Arizona Legislative District 11 Republican Committee Bylaws



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DEFINITIONS

- 1. The Arizona Legislative District 11 Republican Committee 2022 shall be referred to as the "District" and/or "LD11"
- 2. "District Chair" shall mean Chair of Legislative District 11 Republican Committee
- 3. "Executive Committee" shall mean the elected executive officers of Legislative District 11 Republican Committee
- 4. Precinct Committeeman shall be abbreviated as "PC" and Precinct Committeemen shall be abbreviated as "PCs"
- 5. "Captain" shall mean Precinct Captain
- 6. "A majority" shall mean more than 50% of the votes or ballots cast
- 7. "Plurality vote" is defined as when a vote is cast and the person or persons with the most votes wins without receiving an absolute majority.
- 8. "C&T" shall mean Credentials and Tally
- 9. Arizona Revised Statute shall be abbreviated "A.R.S."
- 10. "District Meeting" shall mean the regularly scheduled, monthly meeting of Legislative District 11
- 11. "Organizational Meeting" shall refer to the Legislative District 11 Statutory Organizational Meeting convened in even years in November, following Arizona's General Election
- 12. "State Committeeman" shall refer to the Precinct Committeeman elected to attend the RPAZ Mandatory and Statutory meetings
- 13. "State Delegates" shall refer to the District Republicans elected by Legislative District 11 PCs to attend the State Convention preceding the National Convention
- 14. "State Alternates" shall refer to the District Republicans elected by Legislative District 11 PCs to attend the State Convention preceding the National Convention as an Alternate Delegate
- 15. The "Statutory Organizational Meeting" of the MCRC convenes each odd numbered year to elect statutory officers by PCs who have been elected at the primary election prior to the Statutory Organizational meeting
- 16. The "Mandatory Meeting" of the MCRC convenes each even numbered year to elect non- statutory officers and Members at Large by Elected PCs, and also PCs appointed not less than forty-five (45) days prior to the Mandatory Meeting
- 17. Maricopa County Republican Committee shall be referred to as "MCRC"
- 18. Republican Party of Arizona shall be referred to as "RPAZ"
- 19. Republican National Committee shall be referred to as "RNC"

ARTICLE I – GENERAL

Section 1: Organization Name

The legal name of the organization is the Arizona Legislative District 11 Republican Committee 2022.

Section 2: Legal Authority

These bylaws are created to govern the District and shall become effective on the date they are adopted and shall continue in effect until amended in accordance with ARTICLE VII – BYLAW AMENDMENT PROCEDURE. The District shall be organized and governed pursuant to A.R.S. 16-823 and will be affiliated with the MCRC and RPAZ. These Bylaws shall, when not in conflict with state laws. MCRC bylaws, and RPAZ bylaws, be binding and establish a working organization, and prescribe rules governing the conduct of meetings, business of the District, its officers, and its committees.

Section 3: Parliamentary Authority

Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern this District in all matters of procedure not specifically covered in these District bylaws, MCRC Bylaws, RPAZ Bylaws, or applicable A.R.S.

Section 4: Ownership of Electronic Accounts

The District website is owned by the District and will be transferred to any newly elected District Chair within seven (7) days of the election. All electronic communication including email list server, website (<u>www.southmountaingop.com</u>), web hosting accounts, and social media logins and access shall also be transferred to the new District Chair within seven (7) days of the election.

ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVES

Section 1: District Objectives

A. Goals and Objectives

The objectives of the District are to uphold the principles and policies as set forth in the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, the Arizona Constitution, and the Republican Party Platform. In pursuance thereof, the objectives of this District shall further be to:

- 1. Register and update Republican voters.
- 2. Support and elect Republicans in the District and federal candidates for Arizona
- 3. Promote the Republican Party Platform through engagement with voters and providing support to Republican candidates who believe in and adhere to this platform.
- 4. Inform the electorate through political education.
- 5. Foster loyalty to the Republican Party and to maintain and promote its principles.
- 6. Increase the effectiveness of Republican workers in the cause of good government through active political participation.
- 7. Promote and support Republicans in appointed offices, commissions, and committees.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERS

Section 1: Precinct Committeemen

A. Membership

- 1. The District membership shall consist of the number of PCs residing within the District who have been elected or appointed in accordance with A.R.S. 16-821 (A) and A.R.S. 16-822 (B).
- 2. PCs shall complete the elected officers' oath per A.R.S. 38-231 at any time after receiving the officer's certificate of election, and at or before commencement of the term of office per A.R.S. 38-232 (2).
- 3. All PCs are also members of the MCRC.

