

REPUBLICAN PARTY OF KOSSUTH COUNTY IOWA  
PRECINCT LEADER HANDBOOK  
March 2024

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Website: [www.kossuthgop.org](http://www.kossuthgop.org), also [www.algonagop.weebly.com](http://www.algonagop.weebly.com)  
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PROPERTY OF KOSSUTH COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY



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Pct	Name	Central Committee - March 2024 Address	Town	zip
1	Allen Brown	4709 40th Ave	Armstrong,	50514
1	Dennis Swanson	308 3rd Ave E	Swea City,	50590
2	Chelsea Hall	407 Clark St	Lakota	50451
2	Valerie Ell	105 Brewer St	Lakota	50451
3	Kyle Stecker	3807 90th Ave	Swea City	50590
3	Dustin Bollig	3709 30th Ave	Fenton	50539
4	Patricia Berte	501 S Summit Ave	Bancroft	50517
4	Natalie Becker	108 W Harrison	Bancroft	50517
5	Mark Tacheny	301 4th St	Burt	50522
5	Christy Skilling	104 2nd St	Burt	50522
6	Terri Tweedy	249 Ingham St NW	Titonka	50480
6	Robin Rode	3304 230 Ave	Titonka	50480
7	Lavon Kruse		Lone Rock	
7	Jim Schmitt	209 HWY 18	Whittemore	50598
8	Brent Owen		Algona	
8	-Opn-			
9	Scott Wille	27 Cassell Rd	Algona	50511
9	Michael Schlievert	101 Oak Lake Dr	Algona	50511
10	Bruce Pfeffer	201 3rd St N	Wesley	50483
10	Amanda Studer	200 3rd St S	Wesley	50483
11	Roy Metzger	515 Palo Alto St	Whittemore	50598
11	Angela Metzger	515 Palo Alto St	Whittemore	50598
12	Angie Lawless	1037 HWY 169	Bode	50519
12	Eric Wiltgen	8 Country Estates	Algona	50511
13	Ron Monson	1707 Irvington Rd	LuVerne	50560
13	Ron Forburger	2003 132 Ave	Algona	50511
14	Carter Nath	1006 hayes Ct	LuVerne	50560
14	Stevanie Jonas	806 Logan St	LuVerne	50560
15	John Emswiler	1908 HWY 169	Algona	50511
15	Jessica Emswiler	1908 HWY 169	Algona	50511
16	Pam Wymore		Algona	
16	Dennis Wymore		Algona	
17	Adam Simons, Jr	309 E Kennedy St	Algona	50511
17	Jayme Lentz	801 S Jones St	Algona	50511
18	Abigail Monson	905 S Jerome St	Algona	50511
18	Lyle Prunty	1821 E Elm St	Algona	50511
19	Rosemary Stetzel	206 N Roan St	Algona	50511
19	Chuck Stezel	206 N Roan St	Algona	50511
20	Irene McGuire	512 E Elm St	Algona	50511
20	Josh Kohlhaas	408 N Thorington St	Algona	50511

Executive Committee

Officers

Chair:

Lavon Kruse

Lone Rock

C0-chair:

Jessica Emswiler

Algona

Secretary:

Diane Jorgenson

Ledyard

Treasurer::

Tammy Eden

Wesley

### Precinct Voter Count

Precinct : All Status : Active

	TOTAL	DEM	REP	NP	OTH
AL1	776	243	290	239	4
AL2	1005	255	448	298	4
AL3	830	258	307	261	4
AL4	768	196	310	259	3
BF GM PT	707	125	341	238	3
BT	499	126	203	167	3
CR 1	149	26	83	40	0
CR 2	164	42	77	45	0
CR RV	433	121	202	110	0
EG GT HS SW	700	109	344	244	3
FT LC	401	70	179	150	2
GF WM	605	132	277	192	4
GW SN	206	43	112	50	1
HB LY LN SF	541	94	265	180	2
IV	190	40	89	59	2
LV SM	324	72	150	101	1
PC	258	52	139	67	0
PR WL	472	124	215	130	3
RM	538	114	258	163	3
UN CR	244	80	97	67	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>9810</b>	<b>2322</b>	<b>4386</b>	<b>3060</b>	<b>42</b>

## KOSSUTH COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY OVERVIEW

### PRECINCT CAUCUS

Held first week in February of even numbered years. In each of Kossuth County's twenty precincts (voting districts), those attending from that precinct elect two Central Committee (CC) members, also called Precinct Leaders, and County convention delegates. The number of County convention delegates for each precinct is proportioned based on votes from that precinct for the President or Governor in the last election. A Presidential preference vote is also held in years of presidential elections. Caucus is where every Kossuth County Republican has a direct vote.

### COUNTY CONVENTION

County convention delegates represent the precincts that elected them at the county convention, held in March of even numbered years. The county convention elects delegates to the District and State conventions. The County convention has the power to amend the Constitution of the Kossuth County Republican Party and provide guidelines to the CC. The county convention provides another opportunity for citizen input.

### CENTRAL COMMITTEE (CC)

Operates under its own Constitution and Bylaws. The county constitution and bylaws must conform to the constitution of the RPI, the laws of the State of Iowa, and the US Constitution. The Constitution and Bylaws are required to be on file at the Secretary of State of Iowa and at the Kossuth County Auditor. The most recent Constitution is from 2018 (filed with SOS in Feb, 2019) and the Bylaws are from 2016. Note that the text of the bylaws is all from 1989. The 2016 Bylaws were adopted so that a computer-editable file is available. Many provisions of the bylaws should be updated to reflect current realities and capabilities. The CC has the power to vote to fill vacant positions. CC members should consider themselves to represent all the Republicans in their precinct and even in the county in general. All the ultimate decision-making power of the Kossuth County Republican Party lies with the CC, which should vote on all expenditures of funds and all policy matters.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the Kossuth County Republican Party

The CC elects an Executive Committee (XC) consisting of Chair, Co-chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. Those officers are specified by RPI Constitution and Bylaws and by State law. Duties of the XC officers are stated in the Constitution and Bylaws. The XC election must be held after the even-year general election and before April of the next year. All officers serve at the pleasure of the CC (Bylaws Art I, Sec 1, Sec 2). The CC must be notified at least five days in advance of any meeting at which it is proposed to fill a vacancy on the XC (Bylaws Art I, Sec 3). All Kossuth County Republicans are eligible to be elected to the XC regardless of being CC members. The XC is in charge of the management of the routine operations of the party, under the oversight of the CC.

## CENTRAL COMMITTEE (CC) MEETINGS

Four meetings per year are required under the current Constitution and Bylaws. The Chair is normally the presiding officer at the meetings. In recent years meetings have been held the evening of the fourth Monday of the month with some exceptions. The Constitution and Bylaws cover requirements for meetings, including calling, quorum, notification, and rules. Virtual attendance at meetings is allowed.

