

BYLAWS OF THE KING GEORGE COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

ARTICLE I -- NAME

The name of this organization shall be "King George County Republican Committee", hereinafter called the "County Committee".

ARTICLE II -- ORGANIZATION

The County Committee is organized under and governed by the "Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia". No action of the county committee nor these bylaws shall conflict with the State Party Plan, as amended; and to the extent that there shall be a conflict, the provisions of the State Party Plan shall prevail. In the event that the State Party Plan and these Bylaws are silent on an issue then the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern.

ARTICLE III -- OBJECTIVES

The purpose of the County Committee is to promulgate and promote the principles of the King George Republican Party; to encourage qualified candidates to run for public office; to elect Republican candidates to public office; to endorse candidates for public office who adequately reflect Republican principles; and generally to assist the citizens of King George County with election related issues.

ARTICLE IV -- DEFINITIONS

RESERVED

ARTICLE V -- GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

SECTION A: QUALIFICATIONS:

1. All legal and qualified voters under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, regardless of race, religion, color, national origin or sex, who reside in King George County and who are in accord with the principles of the Republican Party, and who express in open meeting, if asked, their intent to support all of its nominees for public office in the ensuing election, may participate as members of the Republican Party of Virginia in its mass meetings, party canvasses, conventions or primaries in their respective districts and are eligible for membership on the County Committee provided they have not been removed from the County Committee pursuant to paragraph 2 listed below and have not yet been reinstated pursuant to paragraph 2 below. Furthermore, any County Committee member who misses three (3) consecutive meetings will become a non-voting member of the County Committee until two thirds (2/3) of the County Committee members present at a properly called meeting vote for reinstatement.
2. Any member of the Republican Party, who engages in unacceptable political activity, shall be removed from, or prevented from serving on, the County Committee. This action shall be taken upon a two thirds (2/3) vote of the County Committee, present and voting, provided that such member shall be given thirty days notice in writing, signed by not less than one third (1/3) of the voting members of the County Committee, that such sanction will be imposed and the grounds upon which such action is based. The member so sanctioned can only be reinstated after personal application for reinstatement by said member and a vote of approval by two thirds (2/3) of the County Committee present and voting at a specially called meeting specifically announced in the agenda that such an application will be voted on, provided that a quorum is present. Each of the above actions will be announced at the next scheduled meeting of the County Committee. Unacceptable political activity is defined as:
 - a. Excessive embarrassment of the County Committee; or,
 - b. Repeated disruption of County Committee business during meetings and having been previously censured by the County Committee; or,

- c. Publicly embarrassing Republican Officials both elected officeholders and Republican Party Officials; or,
- d. Publicly supporting an opponent of a duly nominated or endorsed candidate of the Republican Party; or,
- e. Excessive public criticism of a nominated or endorsed Republican candidate.

SECTION B: DUES:

- 1. Each member of the County Committee shall be required to pay reasonable annual dues, the amount of which shall be determined by majority vote of the voting members of the total County Committee at a duly called meeting, provided a quorum is present.

ARTICLE VI -- COMMITTEES

SECTION A: COMPOSITION:

- 1. THE COUNTY COMMITTEE: The County Committee shall consist of voters of King George County who are qualified under Article V and serve as:
 - a. County Committee Chairman also called the Unit Chairman.
 - b. One Precinct Captain from each voting district. An additional Precinct Member for each 100 votes (or any portion thereof) cast in the respective Precinct for the Republican Presidential Candidate in the most recent Presidential election, plus one at-large member for every 10 precinct members or portion thereof. Precinct Captains will be elected by the Committee.
 - c. Any publicly elected Republican Official who is registered to vote in King George County provided the elected official has not been previously removed from the County Committee under the provisions of Article V. An "elected Republican Official" is defined as a person elected to public office who was nominated for his office by the action of an official Republican Committee in accordance with the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia.
 - d. Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be elected by the County Committee at the first meeting after the mass meeting. They shall be elected for a two year term or until their replacement is elected. They may be elected from among the members of the County Committee, but they shall not otherwise be entitled to vote solely by virtue of holding the office of Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and or Treasurer.
 - e. In the event that there are no candidates for one or more of the County Committee offices offered for election, then the members of the County Committee who are elected are hereby authorized to elect qualified voters to serve in those unfilled positions and persons so elected shall serve as if elected at the mass meeting.
- 2. STANDING COMMITTEES:
 - a. The following Standing Committees consisting of no less than three members on each Committee, may be formed by the County Committee as soon as possible after the County mass meeting, party canvass, convention or primary, called for the purpose of electing delegates to the biennial district convention of the First Congressional District of Virginia. Their appointment is subject to approval of a majority of the County Committee, and they will serve at the pleasure of the County Committee.
 - i. Fund Raising Committee.
 - ii. Public Relations Committee.
 - iii. Precinct Organization Committee.

