

Amherst Area Republican Organization
Bylaws
2017

Article One: Name and Membership

1.01 Name

The name of this organization shall be the “Amherst Area Republican Organization” and is also called the “Committee” in these bylaws.

1.02 Membership

The members of this Committee shall be the duly elected and appointed Republican Precinct Committeemen and Committeewomen of the Amherst Area. The Amherst Area includes the precincts in the City of Amherst, Amherst Township, South Amherst, Brownhelm Township, City of Vermilion, Kipton Village/Camden Township and Henrietta Township.

1.03 Appointment of Precinct Committee Members

The Chairman/Chairwoman of this Committee may recommend members in good standing of the Republican Party to fill precinct vacancies. These members shall have the same rights and responsibilities as the duly elected Precinct Committeemen and Committeewomen except that they may not serve on the County Executive Committee. The vacancies shall be appointed according to the requirements of the bylaws of the Lorain County Republican Organization.

1.04 Appointment of Auxiliary Committee Members

The Chairman/Chairwoman of this Committee may appoint Auxiliary members who are Republican residents of those precincts in the Amherst Area. These Auxiliary members have limited rights and responsibilities and do not serve as members of the County Central Committee. Auxiliary members may either be removed by the Chair or a majority vote of the members.

1.05 Eligibility of Officers

All Officers shall have voted in the past two Republican primary elections and have been elected to their positions.

1.06 Election of Officers

A Chairman/Chairwoman, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary shall be elected by the Amherst Area Central Committee members at the organizational meeting that immediately follows the election in which Precinct Committeemen and Committeewomen are elected.

Article Two: Purpose and Objectives

2.01 Purpose

The Amherst Area Republican Organization shall exercise those powers conferred upon it by the laws of the State of Ohio and the Lorain County Republican Organization, and perform all duties necessary to promote the Republican Party. The basic unit of the political system is the precinct. It is at the precinct level that elections are won or lost. The key person in the party organization representing the precinct is the Central Committee Member.

2.02 Duties and Responsibilities of Each Precinct Committee Member

2.02.1 To conduct business as required by state law.

2.02.2 To support the objectives of the County, State and National Party.

2.02.3 To cooperate in carrying out programs of the County, State and National Party.

2.02.4 To facilitate activities with other Republican organizations.

2.02.5 To recruit, endorse and assist in the election of Republican candidates.

2.02.6 To promote Republican values and maximize the Republican vote.

2.02.7 To represent the Precinct to the Party.

2.02.8 To attend meetings of the Lorain County Republican Central Committee.

2.02.9 To assist in the County Republican Party operations.

2.02.10 To participate in local and county meetings and events.

2.02.11 To recommend Auxiliary members of the Amherst Area Republican Party.

2.02.12 To recruit Republican poll workers to work in polling places on Election Day.

2.02.13 To register people to vote.

2.02.14 To provide Non-Partisan Leadership by becoming active in local organizations and government.

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Article Three: Meetings

3.01 Regular Meetings

Regular meetings shall be held at least four times per year, generally each quarter.

Written notice shall be given at least 72 hours before the meeting. Written notice may be via US mail, email or text messages.

3.02 Special Meetings

The Chairman/Chairwoman or three members in good standing and an Officer may call Special meetings. Written notice shall be given at least 24 hours before the meeting.

3.03 Quorum

A Quorum for the purposes of calling a meeting to order shall consist of one-third of the Central Committee members from the Amherst Area present in person.

3.04 Voting

Only those members who are duly elected or appointed shall have the right to vote to choose Officers, members of the County Executive Committee and replacements for

vacancies in partisan offices. A majority of those members constituting a Quorum shall determine the question. In all other questions, except those prohibited by rules of the Central or Executive Committees, all members, including auxiliary members, shall be allowed to vote.

3.05 Attendance

3.05.01 Any appointed Precinct Committeeman or Officer or Auxiliary member who fails to attend three meetings in sequence shall be presumed to have resigned. The Chairman/Chairwoman may submit names to the Central Committee to fill vacant positions.

3.05.02 If the Chairman/Chairwoman has failed to attend three meetings in sequence, the Vice Chair shall assume the duties as Chairman/Chairwoman until the position is filled at a Special or Regular meeting of the membership.

3.06 Conduct of Meetings

The conduct of all meetings shall follow Roberts Rules of Order, as revised.

Article Four: Officers

4.01 Chairman/Chairwoman

The Chairman/Chairwoman shall be the presiding officer and official spokesman. The Chairman/Chairwoman shall provide leadership and management and recruit Republicans to fill vacancies. The Chairman/Chairwoman shall attend all meetings required by the County Party and shall serve on the County Executive Committee. The Chairman/Chairwoman shall be an elected member of the County Central Committee and shall serve on the County Executive Committee.

4.02 Vice Chair

The Vice Chair shall be the presiding officer and official spokesman in the absence of the Chairman/Chairwoman. The Vice Chair shall assume other duties as assigned. The Vice Chair shall be an elected member of the County Central Committee and shall serve on the County Executive Committee.

4.03 Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all funds of the organization. The Treasurer shall be an elected member of the County Central Committee and shall serve on the County Executive Committee.

4.04 Secretary

The Secretary shall maintain a permanent file containing minutes of all meetings. The Secretary shall be an elected member of the County Central Committee and shall serve on the County Executive Committee.

4.05 Deputy Treasurer

The Deputy Treasurer shall assist the Treasurer. The Deputy Treasurer may be an Auxiliary member. More than one Deputy Treasurer may be appointed. The Deputy Treasurer is not an Officer of the Committee.

4.06 Deputy Secretary

The Deputy Secretary shall assist the Secretary. The Deputy Secretary may be an Auxiliary member. More than one Deputy Secretary may be appointed. The Deputy Secretary is not an Officer of the Committee.

4.07 Disbursement of Funds

The signature of at least one officer and one other member shall be on each check for disbursement of organizational funds. The Deputy Treasurer or Deputy Secretary may be one signatory to a check.

Article Five: Special Committees

5.01 The Chairman/Chairwoman may appoint Special Committees and their members.

Article Six: Amendments

6.01 These bylaws may be amended by 2/3 vote of the members present at a Regular or Special meeting.

Approved:

Chair	Date
Vice Chair	Date
Treasurer	Date
Secretary	Date