## ACTIVITIES

Kossuth Republicans appear in some parades around the County each year, have a booth at the County Fair, and a headquarters open for several weeks before general elections.

## DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (XC) OFFICERS

From Article VIII of constitution:

The executive committee shall transact the routine business of the Central Committee and may act in the name of the Central Committee between the meetings of the Central Committee.

See Bylaws Article I for the specifics of all the officer positions, including:

“The chair shall preside at the meetings of The Committee and serve as its spokesperson. The chair shall provide the leadership and direction necessary for the fulfillment of the purpose of The Committee in matters of policy.” The CC itself is responsible for establishing all matters of policy.

## INTERACTIONS WITH RPI

Normally RPI has a District Political Director whose job it is to interact with all the county Republican parties in Congressional District 4. The Chair is the person who is the main contact point with the RPI. Chair and co-chair are on the RPI District Executive Committee and on the State Council (see RPI constitution and bylaws).

## MEDIA

Web sites ([www.kossuthgop.org](http://www.kossuthgop.org), and [www.algonagop.weebly.com](http://www.algonagop.weebly.com)) and a facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/Kossuth-County-Republicans-635696166482379/>) have been published.

## RESTRICTIONS

County parties in Iowa are under restrictions as to sources of their funds and how they are expended. The Treasurer has to file regular financial reports and should take care that all rules are followed. A few points to keep in mind are 1. No corporate contributions (even in-kind) are allowed. 2. No funds can be expended for campaigns of statewide and national candidates. 3. Expenditure of funds to promote general principles, without reference to specific candidates, are allowed. 4. Contributions by individuals are unlimited. For all specific questions, consult the responsible official at RPI. 5. Campaigns of candidates for offices within the county and candidates for the state legislature whose district includes Kossuth County may be supported financially.

CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF  
KOSSUTH COUNTY

I.

The name of the organization shall be "The Republican Party of Kossuth County".

II.

PURPOSE

The principles that all political power is inherent in the people and that all men and women are by nature free define the purpose of the Republican Party of Kossuth County, including staunch support of the founding documents of the United States of America and of the state of Iowa. Consistent with those principles and documents, we voluntarily assist and cooperate in the election of Republican Party candidates.

III.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the party shall be composed of all eligible voters of Kossuth county who desire to support the objectives of the Republican party. Membership shall be available to all said eligible voters of Kossuth County without regard to race, creed, religion or sex.

Nothing in this constitution shall be construed to abridge or deny the right of any voter to participate in any caucus, primary election or convention wherein the voter is entitled by law to participate.

It shall be the duty of the County Central Committee to enroll all members of the Party within Kossuth County in so far as it is practicable to do so. Opportunity for enrollment shall be open at all times to eligible electors.

IV.

MEMBERSHIP AND POWERS OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE

The County Central Committee shall be composed of two persons from each voting precinct, as specified in the Code of Iowa,

elected at precinct caucuses or otherwise provided by law.

The general management of the affairs of the Party in Kossuth County is vested in the Kossuth County Central Committee, subject to direction from time to time by the County Convention of the Party.

The Kossuth County Central Committee shall have such officers and administrative personnel as it may determine and shall organize its operation to attain the objectives of the Republican Party, and shall have power to adopt bylaws to carry out its duties and the purposes of the Constitution, provided such bylaws are not in conflict with the provisions of this Constitution or the Constitution of the Republican Party of Iowa or the laws of the State of Iowa.

The term of office of a member of the County Central Committee shall begin on the day of the precinct caucuses and continue until the next precinct caucus and until his or her successor is elected and qualified. A member may be sooner removed by the County Central Committee for inattention to duty, incompetence or active support of an opponent of a Republican nominee by a majority vote.

Vacancies on the County Central Committee may be filled by majority vote of the County Central Committee, or at a precinct caucus called pursuant to the party's state constitution or bylaws.

## V.

### COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE OFFICERS

The officers of this Central Committee shall be a chair, co-chair, secretary and treasurer and such other members as the County Central Committee in its bylaws may provide. The County Central Committee shall organize following each general election but no later than April 1 of the odd-numbered year. The chair and co-chair shall be empowered to name such other officers as is determined necessary to carry out the aims or purposes of the organization subject to the approval of the County Central Committee. Each member of the County Central Committee shall be given written notice at least five days in advance of the time and place of any meeting scheduled for the election of officers. The term of office of an officer begins upon his or her election and continues until the organizational meeting two years later and until the officer's successor is elected and qualified,



unless the officer dies, resigns, or is sooner removed by the County Central Committee for cause.

VI.

MEETINGS

The chair or co-chair or thirty percent (30%) of the duly elected and serving members of the County Central Committee may call a meeting of said Committee and there shall be no less than two meetings per year. The quorum for meetings shall be the greater of seven or thirty percent (30%) of current Central Committee membership. Participation in meetings by remote means is allowed when the member can both hear and be heard.

VII.

DEFINITION OF RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF AUXILIARY ORGANIZATION

The Kossuth County Central Committee may recognize official auxiliaries authorized by the Republican party of Iowa. The activities of such organizations shall be coordinated with authorized Party activities and shall be subject to the direction of the regularly constituted Party authorities.

Each auxiliary shall elect its own officers.

The chairman of each recognized Party auxiliary shall be an advisory member of the County Central Committee, but shall have no vote in official business transacted by the Committee.

VIII.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The members of the executive committee are the chair, co-chair, secretary and treasurer and such other persons as provided by the bylaws.

The executive committee shall transact the routine business of the Central Committee and may act in the name of the Central Committee between the meetings of the Central Committee.

IX.

CAUCUSES

The Republican Party of Kossuth County shall conduct regular precinct caucuses and County Conventions, as provided by the Republican State Central Committee. The number of delegates elected from each precinct at the precinct caucuses shall be designated in the call of the County Convention. Said number shall be based on the Republican vote for Governor or President in the previous election as provided by state law and specified in the State Call to Convention.

Notice of the date, time and place of the precinct caucuses shall be given twice by publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the precinct. First notice shall be published not more than fifteen days nor less than seven days before the date of the caucus and the second shall be made not more than seven days before and not later than the date of the caucus.

Any person voting at a precinct caucus must be a registered Republican in that precinct (or a person who will by the date of the next general election become eighteen years of age and indicates an affiliation with the Republican Party), and a resident of the precinct. A person may register to vote or change party affiliation at the caucus.

#### X.

##### VOTING AT PRECINCT CAUCUSES AND COUNTY CONVENTIONS

Voting by proxy will not be permitted at any precinct caucus or county convention provided for in this Constitution.