SECTION B: DUTIES:

1. THE COUNTY COMMITTEE:

- a. The County Committee shall direct the business of the County Committee in conformity with the policies and programs of the Republican Party of Virginia. It shall have the general power to direct the affairs of the County Committee and shall have the overall responsibility of developing the campaign strategic plan and tasking and directing the various leaders of the County Committee.

2. STANDING COMMITTEES:

- a. Fundraising Committee.
 - i. This committee shall be responsible for the overall planning and supervision of the financial affairs of the County Committee. It shall prepare an annual budget to be presented to the County Committee prior to the annual meeting (for selecting convention delegates), and shall perform such other fundraising duties as shall be assigned by the County Committee.
- b. Public Relations Committee.
 - i. This committee shall plan and manage the public relations functions of the County Committee and shall perform such other public relations duties as shall be assigned by the County Committee.
- c. Precinct Organization Committee.
 - i. This committee is responsible for establishing and maintaining an organization for effective communication between individual voters and the County Committee and other duties as may be assigned by the County Committee.

SECTION C: VOTING:

1. A majority of the voting members of any committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of that committee's business. A quorum for the full county committee shall be present if a majority of the voting members are present. Proxies are not allowed.

SECTION D: MEETINGS:

1. THE COUNTY COMMITTEE:

- a. The County Committee shall meet in no event less than once in each calendar quarter. Teleconferences do not count towards this requirement but may be used in such cases where time will not permit a regular meeting. Quorum requirements will still apply. While decisions made during the conference call shall be considered binding they will also be entered into the minutes on the next regular meeting for the official record. The first meeting of the calendar year, the Committee shall adopt a schedule for the year, up to and including the first meeting of the following calendar year. The Chairman or one third (1/3) of the voting members of the County Committee can call a meeting of the County Committee at any time by giving notice to each member. Notice to the member shall include any of the following:
 - i. Letter by First Class US Mail to the members' last known address and postmarked seven days prior to the meeting.
 - ii. Email to the members last known email address three days prior to the meeting.

2. STANDING COMMITTEES:

- a. All Standing Committees shall meet at a time and place set and announced by their respective Chairman or by a majority of the Committee members.

ARTICLE VII -- ELECTION OF VOTING MEMBERS

SECTION A: GENERAL:

1. The voting members of the County Committee shall be elected by the general membership at the mass meeting, party canvass, convention, or primary, held to elect delegates to the biennial Republican Convention of the First Congressional District of Virginia. Candidates for Chairman and Committee Members, and for Delegate or Alternate Delegate shall pre-file by declaring their intentions, in writing, along with any application fees, to the Committee Chairman, a minimum of seven days prior to the Mass Meeting. They shall serve until the next biennial mass meeting is held, unless they are removed from office or resign. If any members are removed or resign or vacate their office for any reason they shall be replaced in accordance with the provisions of the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia. The voting members are as follows:
 - a. County Chairman
 - b. Precinct Captains and Precinct Members
2. At any election when there is more than one candidate for County Committee Chairman or any Precinct Captain office, the vote shall be taken by secret paper ballot for the contested races. At any election when there are more candidates for Precinct Membership than there are available seats, the vote shall be taken by secret paper ballot for the contested Precinct races. All contested elections shall be accomplished by the secretary receiving each ballot and recording the name of the voting member. The Secretary shall require identification of all members whose identification is not personally known by the Secretary. The Chairman shall appoint two or more members as Tellers to count the vote. The Tellers shall report the vote totals to the Secretary who shall announce them to the general membership and record the results in the official minutes.

SECTION B: DUTIES:

1. The County Committee Chairman shall:
 - a. Issue the call for mass meetings, party canvasses, conventions, or primaries, as directed by the County Committee, in accordance with the State Party Plan and preside over the same until a temporary organization is elected;
 - b. Represent the county committee on the Republican First District Committee;
 - c. Convene the County Committee no less than once in every three (3) month period and more frequently when the needs of the Party so demand;
 - d. Appoint two qualified persons to make an annual audit of the books and financial records of the County Committee at the end of each fiscal year, which persons shall report their findings to the County Committee.
 - e. Be an ex-officio member of the Public Relations Committee.
2. The Vice-chairman shall:
 - a. Serve in the absence of the County Committee Chairman.
 - b. Be an ex-officio member of the Precinct Organization Committee and be responsible for training of all precinct Captains.
3. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the safekeeping and disbursement of all County Committee funds. The Treasurer shall be authorized to expend funds under the following conditions;

