

# Lincoln County Republican Committee By-Laws

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## ARTICLE I

### NAME

The name of this committee shall be known as the LINCOLN COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE, and shall be the official-governing body of the Lincoln County Republican Party.

## ARTICLE II

### MEMBERS

Membership in this committee shall be limited to the following categories of enrolled Republicans: Those elected to be members by each of the Town and Plantation Committees in Lincoln County from among their members (Each Town or Plantation Committee shall elect two people), the Chairman and Finance Chairman of each Lincoln County Town or Plantation, the State Committee-man, the State Committee-woman, a delegate from the Lincoln County Republican Woman's Club, a delegate from the student body of each Lincoln County secondary school, State Legislators who are residents of Lincoln County, **District Attorney if a resident of Lincoln County**<sup>1</sup>, Sheriff, Judge of Probate, Registrar of Probate, Register of Deeds, County Treasurer, the Commissioners of this County, and the past Chairmen of the County Committee.

## ARTICLE III

### OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS

The Officers of the County Committee shall be a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and Finance Chairman, each having the powers and being subject to the duties customarily applying to their respective offices. The Officers may be from outside the committee, **but upon election shall become a member of the Committee**<sup>2</sup>.

These Officers shall be elected biennially by members of the County Committee at the first meeting of said Committee of the new year following the biennial November general elections and shall serve until their successors are duly elected. In the case of a vacancy, the County Committee shall nominate and elect a successor. The State Committee-man and State Committee-woman shall be nominated by the County Caucus at the Biennial State Convention. In case of a vacancy, the County Committee shall nominate a successor and forward the name to the State Committee.

## ARTICLE IV

## DUTIES OF THE COUNTY COMMITTEE

The County Committee shall be responsible for the welfare of the Republican Party in the County of Lincoln and shall take whatever steps are necessary to strengthen the party and especially to encourage all persons to register and enroll in the Republican Party, to vote in all County-wide elections to support all Republican Candidates, to issue such publicity and arrange such rallies and other meetings as may seem wise to the Committee, to give proper information to the public, to cooperate with the State and Town Committees, and to do each acts as may be necessary in the furtherance of the foregoing purposes.

## ARTICLE V

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There shall be are executive committee consisting of the officers of the County Committee and the State Committee-man and the State Committee-woman for this County. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to disburse all funds of the County Committee for political purposes, and the Treasurer shall pay no bill or disburse no money except as such disbursement shall have been approved by two thirds of the Executive Committee, as attested by the Chairman and the Secretary and one member of the State Committee. The said Executive Committee may have discretion to act in furtherance of the forgoing purposes set forth in Article IV but shall be bound to follow any instruction given it by the County Committee at a properly convened meeting at which a quorum is present. At any meeting of the Executive Committee a majority of the members shall constitute a quorum. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be called by the Chairman, or in his absence or inability to act by the Vice-Chairman, and all members of the Committee shall have actual personal notice of such meeting or written notice of the meeting shall be mailed at least forty-eight hours before each meeting. Such notice may be signed by the Chairman, Vice-Chairman or Secretary. The Executive Committee may, to include Committee Chairman or for better representation, appoint up to three additional members of the Executive Committee. If any Executive Committee Member fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the County Committee, the secretary shall so inform the County Committee, which may, at its discretion declare the position vacant.

## ARTICLE VI

### VOTING RIGHTS AND PROXIES

Each member of the County Committee shall be entitled to one vote on all questions at any regular or special meeting, if present in person. Members elected by Town and Plantation Committees and Town and Plantation Chairmen and Finance Chairmen may appoint proxies, orally or in writing, from among the members of their respective committees. Such proxy shall be a member of the same Community as the person who appointed him with the exception of Monhegan.

## ARTICLE VII

### CALLING OF MEETING

A meeting of the County Committee may be held at any time upon the call of the Chairman, or in his absence or inability to act by the Vice-Chairman. Upon written petition of at least ten members of said Committee filed with any member of the Executive Committee, such member of said Executive Committee may instruct the Secretary to call a meeting, and if the Secretary fails to do so, such member of the Executive Committee shall be empowered to call such a meeting.

Notice of any meeting of the County Committee shall be given in writing and mailed at least one week before each meeting is to be held. Said notice shall contain the time and place of such meeting, and so far as possible the purpose of such meeting.

## ARTICLE VIII

### QUORUM

Fifteen members of the County Committee shall constitute a quorum.

## ARTICLE IX

### AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended at any County Committee by a two-thirds vote of the members present at such meeting, provided a notice in writing of the proposed amendment is mailed to each member at least one week before the date of such meeting.

## ARTICLE X

### VACANCIES

If any member fails to attend, in person or by proxy, three consecutive meetings of the County Committee in a 12 month period, the Secretary shall so inform the Town Committee or other proper organization which the member represents. Said organization may according to its own rules and procedures, declare the position to be vacant and elect a successor.

1. District Attorney added Sept 21, 2001.
2. Provision for becoming a member of the Committee added Sept. 21, 2001.