At County Conventions the delegation from each precinct shall vote the full strength of the precinct delegation in proportion to the vote of the delegates present.

#### XI.

##### AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended by any regularly or specially called County Convention. Notice of intention to so amend shall be included in the call at the request of the chair, co-chair, or thirty percent (30%) of the duly elected and serving members of the County Central Committee. Such amendment shall be adopted by a majority vote of delegates of such Convention. This constitution may also be amended by two-thirds of those in attendance at two consecutive central committee meetings.

XII.

CONFLICT WITH STATUTES

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No provisions hereof shall supersede or abrogate any of the provisions of the statutes of the State of Iowa, the Constitution of the Republican party of Iowa and the rules of the Republican National Convention which are in conflict herewith

XIII.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This constitution was adopted at the Kossuth County Republican Convention, meeting 17 February, 2024 at Bancroft, Iowa.

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I.

IOWA  
SECRETARY OF STATE

OFFICERS

Sec. 1 The officers of the County Central Committee shall serve at the pleasure of the County Central Committee (herein referred to as The Committee) and shall discharge the duties described below:

a. The chair shall preside at the meetings of The Committee and serve as its spokesperson. The chair shall provide the leadership and direction necessary for the fulfillment of the purpose of The Committee in matters of policy. The chair, after consultation with the co-chair, may establish special committees and appoint all committee members.

b. The co-chair shall assist the chair in fulfillment of that officer's duties and assume those duties in the absence of the chair.

c. The secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings of The Committee and the executive committee and all other records. The secretary shall perform such other duties as may pertain to the office, and as specified in these bylaws.

d. The treasurer shall maintain all financial records for The Committee and prepare and file records required by federal and state laws. No money shall be expended by the treasurer unless said expenditure has been approved by the chair or the co-chair in absence of the chair.

Sec. 2 The officers shall be elected by The Committee at a Committee meeting held after the general election and before April 1. The officers shall serve at the pleasure of The Committee. In the event of a vacancy in the office of chair, the co-chair shall call a meeting of The Committee for the purpose of filling such vacancy. If the office of chair and co-chair are both vacant, the secretary, or in that officer's absence, the treasurer, shall call a special meeting of The Committee for the purpose of filling any vacancies. In the event that all offices are vacant or in the event of a vacancy in any office for a period of more than 30 days, a meeting for the purpose of filling vacancies may be called by the chairman of the district executive committee.

Sec. 3 The Committee shall be notified at least five days in advance of any meeting at which it is proposed to fill a vacancy in the position of chair, co-chair, secretary or treasurer.

II.

COMMITTEES

Sec 1 The standing committees of The Central Committee may be empowered by The Central Committee, and in appropriate circumstances by the chairman,

after consultation with the co-chairman, to make determinations, make recommendations, and implement action consistent with the purposes and the policies of The Central Committee.

The standing committees are:

- a. The finance committee, which shall plan and implement fundraising activities.
- b. The organization committee, which shall be responsible for developing the precinct organization, identifying voters, and developing and implementing plans to increase the Republican vote in Kossuth County.
- c. The budget committee, which shall be responsible for recommending budgets on an annual calendar year basis for the expenditures of The Committee and shall consider budgeting of such additional items of expenditures as from time to time are proposed for The Committee. Expenditures of each line item of the budget shall be limited by the budget unless the amount authorized is later specifically increased by The Committee. This limitation shall not, however, apply to the cost of fundraising functions.
- d. The candidates and campaign assistance committee, which shall recruit candidates and assist them in their campaigns.
- e. The special projects committee which shall sponsor activities or assist other groups within the Republican Party in sponsoring activities which will improve the image and/or financial condition of the Republican Party.

Sec. 2 Special committees may be established for a specified time by the Central Committee or the chairman, after consultation with the co-chairman, to perform specified tasks.

Sec. 3 Committee chairmen and members may be removed by the Central Committee chairman after consultation with the co-chairman or by a majority vote of the Central Committee.

Sec. 4 The chairman and co-chairman shall be ex officio members of all standing committees.

### III.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The members of the executive committee shall include the chairman, co-chairman, secretary, treasurer and finance chairman.

### IV.

#### ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Sec. 1 The members of the advisory committee shall include the officers,

chairmen of the standing committees and the chief officers of county Republican auxiliary organizations.

Sec. 2 The advisory committee shall assist the chairman and co-chairman in coordinating Republican activities in the county.

V.

MEETINGS

Sec. 1 Regular meetings of the Central Committee shall be held at least quarterly and be called by the chairman or co-chairman or 30% of the duly elected and serving members of the County Central Committee.

Sec. 2 Meetings shall be convened on written calls of the chairman, co-chairman or 30% of the duly elected and serving members of the County Central Committee.

Sec. 3 Notice of each meeting shall be mailed to each Central Committee member prior to the meeting date.

Sec. 4 A quorum for the conduct of business shall consist of 10% of members of the Central Committee.

Sec. 5 Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall prevail at all meetings of The Committee except as shall be altered by the Code of Iowa, the Republican Party Constitution, or by the Constitution or bylaws of this Committee.

VI.

PROPERTY, RECORDS AND PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Sec. 1 All records and property purchased or acquired by The Committee or any of its employees in connection with the conduct of the affairs of The Committee shall be the property of The Committee.

Sec. 2 Contracts-Checks-Loans-Deposits

a. Contracts -- The Committee may authorize the chairman or treasurer to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of said Committee.

b. Loans -- No loans shall be contracted on behalf of The Committee and no evidence of indebtedness shall be issued in its name unless authorized by a resolution of said Committee.

c. Checks, drafts, etc. -- All checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidence of indebtedness issued in the name of The Committee shall be signed by the treasurer of The Committee or that officer's designee and in such manner as may be determined by resolution of The Committee. All expenditures shall be approved by the

chairman.

d. Deposits -- All funds under control of The Committee shall be deposited to the credit of said Committee in such banks, trust companies, savings and loan institutions, or other as The Committee may select. All funds of the Central Committee shall be segregated from any personal funds of the officers, members or associates of the Central Committee

Sec. 3 No member of the Central Committee shall be liable personally for any obligations of the Central Committee, except that each individual is personally responsible for the prompt transmittal of funds the member has collected, on behalf of the Committee, to the treasurer, and for the accurate accounting as to funds and property in the member's custody.

## VII.

### MINIMUM PERFORMANCE

Sec. 1 Minimum performance by Central Committee members includes attending at least half of the meetings held by the Central Committee; organization of precinct caucuses; cooperation with Central Committee fundraising activities in the member's precinct; cooperation with organizational activities in the member's precinct, such as county registration or canvass activities; organization of election day activities in the member's precinct; and active support of the candidates nominated by the Republican Party.