B. Term of Office

- 1. The Term of Office for elected PCs is two years. PCs are elected at the August primary election in even years; their term begins October 1st of the same year and continues until October 1st of the next even year per A.R.S. 16-822 (F).
- 2. Additional PCs may be appointed to fill vacancies left following the August primary election. Appointment and certification begin following completion of District, County, and State Statutory Organizational meetings. Appointed PCs serve from their appointed date until October 1st of the next even year. Those appointed shall have been registered Republicans in good standing of the RPAZ for at least 90 days prior to appointment.

C. Roles and Responsibilities

- 1. All PCs shall maintain Good Standing by following and complying with the terms of elected office as defined by A.R.S. 16-821, 16-822 and A.R.S. 38-291.
- 2. Members of the District are expected to support the objectives of the District as their interests dictate and as their skills and abilities permit. It is also expected that members will not work in contradiction to the District objectives.
- 3. Additional Duties
 - a. Attend meetings of the District.
 - b. Attend all statutory and mandatory meetings of the MCRC.
 - c. Attend all statutory and mandatory meetings of the RPAZ, if serving as a State Committeeman.
 - d. Assist and encourage Republican voters to vote on election days and participate in election day activities.
 - e. Inform and serve registered Republicans in their precincts.
 - f. Organize and assist workers in their precinct and District to turn out Republican voters.
 - g. Assist the Republican party in voter registration and efforts to clean the voter rolls.
 - h. Help elect fully vetted Republican candidates.
 - i. Campaign and carry nominating petitions on behalf of Republican candidates.
 - j. Distribute signs and campaign literature for candidates.
 - k. Recruit and train volunteers for the Republican party.

1. Other activities determined by the District Chair and/or Executive Committee.

D. Proxies

- 1. At all meetings of the District, PCs shall be entitled to vote in person or by proxy to conduct business of the District except when electing State Quadrennial Convention Delegates, where proxies are not permitted per RPAZ bylaws.
- 2. The proxy must be carried by a PC currently residing in the same Precinct, and must be signed by a notary or two (2) witnesses other than the proxy carrier and the PC.
- 3. The proxy form shall be substantially the same as the one found in the MCRC Bylaws and shall be used at all meetings. In the event that a PC is not in possession of a printed proxy form, a proxy form may be created/copied and executed the same as if it were an official form issued by the District or the MCRC.
- 4. No District PC shall carry more than one (1) proxy.
- 5. Proxies must be presented at registration/credentialing to be counted or used at any District meeting.
- 6. Proxies shall be counted in determining the existence of a quorum.
- 7. A proxy shall be valid only for the date of the meeting for which the proxy was given and must be signed by the giver no more than 30 days prior to that meeting.

E. PC Rights

Elected and appointed PCs possess all rights of membership. Only PCs recognized by the Board of Supervisors prior to the date of District, County, or State Committee Organizational meeting shall be permitted to vote at such meeting.

F. Precinct PC Quotas

In each precinct, there shall be one elected PC plus one additional PC for every 125 registered Republican voters (or major fraction thereof) registered before January 2 of the year in which the general election is held per A.R.S. 16-821.

G. PC Vacancies

- 1. Vacancies requiring no action by the District
 - a. Per A.R.S. 16-822 (D), a vacancy shall exist in the office of a PC when the PC moves from the precinct from which elected or changes political party from the party in which the PC was elected.
 - b. The criteria used to establish when a vacancy exists in the office of a PC shall be as established in A.R.S. 16-821 (B) and A.R.S. 38-291, which pertain to resignation, death, insanity, conviction of a felony, or a violation of PC duties.
- 2. Vacancies requiring action by the District
 - a. Removal from the office of the person holding the office including the removal of a board or committee member by the appointing power before the expiration of the person's term of office.
 - b. The PC ceasing to discharge their duties of office for the period of three consecutive months per A.R.S. 38-291.

H. Endorsement of Non-Republican Candidates

No member of this organization shall lend an endorsement to a non-Republican candidate

in any election contest in which a Republican candidate is also running. Should an LD11 member give such an endorsement, that member will lose their voting privileges for the rest of their term.

I. Contact Information

- 1. Methods of Communication
 - a. The primary form of communication within the District will be by email. A second form of communication will be by phone. Therefore, members shall provide contact information, including a phone number and an email if available, to the District. Members agree that by not providing a valid email address, the member is forfeiting the ability receive most District communications.
- 2. Use of Information
 - a. The District must utilize member emails solely for District business.
 - b. Members agree that their contact information may be provided to their Precinct Captain and/or Area Coordinator to conduct District business. No Member shall use member contact information for conducting non-District related business.
- 3. Opting Out
 - a. Members who wish to opt out sharing their contact information must be sent in writing to the District Chair and the Secretary.
 - b. Members who do not maintain a valid email address with the District shall request in writing that the District send meeting notices via postal mail.

