Hall Road), to participate in Republican Party activities and programs in support of local, county, and State candidates.
2. To make available to the residents of Northern Macomb County any information at the disposal of the RCNMC that may affect the future of Northern Macomb County.
3. To promote and work for the best possible government of the people of Northern Macomb County.
4. To perform any and all other duties allowed by law to benefit the welfare of the Republican Party in Northern Macomb County and to conduct the political affairs and business of the Northern Macomb County Republicans.

ARTICLE III

Membership Membership shall be open to all who support the mission statement described in the By-Laws. Membership fees are according to the schedule set forth in the By-Laws. There shall be four types of membership, as follows:

1. **Regular Membership** - which is open to the residents of Northern Macomb County (and businesses located within Northern Macomb County). Regular Membership provides full voting privileges provided that dues are paid as stated in the By-Laws.
2. **Guest Membership** - which is open to non-residents concerned with the objectives of the RCNMC, but does not provide voting privileges.
3. **Honorary Membership** - which can be extended by the Executive Committee. Honorary Members will not have voting privileges.
4. **Student Membership** - which is open to high school and college students residing in Northern Macomb County. These members will have voting privileges provided that dues are paid as stated in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE IV

Organization The RCNMC shall consist of two (2) primary committees, an Executive Committee and a General Committee.

1. The Executive Committee shall be charged with conducting the day-to-day business of the RCNMC. It shall consist of the officers defined in Article V, the immediate past Chairperson, and three (3) at-large members.
2. The General Committee shall elect the Executive Committee, vote on all proposals brought to it, advise the RCNMC, and support the RCNMC activities. It shall consist of all of the members with voting rights as defined in Article III.

Subcommittees The RCNMC Chairperson shall have the power to establish and empower Subcommittees, from time to time, including but not limited to the following subcommittees: Fund-Raising, Budget Review, Endorsement, Nominating, By-Laws, and Advisory.

ARTICLE V

Officers The officers of the two RCNMC committees shall be: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, and Membership Director. The term of office for all Executive Committee members, barring recall, shall be two (2) years commencing with their election at the Annual Meeting held in odd numbered years. (As specified in Article VI, Section 1) All Executive Committee members shall be residents of Northern Macomb county and registered voters. They shall serve unless they change their residency from the Northern Macomb area, otherwise vacate their office, or until their successors are elected. The duties of the officers shall be as follows:

Chairperson The duties of the Chairperson shall be:

1. To serve as the chief executive officer and policy spokes person.
2. To preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee and General Committee.
3. To be responsible for the day-to-day activities of the RCNMC and report those activities to the Executive Committee and the General Committee.
4. To reassign, when the situation warrants, specific duties ascribed herein.
5. To perform all other duties elsewhere prescribed herein.

Vice Chairperson The duties of the Vice-Chairperson shall be:

1. To keep informed of the duties and activities of the Chairperson
2. To assume the duties and responsibilities of the Chairperson, should the Chairperson become unable to perform them. If the Vice-Chairperson is unable to assume these responsibilities, the responsibility shall belong to the Treasurer, or then the Secretary in said order.
3. To perform duties requested by the Chairperson or elsewhere prescribed herein.

Treasurer The duties of the Treasurer shall be:

1. To perform all necessary activities pertinent to the financial/fiscal activity of the RCNMC or elsewhere prescribed herein.
2. To prepare and file all necessary documents with the Secretary of State (Michigan) and/or the County Clerk (Macomb).
3. To perform all other duties elsewhere prescribed herein or as may be assigned by the Chairperson.

Secretary The duties of the Secretary shall be:

1. To keep the minutes of all Executive and General Committee meetings.
2. To keep a permanent record of the minutes and attendance of all meetings.
4. To compile and distribute the RCNMC newsletter (Northern News).
5. To dispatch correspondence from the RCNMC Officers.
5. To perform all duties incident to the duties of Secretary and such other duties as may be assigned by the Chairperson or elsewhere prescribed herein.