Sec. 2 A member of the Central Committee may be removed by a majority vote of The Committee if the member fails to properly carry out their duties. Notice of the removal motion must be given to said member before the meeting at which the removal action will be considered. The member shall be given an opportunity to be heard when the removal question is before The Committee.

## VIII.

### CONFLICT WITH STATUTES

No provision hereof shall supersede or abrogate any of the provisions of the statutes of the state of Iowa, the Constitution of the Republican Party of Iowa, and the rules of the Republican National Convention which are in conflict herewith.

## IX.

### AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

These bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of members of the Central Committee present at any meeting of the County Committee. Written notice of the proposed amendment and a full copy thereof shall be forwarded to the members of The Committee at least five days before the meeting at which said amendment is to be presented for consideration and vote.

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ADOPTION OF BYLAWS

These bylaws were adopted at a meeting of the Kossuth County Central Committee on May 23, 2016 at Algona, Iowa.



# CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF IOWA

Adopted July 20, 1974  
Amended July 17, 1976  
Amended June 24, 1978  
Amended June 26, 1982  
Amended June 16, 1984  
Amended June 25, 1988  
Amended June 23, 1990  
Amended June 15, 1996  
Amended June 26, 2010

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## ARTICLE I

### NAME

1. The name of the organization shall be "The Republican Party of Iowa".

## ARTICLE II

### PURPOSE

1. The purpose of the organization shall be to conduct the activities of the Republican Party of Iowa, to promote Republican principles and policies, and to cooperate and assist in the conduct of national, state and local elections.

## ARTICLE III

### MEMBERSHIP

1. The membership of the Republican Party shall consist of all voters of the State of Iowa who desire to support the objectives of the Republican Party and register to vote as Republicans.
2. It shall be the duty of each County Central Committee to register eligible voters residing within its county as members of the Republican Party.

ARTICLE IV

STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

1. The Republican State Central Committee shall be composed of the National Committeemen and the National Committeewomen and representatives elected by the District Caucus from each Congressional District. The number of representatives to be elected from each Congressional District shall be as follows:

Number of Congressional Districts	Number of Representatives for Each Congressional District
7	2
6	3
5	3
4	4
3	5
2	7

2. The general management of the affairs of the Republican Party in Iowa is vested in the Republican State Central Committee with appropriate direction by state conventions of the Republican Party.

3. The Republican State Central Committee shall have such officers and administrative personnel as it may determine and shall organize its operations to attain the objectives of the Republican Party, and shall have power to adopt Bylaws to carry out its duties and the purposes of the Constitution, provided such Bylaws are not in conflict with the provision of this Constitution or the rules of the Republican National Convention.

4. The Republican State Central Committee shall elect a Chair and Co-Chair who shall be the Chief Executive Officers of the Republican Party of Iowa. The Chair and Co-Chair need not be elected from the membership of the Republican State Central Committee.

5. The State Chair, and Co-Chair, State Finance Chair and Co-Chair shall be advisory members of the Republican State Central Committee but shall have no vote in official business transactions of the Committee except the State Chair or Co-Chair while presiding at a meeting of the Committee may vote to make or break a tie vote.

ARTICLE V

DEFINITION OF RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS

1. The Republican State Central Committee may designate in its Bylaws official auxiliaries of the Republican Party, and shall provide for the governing of Republican Party auxiliary bodies.
2. The activities of such organizations at the state and local level shall be coordinated with authorized Party activities and shall be subject to the direction of the regularly constituted Party authorities. Each auxiliary shall elect its own officers.
3. The State Chair of each Party auxiliary shall be an advisory member of the Republican State Central Committee, but shall have no vote in official business transacted by the Committee.

## ARTICLE VI

### COUNTY COMMITTEES

1. County Central Committees shall consist of two precinct committee members elected from each precinct. Every County Central Committee shall adopt a Constitution and Bylaws which shall govern the operation of the Committee, and which may contain a provision for the election of additional Central Committee members from each precinct in a number proportionate to the Republican vote cast in that precinct at the last preceding general election for President of the United States or for Governor of Iowa, as the case may be.
2. The County Central Committee shall organize following each general election, but no later than the following April 1. The Committee shall elect either from its membership or otherwise, a chair, co-chair, secretary, treasurer and other officers as it may determine. The chair and co-chair shall be empowered to name such other officers as is determined necessary to carry out the aims and purposes of the organization subject to approval of the County Central Committee. Each member of the County Central Committee shall be given written notice at least five days in advance of the time and place of any meeting scheduled for the election of officers. The term of office of an officer begins upon his or her election and continues until the organizational meeting two years later and until the officer's successor is elected and qualified, unless the officer dies, resigns, or is sooner removed by the County Central Committee for any cause.
3. Any County chair or co-chair may also be removed by the Republican State Central Committee upon recommendation of the appropriate District Executive Committee for failure to fulfill the duties of the office. When a District Executive Committee recommends removal of a County Officer, that Officer shall be entitled to a hearing before the Republican State Central Committee before that Committee votes on the removal question.
4. The term of office of a member of the County Central Committee shall begin on the day following the precinct caucus and shall continue until the next precinct caucus and until his or her successor is elected and qualified. A member may be sooner removed by the County Central

Committee for inattention to duty, incompetence, or active support of an opponent of a Republican nominee.

5. The chair or co-chair or thirty percent (30%) of the duly elected and serving members of the County Central Committee may call a meeting of the Committee, and there shall be no less than two (2) meetings each year.

6. When elected, a member of the County Central Committee must be a resident of the precinct from which elected.

7. Vacancies on the County Central Committee may be filled by majority vote of the County Central Committee, or at a special precinct caucus called by the County Central Committee.

8. The County Central Committee in each county in the State may recognize the same recognized auxiliaries within the counties as are recognized by the Republican State Central Committee and may permit representatives from such recognized auxiliaries to serve as advisory members of the County Central Committee. Such advisory members shall not be permitted to vote but shall assist County Central Committees in the conduct, planning and organization of political campaigns.

## ARTICLE VII

### DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

1. The District Executive Committee shall consist of the Chair and Co-Chair of each County in the Congressional District plus one additional representative for every fifty thousand (50,000) population in that County based on the most recent federal census. The additional County representative shall be elected by the County Central Committee.

2. The District Committee shall: (1) direct and coordinate Republican activities in the district, including organizational, candidate recruitment, and finance efforts; (2) coordinate the congressional and legislative campaigns in the district for the duly selected Republican nominees; (3) perform all of the duties relating to any election to fill a district vacancy on the Republican State Central Committee; (4) advise the congressional district's representatives on the Republican State Central Committee; and (5) do all other things which serve to promote the welfare of the Republican Party and the orderly and successful conduct of the election campaign in the congressional district.