ARTICLE IV – ORGANIZATION OF DISTRICT

Section 1: Executive Committee

A. District Officers

- 1. The officers of this District shall consist of a Chair, First Vice Chair, Second Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. The District Chair may allow for the position of a Third Vice Chair. The Secretary and Treasurer positions may be held by the same person. If one person acts as both Secretary and Treasurer, that person has only one vote and counts as only one member for the purpose of a Quorum. These officers shall constitute the voting members of the Executive Committee.
- 2. Non-voting members of the Executive Committee may include an appointed Parliamentarian, Sergeant at Arms, Chaplain, Finance Chair, and appointed and elected Chairmen of the Standing and Temporary Committees. Appointees, other than the Chaplain and Parliamentarian, shall be PCs from within the District. These appointees shall serve at the pleasure of the District Chair.

B. Election

Officers shall be elected at the Statutory Organizational Meeting of the District prescribed by the A.R.S. (refer to ARTICLE VI – ELECTIONS, Section 4: Voting and Elections).

C. Term

1. Officers shall serve (subject to replacement) through the next statutory meeting. All officers of the District shall be PCs of Arizona's LD11 and reside within LD11 throughout their term of office.

D. Removal

- 1. A majority of PCs within the District may petition in writing the District Chair to call a special meeting of the District for the purpose of replacing an Elected District Officer other than the District Chair by providing a petition calling for the proposed removal vote (citing the alleged cause) that is signed by a majority of the active and in good standing elected and appointed PCs.
- 2. At such a meeting, in which a quorum of twenty-five percent (25%) of the elected and appointed PCs are present, in person or by proxy, may vote to remove a District Officer by a 2/3 majority. No other business shall be conducted at said special meeting.
- 3. Any officer may be removed at any time for just cause, provided that a petition calling for the proposed removal vote (citing the alleged cause) is signed by a majority of the active and in good standing elected and appointed PCs and presented at a regular meeting.
- 4. Official notice with a copy of the petition, proxy and removal vote meeting date, shall be sent by the Secretary to each PC. This official notice shall be sent at least twenty (20) days before the meeting at which removal is to be voted upon.
- 5. An Officer, other than District Chair, who is not present at three or more consecutive Board meetings during a term, may be removed by a majority vote at a District meeting. The Officer to be removed must be notified in writing no later than ten days prior to the meeting at which the vote will be held.
- 6. Removal of a District Chair is subject to the MCRC Bylaws.
- 7. Any officer being brought for removal shall have the opportunity to address the members at the District meeting prior to the removal vote for a maximum of 5 minutes.

E. Replacement

- 1. In the event of death, ineligibility, resignation, or removal of a District Officer an election shall be called in the same manner as for the Statutory Organizational Election unless the event occurs within sixty (60) days of the next Statutory Organizational Meeting.
 - a. In the event the District Chair is removed or the office is vacated, until the new election occurs, the First Vice Chair shall serve as the Acting District Chair.
 - b. The District Executive Committee shall select a replacement to fill the remaining term for other District Officers.
- 2. In the case of a vacancy in the office of District Chair (except when such vacancy occurs within a sixty (60) day period prior to an organizational meeting), at a special meeting in which a quorum is present, the PCs within the District shall meet and elect by vote of the majority in person or by proxy, a successor to hold office for the unexpired term. Notice of such election and a proxy shall be sent at least ten (10) days prior to such a meeting.

F. Executive Committee Meetings

- 1. The Executive Committee meets upon the call of the District Chair or at the request of at least four (4) members of the Executive Committee.
- 2. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be called at least quarterly by the District Chair and shall be conveyed to all board members no later than 48 hours

prior to the meeting. This may be waived if agreed upon by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Executive Committee members.

- 3. No member may be excluded from attending such meeting.
- 4. Any Executive Committee meeting may be conducted in person, by telephone, or by other electronic means.
- 5. A Quorum of fifty percent (50%) of the Distrct Officers is required for an Executive Committee meeting.