**Membership
Director**

The duties of the Membership Director shall be:

1. To solicit new members and collect dues from the membership.
2. To keep accurate records of the membership.
3. To perform all other membership-related duties or other duties requested by the Chairperson, Executive Committee, or elsewhere prescribed herein.

Recall Any member of the RCNMC Executive Committee may be recalled by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire General Committee – provided such intended action is reported in a duly-issued meeting notice. **Any Executive Committee member who misses two (2) consecutive unexcused meetings or four (4) unexcused absences during his/her two-year term shall be subject to removal by the Chairperson.**

Vacancy Should a vacancy occur in any office, it shall be filled by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

**Indemnification of
Officers**

The RCNRC may indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceedings, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative by reason of the fact that the person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of The Committee or served at the request of The Committee. The person to be indemnified must have acted in good faith and in a manner he/she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best faith and in a manner he/she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of The Committee and/or its members, and with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his/her conduct was unlawful. This decision shall be made by a majority of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VI

Elections and Meetings

- Section 1** An Annual Meeting shall be held within the first three months of every calendar year. Annual meetings in odd-numbered years shall include the Election of officers and other members of the Executive Committee. A separate ballot shall be cast for each office. The candidate receiving a majority of votes shall be elected. No proxies or absent voting shall be allowed.
- Section 2** Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be called by the Chairperson at least three (3) times a year. Executive Committee meetings may be conducted by telephone or by electronic means at the discretion of the Chairperson.
- Section 3** Meetings of the General Committee shall be called by the Chairperson at least three (3) times a year. Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the Executive Committee.
- Section 4** Voting Members attending General Committee meetings shall have one vote each, provided their dues are paid. No proxies or absent voting will be allowed.
- Section 5** Quorums will be required for any vote taken. Quorums for the Executive Committee shall be 50% of their members. The quorum for the General Committee shall be those members in attendance.
- Section 6** All meetings shall be conducted under the most current Robert's Rules of Order, Revised.
- Section 7** Notification of all meetings shall be given at least seven (7) days in advance.

ARTICLE VII

- Fiscal Year** The fiscal year shall be from January 1 through December 31.

ARTICLE VIII

- Endorsements** It shall be RCNMC policy that the Executive Committee and General Committee do not endorse candidates until after the primary election. No Officer, Executive Committee, or General Committee Member shall use or allow the use of The Committee name or their committee status when personally endorsing a candidate in a primary election.

ARTICLE IX

- Amendments** This Constitution may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the quorum of the General Committee, provided such intent is included in the duly delivered meeting notice.

BY-LAWS* of the Republican Committee of Northern Macomb County

Mission Statement:

1. The Republican Committee of Northern Macomb County shall build, organize, and energize a strong Republican Party in northern Macomb County.
2. We shall work to elect Republicans at all levels of the Party, local, state, and national with emphasis of effort given at the local level.
3. We shall always strive to uphold the conservative ideals that the Republican Party represents.

Dues:

Membership dues are payable on a calendar year basis and membership monies are due by March 1st of each year. * The fee for each membership level is as follows:

<u>Student Membership</u>	<u>Individual</u>	<u>\$10</u>		
<u>Regular Membership</u>	<u>Individual</u>	<u>\$20</u>	<u>Married Couple</u>	<u>\$35</u>
<u>Silver Membership</u>	<u>Individual</u>	<u>\$50</u>	<u>Married Couple</u>	<u>\$90</u>
<u>Gold Membership</u>	<u>Individual</u>	<u>\$100</u>	<u>Married Couple</u>	<u>\$150</u>

Membership dues can be revised from time to time by a 2/3 vote of the Executive Committee. Non-residents can purchase any of the above membership levels.

Amendment:

The By-Laws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the quorum of the General Committee provided such intent is included in the duly delivered meeting notice.

* **Adoption:** The Constitution and By-Laws of the Republican Committee of Northern Macomb County were adopted at the October 30, 2001 meeting of the founding members. They were amended and restated in their entirety at the February 19, 2004, at the March 20, 2007, and at the June 22, 2010 General Membership Meetings.

*** If dues are not paid by March 1 of each calendar year, the Membership Director will send the delinquent member a letter notifying them that they are being removed from the active membership roll.**