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Constitution of the Republican Party of the Second Congressional District of Wisconsin

Article I. Name

The name of this Organization shall be "THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF THE SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN."

Article II. Purpose

The purpose of this Organization shall be to coordinate the activities of the Organizations of the Republican Party of the Counties of the Second Congressional District primarily for the Congressional District Campaigns along with such other pursuits as shall from time to time be authorized by the Chairman, subject to the concurrence of the Executive Committee.

Article III. Membership

Membership in the Organization shall be open to all those people who are qualified and voting members of the Republican Party of the Counties of the Second Congressional District of Wisconsin. Membership shall be subject to the payment of annual dues by those individual counties prior to the start of the District Caucus. The dues rate shall be established at the District Caucus by majority vote subject to change by a two-thirds vote. Counties may chose pay their annual dues from the general funds in their treasury. Alternately, counties may choose to assess district dues as part of their individual county memberships or may devise another suitable method. Dues collected in this way are segregated within their accounts for payment to the District. Counties will also provide a list of their members along with their names and address in both paper and electronic forms to the District.

Article IV. Officers and Executive Committee

Section 1. The Officers of this Organization shall consist of a Chairman and a Vice Chairman who shall be from different counties; a Secretary, a Treasurer, and such other Officers as may be provided for by the Executive Committee.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall consist of the following:

- a. Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Second Congressional District.
- b. The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Republican Party Organization of the each Counties comprising the Second Congressional District of Wisconsin,
- c. Any person serving as a voting member of the State Republican Party Executive Committee, who resides within the Second Congressional District of Wisconsin, and who is not enumerated in subsections a. and b. of this section.

Section 3. The following Permanent Committees shall be appointed each year prior to the Annual Second District Caucus: Credentials, Rules, Resolutions.

- a. Each Permanent Committee shall have authorized not less than two members from each County in the District, except counties with less than one-half by population included in this district shall only have one member.

b. The County Chairman of each of the Counties shall appoint the persons who are to serve from their respective Counties. If the County Chairman fails to do so in a timely manner, the District Chairman may make direct appointments.

c. The District Chairman shall appoint, with the consent of the Executive Committee, a Statutory Activities Chairman for the District, who shall enlist committee members from each County of the District. The duties of the Chairman of the Statutory Activities Committee shall be enlisting party members to run as Committeepersons in the precincts and wards in order that the party may better fulfill the mandates of Wisconsin Statutes, Section 8.17.

d. The District Chairman shall appoint a person to chair each of the permanent committees.

In addition to the above permanent committees, the Executive Committee or the Chairman during any year, may provide an additional committee of committees and appoint the members that are deemed necessary for the business for the particular year. Each committee shall be required to meet at a time and place to be set by the Chairman or the Executive Committee and shall carry on their deliberations and make their reports in accordance with rules established by the Chairman or the Executive Committee.

Section 4. The Chairman shall act as Chairman of each caucus of this Organization and in absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman shall act. In the absence of the Chairman and the Vice Chairman, the caucus shall elect an acting chairman. The Secretary of this Organization shall act as Secretary of each caucus and in the absence of the Secretary, the Chairman of the Caucus shall appoint an Acting Secretary. The Chairman shall appoint a Parliamentarian, Sergeants at Arms, and such additional other officers for each caucus as deemed necessary.

Section 5. The Chairman, with approval of the Executive Committee, shall establish an agenda for each caucus in order that said agenda may provide for the handling of the affairs of said caucus in orderly manner and with dispatch.

Section 6. Each member of the Executive Committee shall have one vote. The Chairman and the Vice Chairman of each County may delegate this authority in writing to another person from that county, but in no event shall any person cast more than one vote. The Executive Committee may hold its meetings, provided there is a quorum, with some or all of its members attending by electronic means.

Section 7. Whenever the offices of Chairman or Vice Chairman fall vacant, the Executive Committee shall nominate interim officers for consideration and confirmation by the Executive Committee of the Republican Party of Wisconsin. Such officers will serve until the next regular odd-numbered year District caucus whenever those offices fall vacant.

Section 8. Whenever the offices of Secretary or Treasurer fall vacant, such vacancies shall be filled by the Executive Committee.

Article V. Duties of the Officers

The Chairman shall preside at all meetings or caucuses of the Organization and of the Executive Committee, and shall have general supervision of work of the Organization. The Vice Chairman, in the absence of the Chairman, shall perform the duties of the Chairman. The Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings and caucuses and shall be the custodian of all permanent records of the Organization. The Treasurer shall keep an account of all monies received and disbursed and shall report in full as required by the Chairman. The Chairman and the Treasurer shall file all proper reports as required by law.

Article VI. Meeting and Caucuses

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall hold meetings at the call of the Chairman or by a written request of five members of the Executive Committee and upon notice to all committee members to be furnished five days prior to the call of such meeting.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall call a District Caucus each year prior to the Annual Convention of the Republican Party of Wisconsin and such caucus shall, in the odd-numbered years, elect a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer in that order. The Executive Committee shall approve a caucus fee required of all delegates and alternate delegates in attendance to defer approximate costs.

Section 3. The number of delegates of each county Organization at District caucuses shall be as provided in the Constitution of the Republican Party of Wisconsin.

Section 4. Counties shall be required to have their annual dues paid-in-full to the District Treasurer prior to the start of the District Caucus. If the dues are not paid-in-full, that county is not seated and the credentials committee may not approve any delegates from that county.

Article VII. Quorum

Section 1. Representation from a majority of the counties of the District shall constitute a quorum at a District caucus meeting.

Section 2. A majority of the members of the Executive Committee or representation from four (4) of the counties shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business by said Executive Committee, but in the absence of a quorum, the majority of those present may adjourn to another date and hour. In the event of such an adjournment, the Chairman or Secretary of the Organization or some member designated by the attending members of the Committee shall give immediate notice by ordinary mail to the absent members of the adjourned date and hour.

Article VIII. Voting of County Delegations

On all questions coming before a District caucus, the delegates and voting alternates present from any county are authorized to cast all votes allotted to the county delegation, and the number of votes to which the county is entitled shall be divided in the same ratio as the votes cast on that question.

Article IX. Amendments

This Constitution may be amended at any District caucus when notice of such purpose is included in the "CALL OF THE CAUCUS". An amendment shall be adopted only by two-thirds vote of the caucus voting in the manner provided in Article VIII. A proposed amendment shall be included in the "CALL OF THE CAUCUS" upon a majority vote of the Executive Committee of said District or upon the petition of two or more county caucuses. Proposed amendments shall be submitted to the County Chairman ten days prior to the County caucuses called for the election of delegates to the District caucus. Proposed amendments presented at County caucuses shall be made an order of business at such county caucuses. Proposed amendments at the County caucuses or at District caucus may only be adopted in the form presented to said caucus.

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