G. Elected District Officers & Duties

- 1. District Chair Duties
 - a. Represent the District in an official capacity and preside over the meetings of the District.
 - b. Represent the District as a member of the MCRC Executive Guidance Committee.
 - c. Keep members of the District informed of the activities of the District and County committees and to ensure that the District is represented at all MCRC Meetings.
 - d. Appoint a Parliamentarian to attend District meetings and offer parliamentary guidance to District members if desired.
 - e. Appoint a Chaplain, Sergeant at Arms, and Data Liaison for the District if desired.
 - f. Appoint all committee chairmen, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, except the Nominating Committee chair who shall be elected.
 - g. Appoint Temporary Committees as necessary to handle temporary projects and District needs that are a District Chair's responsibilities of office.
 - h. Together with the Standing Committee Chairs and the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, establish and approve all Committee programs.
 - i. Be an ex-officio member of all committees.
 - j. Regularly monitor the activities of the Standing Committees to ensure that their approved programs are progressing in a timely manner toward successful completion.
 - k. Shall ensure that Precinct Captains are elected in a timely manner and appoint temporary acting Captains, when necessary, until a Captain may be selected by the PCs of their precinct.
 - 1. Approve for appointment and submit the names of the qualified persons to serve as PCs, where vacancies exist within the District, to the Chair of the MCRC.
 - m. Ensure PC resignation paperwork or other documentation is submitted to the Chair of the MCRC whenever a vacancy is created.
 - n. Approve for appointment and submit the names of replacement State Committeemen, when vacancies occur due to death, resignation, or "District" residency, to the Chair of the MCRC who in turn approves and submits them to the Chair of the RPAZ.
 - o. Resign said District Chairmanship upon formal announcement of candidacy, or upon filing nominating petition, for any partisan elective public office other than PC. This is to preclude any conflict of office by simultaneously holding a partisan elected public office and District Chairmanship of LD11.

- p. Initiate transfer of all District property and records to the new District Chair within seven (7) days of their election.
- q. All expenses over \$250 shall be approved by the Executive Committee and all expenses over \$500 shall be approved by the Body where a quorum is present.
- 2. First Vice-Chair Duties
 - a. Preside at all District meetings when the District Chair is absent.
 - b. Perform any of the other non-appointive duties of the District Chair when so requested by the District Chair or during the interval prior to the election of a new District Chair in the event of replacement.
 - c. Chair at least one selected committee if requested by the District Chair.
- 3. Second Vice Chair Duties
 - a. Assist the District Chair and First Vice Chair as requested.
 - b. Perform the specified non-appointive duties of both the District Chair and First Vice Chair in their absence.
 - c. Chair at least one selected committee if requested by the District Chair.
- 4. Third Vice Chair Duties (If elected)
 - a. Assist the District Chair, First Vice Chair, and Second Vice Chair as requested.
 - b. Perform the specified non-appointive duties of District Chair, First Vice Chair, and Second Vice Chair in their absence.
 - c. Chair at least one selected committee if requested by the District Chair.
- 5. Secretary Duties
 - a. Take and keep minutes of all regular meetings, Executive Committee meetings, and special meetings.
 - b. Maintain mail service program email lists (i.e. MailerLite) and provide reports to the District Chair when requested.
 - c. Send meeting notices and official call notices to all subscribers no later than ten (10) days prior to each regular District meeting.
 - d. Deliver minutes of all meetings for the District Officers and PCs to be attached to the next meeting Call Notice.
 - e. Collect the District Members' Oaths of Office required by A.R.S. and make copies for the District's records and mail originals to County Recorder Office.
 - f. Maintain an up to date roster of District Officers, Captains, PCs, State Committeemen, Party Officers, State Convention Delegates and Alternates, (when applicable) and elected and appointed public officials residing in the District.
 - g. Create and maintain District meeting attendance sign in sheets for members and guests with members organized by their precincts. Captains will be noted. Oversee the sign in process for all District meetings.
 - h. Handle necessary correspondence at the direction of the District Chair.
 - i. Take meeting minutes for an election for new Secretary and provide the minutes of the election meeting to the new Secretary upon completion of the meeting.
 - j. Maintain and transmit the permanent records of the District to the new Secretary within seven (7) days of their election.
 - k. Perform all other duties as directed by the District Chair.
- 6. Treasurer Duties
 - a. Establish and maintain a District bank account for which the District Chair and the Treasurer shall be account signers.

- b. Update the bank account signers within fourteen (14) days, whenever a new District Chair or Treasurer is elected.
- c. Receive and be custodian of all funds of the District and to pay all bills upon the authorization of the District Chair, as approved by the District Executive Committee or District members.
- d. Dispersing funds only upon the approval of the District Chair, or Acting District Chair. Any disbursements approved in the budget will not require additional Chair approval. All checks shall be signed by an approved signer established above and approved by the District Chair or Acting District Chair. The Treasurer shall not write checks to himself/herself without written approval by the District Chair. Any check over \$500 requires two signatures by approved signers.
- e. Keep an itemized account of all monies received and disbursed and report those detailed balance changes at regular District meetings in the Treasurer's Report distributed to the members with the monthly Call to Meet and as required by the Chair.
- f. Participate as requested by the Finance Committee.
- g. In cooperation with the District Chair and the Executive Committee, prepare and submit an annual budget, by January 1st. Present that budget to the body at the next District meeting.
- h. Retain a minimum balance of \$500, provided a minimum balance exists of \$1,500 to pass on to a new board at the District Organizational meeting.
- i. Submit an annual report to the District and such other reports as required by law.
- j. File the appropriate Secretary of State and County Reports on time.