- a. In accordance with an annual budget approved by the County Committee at a regularly called meeting being mindful to withhold adequate funds to meet any priority obligations as established by said budget.
 - b. By authority of the County Committee at a duly called meeting.
 - c. By authority of the County Committee Chairman, to expend an amount not to exceed a total of \$300.00 between meetings of the County Committee.
 - d. The Treasurer is empowered to open a bank account in the name of the King George County Republican Committee and to transact all banking actions for the County Committee. The County Committee Chairman and the Treasurer shall have individual signing authority on said bank account.
 - e. The Treasurer shall present a financial report at each meeting of the County Committee covering the period since the preceding meeting. He shall present an annual report to the County Committee at the end of the calendar year. The Treasurer's books are to be audited at the end of the year by two persons designated by the County Committee Chairman. The audit is to be certified as to correctness to the County Committee with a copy to the Treasurer.
 - f. The Treasurer shall keep proper records which are to be open to inspection by any member of the County Committee at all reasonable times, upon reasonable notice and at a reasonable place designated by the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall deliver all official records in his possession to his successor within ten days of the expiration of his term.
 - g. The Treasurer shall be an ex-officio member of the fundraising committee.
4. The Secretary shall take and maintain minutes of all meetings, and other records, of the County Committee. In addition the Secretary shall;
- a. Have available for reference at all meetings current copies of the County Committee Bylaws and the State Party Plan.
 - b. Keep an accurate list of the membership of the County Committee and furnish each member with a written copy. The secretary shall also keep an attendance record for the Committees.
 - c. Deliver all official records in his custody to his successor within ten days of the expiration of his term in office.
 - d. Be responsible for such correspondence as directed by the County Chairman and the County Committee.
 - e. Be responsible for sending and receiving all mail concerning the Committees and keep on file copies of all such correspondence.

ARTICLE VIII -- CONSTRUCTION

The use of nouns and pronouns within these bylaws shall be construed to denote either gender.

ARTICLE IX – REMOVAL OF OFFICERS

1. The Unit Chairman can be removed as Chairman for violation of Article V or failure to perform the duties of Article VII, Section B, paragraph 1. Removal shall be performed in accordance with Article V, Section A, paragraph 2. In addition the Chairman is suspended of all duties and responsibilities of Chairmanship and the Vice-Chairman shall assume all duties and responsibilities of Chairman as the Acting Chairman pending the outcome of a Trial under Robert's Rules of Order.

2. The Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Precinct Captains serve at the pleasure of the County Committee and can be removed from office by a Two-Thirds (2/3) vote at any County Committee meeting. Removal from Office does not effect their membership in the County Committee.

ARTICLE X -- AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of those members of the County Committee who are present and voting at a duly called meeting, provided that a quorum is present, and provided that a written copy of the proposed amendment was included in the call for the County Committee meeting at which the proposed amendment will be voted on, or presented to each member of the County Committee present at the previous meeting of said Committee along with the official notice of when the vote on the proposed amendment is to be taken.

ARTICLE XI -- CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the amended bylaws above were duly adopted by the King George Republican County Committee at its meeting held on December 18th, 2007.

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Larry B Kile, Chairman / Date

King George County Republican Committee

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Darryl Breitenstein, Secretary / Date

King George County Republican Committee

APPENDIX A to the Bylaws of the King George County Republican Committee

King George County Republican Precinct Voting Formula:

There are 6 fixed positions on the committee. Those positions are:

One County Committee Chairman

One Precinct Captain per each of the 5 voting precincts in King George County:

- 1) Courthouse Precinct # 101 within the James Madison District
- 2) Passapatanzy Precinct # 102 within the James Madison District
- 3) Monroe Precinct # 201 within the James Monroe District
- 4) Dahlgren Precinct # 301 within the Dahlgren District
- 5) Shiloh Precinct # 401 within the Shiloh District

The formula for the composition of the variable positions on the County Committee is based upon the most recent (November 2004) Presidential Election statistics for the Republican Presidential Candidate. Each precinct receives an additional member based upon each 100 votes, or portion thereof, cast within that Precinct for the Republican Candidate, plus one "At Large" position for each 10 precinct members or portion thereof.

Based upon the 2004 Presidential election statistics:

1 County Committee Chairman

Courthouse Precinct # 101 received 874 votes = 9 members + 1 Captain = 10 member subtotal

Passapatanzy Precinct # 102 received 372 votes = 4 members + 1 Captain = 5 member subtotal

Monroe Precinct # 201 received 1,807 votes = 19 members + 1 Captain = 20 member subtotal

Dahlgren Precinct # 301 received 924 votes = 10 members + 1 Captain = 11 member subtotal

Shiloh Precinct # 401 received 1,147 votes = 12 members + 1 Captain = 13 member subtotal

Plus there would be 6 At-Large members. That formula is based on the $10 + 5 + 20 + 11 + 13 = 59$ precinct members which determines the number of At-Large positions on the committee.

Therefore, the Formula consists of: $1 + 10 + 5 + 20 + 11 + 13 + 6 =$ Total of 66* Committee Members.

*Note: There are currently no Elected Republican Officials registered to vote in King George County.

In summary, the committee is comprised of 6 fixed member positions plus a number of variable positions that comprise the full County Committee Membership.