## ARTICLE VIII

### REPUBLICAN STATE COUNCIL

1. The Republican State Council shall be composed of all elected members of the District Executive Committees. The function of the Council is to provide, from time to time, advice and counsel to the Republican State Central Committee. The Chair of the Republican State Central Committee shall preside over the Council and shall convene meetings when the Chair deems such action advisable or within thirty (30) days of receiving a request for a meeting from forty (40) Council members.

## ARTICLE IX

### CAUCUSES, CONVENTIONS, AND MEETINGS

1. Precinct Caucus. The Republican Party of Iowa shall conduct precinct caucuses, county conventions, district caucuses and state conventions. In election years, the Republican State Central Committee shall direct the County Central Committees to call precinct caucuses at a date to be fixed by the Republican State Central Committee for the purpose of electing delegates from each precinct to the County Convention to be held in each county in the State. The precinct caucus also shall elect precinct committee persons and may adopt resolutions. In presidential election years each precinct caucus shall perform such additional functions as directed by the Republican State Central Committee. Notice of the date, time, and place of said precinct caucuses shall be given twice by publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the precinct. The first notice shall be published not more than fifteen (15) days nor less than seven (7) days before the date of the precinct caucus, and the second notice shall be made not more than seven (7) days before and not later than the date of the precinct caucus.

2. Eligibility to vote. Any person voting at a precinct caucus must be a registered Republican in that precinct (or a person who will by the date of the next general election become eighteen years of age and indicates an affiliation with the Republican Party), and a resident of the precinct. A person may register to vote or change party affiliation at the caucus.

3. County Conventions. The Republican State Central Committee shall set the date of the county convention in each county of the State. It shall advise the county organizations of the number of delegates to the District Caucus and the State Convention to which each County is entitled, and shall determine the delegate assessment which must be paid by each County Central Committee.

4. Purpose. The purpose of the County Convention is to select delegates to the District Caucus and the State Convention; nominate candidates for any office when no Republican candidate for such office has been nominated at the preceding primary election; and adopt resolutions.

5. District Caucuses. The Republican State Central Committee shall set the date and location of Congressional District Caucuses. The District Caucus shall elect that District's representatives on the Republican State Central Committee; elect members of committees for the State Convention; and adopt a District Platform. In presidential election years the District Caucus shall elect such number of delegates and alternate delegates allocated to the District to the Republican National Convention, and shall select a Presidential Elector from the District.

6. State Convention. The Republican State Central Committee shall set the date, time and place of the State Convention, and shall determine the ratio and number of delegates to which each county is entitled. The Republican State Central Committee shall provide for the organization of the convention; the conduct of its business; and the selection of the temporary officers.

7. Purpose. The purpose of the State Convention is to adopt a State Platform, adopt or amend a Constitution, and transact such other business as may properly be brought before it. In gubernatorial election years, the convention shall select the Republican candidate for Lieutenant Governor. In Presidential election years, the convention shall elect such at-large delegates and alternate delegates allocated to the State to the Republican National Convention; and shall select two Presidential Electors at-large.

8. Voting. In the State Convention, and all District Caucuses, each delegate shall be allowed to vote as he or she deems appropriate and no county shall be allowed to vote by the unit rule. No delegate shall be bound by any pre-convention caucus and each county shall cast its vote by polling its delegation at the convention. No fractional votes shall be allowed.

9. Other meetings. The Republican State Central Committee may call other precinct, County, District and State meetings as it deems advisable.

10. Conventions to nominate legislative candidates. At a convention called either to fill a ballot vacancy or to nominate a candidate in a special election for the offices of Senator or Representative in the General Assembly, the voting strength of each precinct represented shall be proportionate to the vote cast for the Republican candidate for that office in the respective precincts at the last general election.

## ARTICLE X

### NONDISCRIMINATION IN ELECTED OR APPOINTED PARTY POSITIONS

The Republican Party of Iowa shall not use race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin as a criterion for either discriminating against, or granting preferential treatment to, any individual or group in any of its elected or appointed party positions at any level. This section shall be implemented to the maximum extent consistent with law and the National Republican Party Constitution and bylaws.

## ARTICLE XI

### ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE

1. The quadrennial convention of the Republican Party held each presidential election year shall elect Republican National Committee members for the State. Such election shall be made by a majority vote of the delegates at the State Convention. Vacancies on the Republican National Committee shall be filled by vote of the Republican State Central Committee.

## ARTICLE XII

### ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

1. Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the Republican National Convention shall be elected at the quadrennial convention of the Republican Party held each presidential election year, and in such number and manner as shall be consistent with the Rules of the Republican National Convention.

## ARTICLE XIII

### PROXY VOTES

1. Voting by proxy will not be permitted at any precinct caucus, County Convention, District Caucus, or State Convention. If any County shall not be fully represented at a District Caucus or State Convention only those delegates or alternate delegates who have assumed delegate status and are present at the District Caucus or State Convention shall be allowed to vote, and the votes represented by absent delegates shall not be cast.

## ARTICLE XIV

### AMENDMENTS

1. This Constitution may be amended at any State Convention when notice of intention to amend is included in the call issued by the Republican State Central Committee for such convention. Proposed amendments to the Constitution must be included in the call for convention when requested by forty (40) members of the Republican State Council. Notice of any proposed amendment shall be mailed to the certified convention delegates at least two (2) weeks prior to convention. To be adopted such amendment must be approved by a majority vote of the convention delegates.

## ARTICLE XV

### CONFLICT WITH NATIONAL RULES

1. Rules of the Republican National Convention found to be in conflict with provisions of this Constitution shall take precedence over such provisions. Such rules of the Republican National Convention shall take precedence over conflicting provisions of Constitutions of County Central Committees, and shall take precedence over conflicting provisions of Bylaws of the Republican State Central Committee and County Central Committees.

## ARTICLE XVI

### EFFECTIVE DATE OF CONSTITUTION

1. The within Constitution was adopted by a majority vote of the Republican Party of Iowa, in convention assembled, at Des Moines, Iowa, July 20, 1974.