H. Appointed District Positions & Duties

- 1. Sergeant at Arms Duties
 - a. Attend all District meetings.
 - b. Keep order during meetings.
 - c. Remove members or guests who are overly rowdy or disruptive.
 - d. Present or delegate the presentation of colors, flags, the pledge of allegiance, and other duties as directed by the District chair during meetings.
- 2. Parliamentarian Duties
 - a. Advise the presiding officer and other officers, committees, and members on matters of parliamentary procedure using the most updated version of Roberts Rules of Order, to be furnished by the District.
 - b. Forgo the right to make motions, debate, or vote, except for on a written ballot, when presiding as the parliamentarian for the meeting.
- 3. Chaplain Duties
 - a. Invoke Divine guidance on the proceedings.
- 4. Finance Chair Duties
 - a. Assist in preparing the budget and organizing fund raising events.
- 5. Data Liaison Duties
 - a. Getting data access forms completed and signed
 - b. Creating and distributing walk lists to PCs when needed or assigned by the District Chair.
 - c. Responsible for completing other assigned duties by the District Chair.

Section 2: Precinct Captains

A. Election

The District Chair shall direct the PCs in every precinct with two or more members of each precinct to meet on or within sixty (60) days after the general election in even numbered years and elect from among their number a Precinct Captain, by a majority vote of the elected PCs and report the results to the District Chair within five (5) days. If there is only one PC, they will serve as Captain until such time as there are sufficient PCs to hold an election.

B. Appointment

If the PCs of any precinct fail to elect a Captain, said Captain may be temporarily appointed by the District Chair to serve until such time as the PCs shall meet and elect a Captain.

C. Duties

- 1. Attend Precinct Captain meetings called by the District Chair.
- 2. Hold Precinct meetings for precinct PCs.
- 3. Maintain and distribute Precinct 125 walk list and alphabetic registration lists to PCs and volunteers as needed.
- 4. Disseminate information to Precinct PCs not in attendance at District Meetings.
- 5. Organize the Precinct in the most efficient manner for distribution of campaign literature, collection of nomination petition signatures, and Get-Out-The-Vote activities.
- 6. Recruit precinct volunteers.
- 7. Recommend appointees to the District Chair for approval to fill PC vacancies.
- 8. Organize Precinct voter registration drives.
- 9. Coordinate Precinct efforts in support of District and County Committee activities.

D. Removal

A majority of the PCs of that precinct must petition the District Chair to call a special meeting of that precinct for the purpose of removing the Captain of that precinct. At such a meeting, a majority of committeemen of that precinct, in person or by proxy, may remove a Captain of that precinct and elect a new Captain.

E. Co-Captains:

In the absence of any objection by the PCs in a precinct, each precinct may have two (2) Co-Captains, by election or appointment and the duties of Captain shall be divided by mutual agreement.

Section 3: Standing and Temporary Committees

A. Committee Expectations

- 1. Committee members are expected to support the objectives of the committee as their interests, skills, and abilities permit.
- 2. It is also expected that members will not work in contradiction to the committee objectives.
- 3. A 25% quorum is required for official committee meetings.

- 4. Take meeting minutes and report out to the Chair, Executive Committee, and District members when requested or as needed.
- 6. Any committee meeting may be conducted in person, by telephone, or by other electronic means and shall be determined by the Committee Chair.

B. Committee Members

- 1. Committee members shall be comprised of duly elected and appointed PCs in active and good standing.
- 2. Volunteers may also serve on committees but will not be voting members.
- 3. A chair shall be determined by the Committee by a majority vote.

C. Committee Primary Objectives

- 1. Ways and Means Committee
 - a. Raising money for the District through fundraising projects and District raffles for District meetings.
- 2. PC Training/Education Committee
 - a. Provide training and materials to educate PCs with coordination from the District Chair.
- 3. Meet and Greet/Hospitality Committee
 - a. Responsible for conducting outreach activities, sponsoring events, welcoming new PCs, and promoting fellowship throughout the District.
- 4. Digital Communications Committee
 - a. Monitor and maintain all of the District social media accounts (X, Facebook, Instagram, Signal, and any future accounts), actively post District and Republican events relevant to the District and our community, make sure all members and posts are respectful and using proper decorum and in coordination with the District Chair.
- 5. Legislative Research Committee
 - a. Follow, research, and discuss state, county, and city legislation and report to the District Chair and District members on bills that affect our members.
- 6. Get Out The Vote (GOTV) Committee
 - a. Make concerted efforts to register voters and increase voter turnout for elections.
- 7. Temporary Committees
 - a. The District Chair shall be able to appoint temporary committees as needed.
 - b. These committees will be dissolved as soon as the task is performed to the satisfaction of the District Chair and/or District members.
 - c. The scope and breadth of these Temporary Committees shall be limited to their specific purpose.

Section 4: Appointed Committees

A. Finance Committee

- 1. Members
 - a. The Finance Committee shall consist of at least three (3) members appointed by the Chair.
 - b. The Treasurer shall participate as requested by the Finance Committee.
 - c. The District Chair shall be an ex-officio member of this Committee but without voting rights.

- 2. Removal/Replacement
 - a. When a committee member needs to be replaced, the Chair shall appoint a replacement from the District PCs.
- 3. Duties
 - a. Periodically review the financial statements of District.
 - b. Assist the Treasurer and District Chair as needed.
 - c. Shall conduct an audit of the District's books upon a change in the person holding the office of Treasurer, after each Statutory Organizational Meeting, or at least once every two years.

Section 5: Elected Committees

A. Nominating Committee

- 1. Selection
- 2. A Nominating Committee shall be nominated from the floor and elected at the regular October meeting prior to the Statutory Organizational Meeting or at a Special Meeting to be held within thirty (30) days following reapportionment enactment effecting District boundaries.
- 3. Only elected Precinct Committeemen shall be eligible to nominate, vote for, or be elected to the Nominating Committee (no proxies are allowed).
 - a. For purposes of this election, elected PCs will be determined by the official list published by the Maricopa County Recorder's Office or by the unofficial County election vote count (if certification has not yet occurred).
 - b. For a Nominating Committee Election Meeting resulting from reapportionment (refer to ARTICLE VI ELECTIONS, Section 4: Voting and Elections).
 - c. In either event, the Nominating Committee shall serve for the period through the following Primary Election.
- 4. Numbers
 - a. The Nominating Committee shall consist of three (3) members elected by plurality vote, following nominations from the floor.
 - b. A tie vote for the last positions shall be broken by a second ballot among the tied candidates.
 - c. The candidate receiving the highest vote shall be the Committee Chairman, or in the event of a tie, the committee shall elect their own chair.
 - d. The Nominating Committee election vote shall be tallied by the outgoing Tally Committee Members who are not nominated candidates for this election.
 - e. The tally shall be conducted by at least three (3) members.
 - f. The District Chair shall select supplementary Tally members up to a total of three (3), if less than 3 Tally Committee Members are available. The total number of Tally Committee members must be an odd number.
- 5. Quorum
 - a. A quorum of twenty-five percent (25%) of the elected and appointed PCs present in person or by proxy is required to elect the Nominating Committee.
- 6. Term
 - a. The term of office will be for two (2) years including the nominations for the next Statutory Organizational Meeting.

7. Duties

- a. Handle the nomination of:
 - i. District Officers
 - ii. State Committeemen
 - iii. Elected Committee members
 - iv. Convention Delegates
 - v. Nomination for other elections that may occur during their term
- b. Recruit qualified candidates for elected positions.
- c. Interview potential candidates and make sure they understand the duties and responsibilities of the office they are seeking.
- d. Verify eligibility of candidates.
- e. Nominate all those eligible and desiring to serve.
- f. Not to nominate a PC for more than one (1) office simultaneously with an exception for State Committeeman.
- g. Present the nominations received in writing suitable for use as a Ballot.
- h. Participate in the Conduct of Elections process (refer to ARTICLE VI ELECTIONS, Section 4: Voting and Elections).
- 8. Vacancy
 - a. Vacancies occurring between elections shall be filled via appointment by the District Chair.