County precincts map:

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Supervisor districts map:

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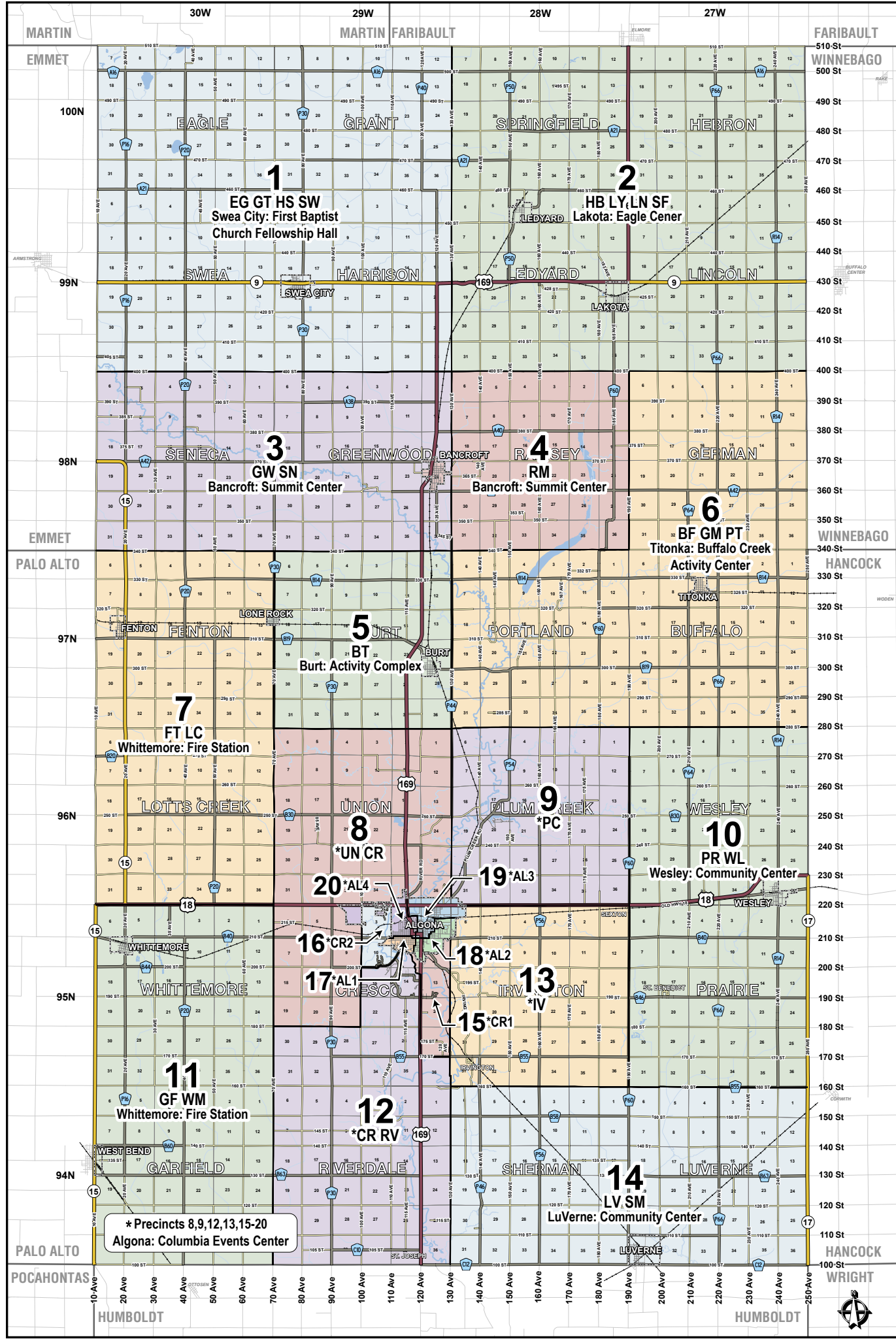
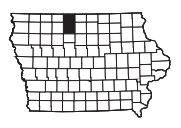
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# KOSSUTH COUNTY, IOWA VOTING PRECINCTS & POLLING PLACES

- US Highway
- State Highway
- Paved Road
- Unpaved Roads
- City Roads
- Townships
- County Boundary
- Sections
- Hydrology



\* Precincts 8,9,12,13,15-20  
Algona: Columbia Events Center

# REPUBLICAN STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF IOWA

## BYLAWS

Adopted on June 28, 1978  
Amended September 13, 1980  
Amended January 31, 1981  
Amended May 27, 1981  
Amended February 19, 1983  
Amended February 16, 1985  
Amended June 8, 1985  
Amended February 15, 1986  
Amended March 15, 1986  
Amended May 2, 1987  
Amended March 26, 1988  
Amended February 4, 1989  
Amended September 30, 1989  
Amended January 15, 1994  
Amended May 17, 1997  
Amended August 16, 1997  
Amended November 1, 1997  
Amended August 25, 2001  
Amended April 14, 2012  
Amended August 24, 2013  
Amended June 27, 2015  
Amended January 28, 2017  
Amended January 19, 2019

## ARTICLE I - OFFICERS AND DUTIES

1. The Republican State Central Committee of Iowa (herein referred to as the "Central Committee") shall elect the following officers at the first meeting of the Central Committee in the year following the biennial general election. These officers shall serve at the pleasure of the Central Committee and shall discharge the duties described below:

a. Chair of the Central Committee (herein referred to as the "State Chair") whose duties shall be to:

- 1.) Preside at all meetings of the Central Committee.
- 2.) Make policy recommendations to the Central Committee.

3.) Act as the administrative officer of the Central Committee in charge of the staff and state office of the Central Committee, including the employment of an Executive Director with the approval of the Central Committee.

4.) Serve as a member of the Republican National Committee.

5.) Approve all expenditures made on behalf of the Central Committee.

6.) Employ an auditing firm to conduct an annual audit of the finances of the Central Committee.

7.) Appoint, with the consent of the Central Committee, a Finance Chair who shall develop plans and programs to raise funds for the Central Committee, and who shall serve at the pleasure of the State Chair.

8.) Appoint, with the consent of the Central Committee, Legal Counsel who shall advise the Central Committee and act for the Central Committee in connection with all legal matters, and who shall serve at the pleasure of the State Chair.

9.) Confer with the State Co-Chair in connection with the duties of the State Chair and State CoChair, and perform such other duties as the Central Committee may direct.

b. Co-Chair of the Central Committee (herein referred to as the "State Co-Chair"), whose duties shall be to:

1.) Act in the absence of the State Chair of the with respect to the duties assigned to the State Chair, except as to service on the Republican National Committee.

2.) Coordinate the activities of the auxiliaries with the Central Committee.

3.) Confer with the State Chair in connection with the duties of the State Chair and State CoChair, and perform such other duties as the Central Committee may direct.

c. Treasurer of the Central Committee who shall be a member of the Central Committee and whose duties shall be to:

1.) Carry out the duties of the Treasurer of a political committee, as required by federal and state law, including the signing of all statements of organization and periodic statements of contributions and expenditures.

2.) Provide oversight in the maintenance of adequate records of the financial transactions of the Central Committee and assure compliance with all federal and state laws.

3.) Present current financial reports to meetings of Central Committee.

4.) Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Central Committee.

d. Secretary of the Central Committee, who shall be a member of the Central Committee and whose duties shall be to:

1.) Supervise the taking of all minutes at meetings of the Central Committee.