B. Credentials & Tally Committee

- 1. Selection
 - a. The elected Nominating Committee shall serve as the C&T Committee.
 - b. The Committee shall select one of their number as chairman of C&T Committee.
 - c. The chair shall be a member other than the Nominating Committee Chair.
 - d. If additional C&T Committee members are needed to expedite the election task (due to the number of PCs and ballots to be processed) the District Chair may recruit additional members for the election but the number of members must be an odd number.
 - e. C&T members shall not be close relatives of any candidates in the election.
- 2. Duties
 - a. Prepare the ballots.
 - b. Conduct the verification and sign-in registration of eligible PCs and of proxies (where they are permitted).
 - c. Distribute the corresponding credentials tag.
 - d. Certify the number of eligible votes in person and by proxy, if permitted, at close of registration.
 - e. Handle ballot distribution and pickup during voting.
 - f. The C&T Committee shall not approve a proxy that has been altered.
 - g. Tally and certify the vote count (refer to ARTICLE VI ELECTIONS, Section 4. Voting and Elections).
 - h. Report the voting results to the District Chair for announcement.
- 3. Candidate Observers
 - a. Candidates for District Chair, First Vice Chair, and Second Vice Chair may designate one representative for them to be a tally observer.

b. These appointees may, if requested, assist the elected members of the Tally Committee in the vote count/tally process, when teamed with a C&T Committee member.

Section 6: State Committeemen

A. Number

- 1. The number of State Committeemen positions to be filled at the District Statutory Organizational Meeting is equal to 1/3 of the total number of PCs elected at the preceding primary election.
- 2. The MCRC may award additional State Committeeman positions to the District if extra State Committeeman positions are available to the MCRC.
- 3. Only elected PCs from the District may be nominated.

B. Election

State Committeeman shall be elected at the Statutory Organizational Meeting of the District (refer to ARTICLE VI - ELECTIONS, Section 3. Nomination of Officers, Committee Members, and State Committeeman, B. Election of State Committeeman, B).

C. Selection

- 1. At the Organizational Meeting, the District shall elect, by a plurality vote, the allotted number of State Committeemen in accordance with A.R.S and RPAZ bylaws.
- 2. Candidates do not need to be present in order to be elected but must express their desire to serve in writing if not present.
- 3. Though nominated at the District Organizational Election, the official election of State Committeemen occurs at the subsequent County Statutory Organizational Election.
- 4. For informational completeness, the County Organizational Election also includes the election of the Republican County Chairman, two Vice-Chairmen, a Secretary and a Treasurer.
- 5. By law the County Election must be held no later than the 2nd Saturday of January following the General Election.
- 6. This is one of the primary duties of an elected Precinct Committeeman.

D. Duties

- 1. Attend the yearly RPAZ statutory or mandatory meeting in person or by proxy, if elected as a State Committeeman, to conduct state party business and elect new RPAZ officers.
- 2. The Statutory Meeting includes the election of the Republican State Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and the Members At Large of the State Executive Committee
- 3. Three (3) Members At Large are elected from each Congressional District.
- 4. The State Mandatory Meeting held in January of non-general election years to elect additional State Party Officers, including three (3) Vice Chairs, an Assistant Secretary, and an Assistant Treasurer
- 5. By law the State Statutory Organizational Election must be held no later than the 4th Saturday of January following the general elections.

Section 7: Quadrennial Convention Delegates

A. Number of National Delegates and Alternates

- 1. District Delegates for the Quadrennial Convention are elected by the District PCs.
- 2. Any PCs or other interested registered Republicans residing in LD11 and desiring to be a candidate for Delegate to the Quadrennial Convention shall submit his or her name in writing to the Nominating Committee by the deadline stated in the call.
- 3. The number of Delegates allocated to each District is based on its total number of PCs relative to the overall state total. The number of Delegates is determined by the RPAZ in advance of the Quadrennial Convention and an equal number of District Alternate Delegates may also be elected.

B. Election

State Delegates and State Alternates shall be elected at the Quadrennial Convention (refer to ARTICLE VI - ELECTIONS, Section 3: Nomination of Officers, Committeeman Members, and State Committeeman, C. Election of State Quadrennial Convention Delegates).

C. Selection

- 1. The District elects, by a plurality vote, Quadrennial Convention State Delegates and State Alternates (with proper notice) at a regular District meeting held prior to the Quadrennial Convention and following notification from the RPAZ as to the Quadrennial Convention date and the number of Delegates allocated to the District.
- 2. Timely notification from the RPAZ as to the Convention date and the number of delegates allocated to the District.
- 3. This may require a special District meeting to be called to meet time constraints.

D. Duties

- 1. To elect National Delegates and National Alternates to the Republican National Convention.
- 2. To elect a National Committeeman and Committeewoman, who will serve a fouryear term as members of the Republican National Convention.
- 3. To elect three (3) National Convention Delegates from each Congressional District with the remainder of the State's National Delegation elected as Members At Large Delegates
- 4. Only Delegates residing in a Congressional District vote to elect their respective Congressional District Delegates to the National Convention.
- 5. All Delegates to the State Quadrennial Convention vote to elect the Members At Large Delegates to the RNC Convention.
- 6. In the event that elected State Delegates cannot attend, or are otherwise absent from a Quadrennial Convention Vote, the next highest State Alternate present shall replace the missing Delegate for the vote at hand.