2.) Take minutes at all executive sessions of the Central Committee.

3.) Present to the Central Committee minutes of previous meetings of the Central Committee for review and approval by the Central Committee.

4.) Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Central Committee.

2. The State Chair, with the consent of the Central Committee, shall designate individuals on the Central Committee's staff (herein referred to as the ("Staff")) to assist the officers of the Central Committee in the following capacities:

a. An Assistant Treasurer of the Central Committee, whose duties shall be to:

1.) Assist the Treasurer as may be required; particularly in the preparation of all statements of organization and periodic statements of contributions and expenditures.

2.) Receive and deposit all Central Committee funds; and, upon the written direction of the State Chair or Executive Director, disburse funds of the Central Committee.

3.) Maintain adequate and required records of all financial transactions of the Central Committee.

4.) Prepare and complete current reports of financial transactions, including listings of disbursements made and unpaid bills, prior to each meeting of the Central Committee.

5.) Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the State Chair or Executive Director.

b. An Assistant Secretary of the Central Committee, whose duties shall be to:

1.) Assist the Secretary as may be required, particularly in the taking and preparation of minutes.

2.) Maintain and preserve the records and minutes of the Central Committee.

3.) Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the State Chair or Executive Director.

3. The Assistant Treasurer and other persons handling the Central Committee's funds shall post a surety bond if required by the Central Committee. The amount of any surety bond shall be established and the premium therefor shall be paid by the Central Committee.
4. In the absence of the Secretary, the State Chair may appoint a secretary pro tempore.

## ARTICLE II - COMMITTEES

The State Chair, with consent of the Central Committee, shall appoint the chair of each of the committees established by this Article. Except as otherwise provided herein, the membership of each of the committees shall consist of one member of the Central Committee from each Congressional District. In addition, the National Committeeman, the National Committeewoman, the Legal Counsel and the Finance Chair shall be appointed to such committees as determined by the State Chair, with consent of the Central Committee.

The following shall be committees of the Central Committee appointed by the State Chair, with the consent of the Central Committee:

1. Budget Committee, which shall be responsible for recommending a budget on an annual calendar year basis for the expenditures of the Central Committee, and which shall consider the budgeting of such additional items of expenditures as from time to time are proposed for consideration and approval by the Central Committee. Expenditures for each line item of the budget shall not exceed the amount set by the budget in any one calendar year, except as the amount budgeted is specifically increased or decreased by the Central Committee. The costs for fundraising functions are exempted from this requirement because such costs are dependent on various factors such as the number of persons attending a fundraising function.

Any Committee or Temporary Committee may recommend to the Budget Committee a proposed budget for those Central Committee activities within the purview of said Committee or Temporary Committee.

The Budget Committee also shall be charged with reviewing with the staff all fundraising efforts.

2. Campaign Committee, which shall be charged with planning and recommending the strategy and funding of political campaigns falling within the jurisdiction of the Committee. The Campaign Committee also shall be charged with reviewing with the staff the campaign efforts offered, planned, and coordinated by the Central Committee, and assist in candidate recruitment.

3. Organization Committee, which shall be charged with planning and recommending the Party's caucus and convention activities; Party organization and voter programs; and Party's Constitution and Central Committee's bylaw matters. The Organization Committee also shall be charged with reviewing with the staff the Party's efforts in connection with caucuses, conventions, Party organization, and voter programs.

4. Personnel Committee, which shall prepare and recommend to the Central Committee personnel policies for employees of the Central Committee, and perform such other duties as may be outlined in the personnel policies. The committee shall consist of the following: a. State Chair.

b. State Co-Chair.

c. Four (4) members of the Central Committee, who shall be appointed by the State Chair, with the consent of the State Central Committee.

d. The Executive Director.

5. Temporary Committees & Policy Councils. The State Chair may appoint such Temporary Committees and Councils as deemed necessary. The membership of these committees & Policy Councils shall be determined by the State Chair, with consent of the State Central Committee. Such Temporary Committees shall in no event remain in existence for more than one (1) year from the date of their formation.

### ARTICLE III - AUXILIARIES

The rights of the following organizations having Republican affiliations, who carry on their activities consistent with the Constitution, the objectives, platforms and principles of the Party, shall be recognized and the organization of local groups shall be permitted and encouraged, provided the activities of all such organizations are coordinated with authorized Party activities and are under the direction of the regularly constituted Party authorities:

1. The Iowa Federation of Republican Women shall retain its individual organization and identity. It shall carry on the educational work about the Republican Party of Iowa among the women of Iowa and shall assist the Central Committee in all its activities.

2. The College Republicans of Iowa shall be an organization of college and university students who shall provide an opportunity for students to train and work in political campaigns. It shall encourage the students to participate in the activities that promote the Republican Party of Iowa on college and University campuses and shall assist the Central Committee in all its activities.

3. Organized minorities having Republican affiliation may petition the Central Committee to become an affiliate member and assist the Central Committee in all its activities. The Central Committee may act on such petitions as it deems best for the interests of the Republican Party of Iowa.

## ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS

1. Meetings of the Central Committee shall be convened on written and or e-mail or fax call of:

a. The State Chair, or

b. The State Co-Chair, or

c. Five members of the Central Committee.

Notices of every meeting shall be mailed, e-mailed, or faxed at the preference of the recipient at least ten (10) days in advance of the scheduled date of the meeting to the address of each member of the Central Committee. Meetings shall be called at least quarterly during each calendar year.

2. In addition to the notice of call of each meeting, a written agenda outlining the subjects to be covered in the proposed meeting shall be mailed to each member of the Central Committee. Any member may request items to be included on the proposed agenda prior to its mailing.

3. A quorum for the conduct of business shall consist of the two members more than fifty percent of the membership of the Central Committee.

4. Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern at all meetings of the Central Committee except as altered by the Code of Iowa, the Constitution of the Republican Party of Iowa or these Bylaws.

5. There shall be no proxy votes at meetings of the Central Committee, except to elect a State Chair or State Co-Chair or to fill vacancies of National Committeeman or Committeewoman, in which case a written general or limited proxy may be granted by a member unable to attend to another member of the Central Committee or to a County Chair or a County Co-Chair within such member's District.

6. All meetings of the Central Committee shall be open to the public, except Executive Sessions called by majority vote of the voting members of the Central Committee present. Executive Sessions may be (a) full Executive Sessions at which only voting members of the Central Committee together with the State Chair and/or State Co-Chair, or such person as may be designated by the Central Committee to act as Chair may be present; or (b) Partial Executive Sessions at which the Finance Chair, Legal Counsel and other persons specified by the Central Committee may be present.

7. Meetings of the Central Committee may be conducted by teleconference, or individual members of the Central Committee may participate in Central Committee meetings by using teleconferencing. However, the election of Central Committee officers, the election of members



of the Republican National Committee or other business where voting is conducted by use of secret ballots shall not be conducted by teleconference or use of teleconferencing.

#### ARTICLE V - PROCEDURES FOR FILLING VACANCIES ON THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

1. Whenever a State Chair or a State Co-Chair is elected from within the membership of the Central Committee, said State Chair or State Co-Chair may not continue to serve as a member of the Central Committee.

2. Within twenty (20) days after a vacancy arises in the membership of the Central Committee, notice of such vacancy shall be forwarded by the State Chair to the members of the District Executive Committee of the Congressional District in which a vacancy exists. The notice shall include a call for a meeting of the Committee at a designated time and place. The meeting shall be held within seventy-five (75) days after the vacancy arises and at such meeting, the Committee shall elect by majority vote a person to fill the unexpired term arising from the vacancy.

3. A Chair of the District Executive Committee may be elected or selected pursuant to the following order of precedence for procedure: (a) by the District Convention; (b) by the District Executive Committee; or (c) as may be determined by the members of the Central Committee from the District.

4. There shall be no proxies at meetings of District Executive Committees except to fill a vacancy in the Central Committee as set forth above, in which case a member of the District Executive Committee may give a written general or limited proxy to another member of his or her County Central Committee or County Chair or Co-Chair.

5. Members of the State Central Committee elected at a district caucus shall assume their duties at closing gavel of the RPI State Convention. Members elected to fill a vacancy by a District Executive Committee assume their duties upon certification of their election by the District Executive Committee.

#### ARTICLE VI - PROPERTY, RECORDS, AND PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

1. All records and property purchased or acquired by the Central Committee or any of its employees in connection with the conduct of the affairs of the Central Committee shall be the property of the Central Committee.

2. Contracts - Checks - Loans - Deposits

a. Contracts: The Central Committee may authorize any officer or officers, agent, or agents to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of said Central Committee, provided such procurement, contract or agreement will not result in the expenditure of \$15,000 or more during the State Chair's two year term and the entire term of the contract or agreement. Any procurement, contract or agreement which will result in the expenditure of \$15,000 or more during the entire term of the contract or agreement requires the signatures of the Executive Director or State Chair and the Treasurer or Co-Chair.

The State Chair and/or the Executive Director may enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Republican State Central Committee of Iowa, provided the duration of the contract is for less than one year and adheres to the provisions of this section.

All contracts for a duration of one year or more require the previous approval of the Republican State Central Committee of Iowa.

b. Loans: No loans shall be contracted on behalf of the Central Committee and no evidence of indebtedness shall be issued in its name unless authorized by a resolution of the Central Committee.

c. Checks, Drafts, etc.: All checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidence of indebtedness issued in the name of the Central Committee shall be signed by such officer or officers, agent or agents of the Central Committee and in such manner as may be determined by resolution of the Central Committee.

All checks, drafts, or other orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidence of indebtedness issued in the name of the Republican State Central Committee shall be signed by the State Chair or Executive Director and the Treasurer or State Co-Chair. Notwithstanding the above, a separate account not exceeding \$2500 may be established by the Central Committee. Checks not exceeding \$1500 drawn on this account may be signed by the Chair or Executive Director.

d. Deposits: All funds under control of the Central Committee shall be deposited to the credit of The Central Committee in such bank, trust companies, savings and loan institutions, or other depositories as the Central Committee may select.

3. The Central Committee has major responsibilities defined as follows:

a. To maintain and operate the Party organization.

b. To recruit qualified candidates and assist in conducting the political campaigns required to elect all candidates of the Republican Party to office.

- c. To conduct such conventions of the Republican Party as shall be necessary.
- d. To recommend qualified individuals to serve by appointment on the various branches of government.
- e. Raise funds and disperse monies on behalf of the Republican Party of Iowa.

4. No member of the Central Committee shall be liable personally for any obligations of the Central Committee except that each individual is responsible personally for the prompt transmittal of funds collected by the member to the Treasurer, and for the accurate accounting as to funds and property in the member's custody and on behalf of the Central Committee.

5. The Republican Party of Iowa shall not use any resources to include, but not limited to, the use of funds obtained in any way, the use of the name of The Republican Party of Iowa on mailers, emails, press releases, or any campaign materials of any kind, the use of nonprofit mailing status, lists, or staff, for the benefit of any Republican candidate in contested primary and caucus races.

6. To ensure the integrity of the Central Committee and the Republican Party of Iowa, the Central Committee reserves authority as set out in this section to recommend removal of any member of the Central Committee to the District Executive Committee. Following a recommendation for removal, the District Executive Committee will have the authority to remove the recommended member of the Central Committee. The following are causes for removal from the Central Committee:

- a. Commission of any act or deed which might reasonably be considered:
  - i. To be unethical, deceptive, scandalous, or obscene; or
  - ii. To injure, tarnish, damage or otherwise negatively affect the reputation and goodwill associated with the Republican Party of Iowa or its affiliates.
- b. Missing three consecutive Central Committee meetings.

A two-thirds vote of the full Central Committee in favor of recommending removal is required. Once a recommendation of removal is approved, the District Executive Committee, from which the member resides, shall meet within twenty-one (21) days to act on the recommendation. If the District Executive Committee fails to act in the time frame allotted, the member shall be considered removed.

## ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

These Bylaws shall be strictly adhered to and may be amended only by a two-thirds majority vote of the total Central Committee at any regularly called meeting of the Central Committee. Written notice of the proposed amendment and a full copy thereof shall be forwarded to the members of the Central Committee at least ten (10) days before the meeting at which said amendment is to be presented for consideration and vote.

## ARTICLE VIII – BINDING OF NATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATES

1. The Iowa delegation to the Republican National Convention shall be bound on the first ballot to vote proportionally in accordance with the outcome of the Iowa Caucuses. The proportional delegate allocation shall be rounded to the nearest whole delegate. In the event that a delegate is unallocated due to mathematical rounding, the unallocated delegate vote shall be cast in favor of the candidate closest to the rounding threshold. In the event that delegates are over-allocated due to mathematical rounding, the over-allocated delegate shall be removed from a candidate based on the rounding threshold. Delegates shall be bound to the candidates in direct proportion to the candidates' respective vote shares in the Iowa Caucuses regardless of whether any such candidate has withdrawn from the race or otherwise does not have his or her name placed in nomination at the Republican National Convention.
2. Notwithstanding paragraph 1 of this article, if only one candidate's name is placed in nomination at the Republican National Convention, all delegates shall be bound to vote for such candidate on the first ballot provided that the candidate received votes in the Iowa Caucuses.
3. The Chairman of the Iowa delegation, or his or her designee, shall announce the vote of the delegation in accordance with this Article.