ARTICLE V – MEETINGS

Section 1: Notice of Meetings

The District Chair or their designee shall send the notice of meetings to District members and shall include the meeting date, time, location, and agenda (if applicable) by email unless directed otherwise by A.R.S., MCRC bylaws, or RPAZ Bylaws.

Section 2: Threshold for Doing Business

At any meeting where a quorum has been established, business can be conducted until adjournment regardless of the number of members present.

Section 3: Regular District Meetings

A. Number of District Meetings

The District shall hold regular meetings at least six (6) times per year in odd numbered years and ten (10) times per year in even numbered years to conduct regular District business.

B. Meeting Notice

Notice of Regular District meetings shall be sent to each PC not later than ten (10) days prior to the meeting along with any pertinent information. Notification requirements for Election, Officer Removal, and Bylaws Amendment meetings are established in the corresponding sections governing those events.

C. Resolutions for Consideration

Any member may present resolutions for consideration by the body. Resolutions may be submitted to the District Chair early enough for a copy of the Resolution to be sent with and placed on the agenda. Otherwise, printed copies shall be provided at the beginning of the meeting to all PCs present.

D. Quorum

A quorum for transaction of business shall be fifteen percent (15%) of the elected and appointed active and in good standing PCs for a regular or special non-election meeting.

E. Meeting Agenda

- 1. Every District meeting must include an Invocation and Pledge.
- 2. The agenda for regular business meetings must include a New Business section.
- 3. Unless otherwise determined by the District Chair, the order of business meetings may be:
 - a. Call to Order
 - b. Invocation & Pledge
 - c. Credentials Committee report and declaration of quorum
 - d. Secretary's Report
 - e. Treasurer's Report
 - f. Other Officer or Committee Reports
 - g. Program (may be moved to accommodate speaker and/or to fill gaps, if needed.)
 - h. Unfinished Business (when appropriate)
 - i. New Business

- j. Announcements
- k. Adjournment
- 4. The agenda shall be sent out in the meeting call notice.

G. Proxies

Refer to ARTICLE III - MEMBERS, Section 1: Precinct Committeemen, D. Proxies.

Section 4: Special District Meetings

Special meetings of the District may be called by the Chair or upon the written request of two-thirds (2/3) of the District members. No business other than the purpose of the meeting shall be conducted. The same rules established in the Regular District Meetings section govern Special District Meetings (refer to ARTICLE V – MEETINGS, Section 3. Regular District Meetings).

Section 5: Precinct Organizational Meetings

A. Meeting

The District Chair shall issue a call for all Precinct Organizational Meetings no later than two (2) weeks after the County Recorder publishes the list of elected PCs or October 15th whichever occurs first, where each precinct will elect a Captain by majority vote.

B. Quorum

A quorum shall be a majority of the newly elected PCs in that Precinct.

Section 6: Precinct Captain Meetings

The Chair may call a special meeting of the Captains and shall call a special meeting of the Captains at the written request of a least five (5) Captains.

Section 7: Statutory Organizational Meetings

A. Elect District Officers

The Statutory Organizational Meeting shall be held to organize and elect the District officers as defined by A.R.S. 16-823 (C), meet no earlier than the second Saturday following the general election and no later than the first Saturday of the following December.

B. Elect State Committeeman

The District shall elect State Committeemen per A.R.S. 16-825.

C. Quorum

A quorum of twenty-five percent (25%) of the elected PCs, in active and good standing, in person or by proxy.

Section 8: Decennial Redistricting/New District Formation

A. Reapportionment Legislation

The District shall meet after the effective date of reapportionment legislation that created new boundaries of the District, and potentially new precinct boundaries that will result in new District boundaries, subject to MCRC requirements. See A.R.S. 16-823 in the event the reapportionment legislation is challenged in court.

B. Meeting

After reapportionment enactment affecting the District boundaries, a Statutory Organizational Meeting shall be held within 60 days to allow for a meeting to elect a Nominating Committee and a subsequent meeting to elect new District Officers. (refer to ARTICLE 5 – Meetings, Section 7: Statutory Organizational Meetings).

Section 9: Quadrennial Convention Delegate Election Meeting

The meeting to elect the District's State Quadrennial Convention Delegates shall be held at the first regular District Meeting, providing for proper meeting notice that follows official notification from the RPAZ with the Convention date and the number of delegates allocated to the District. A Special District Meeting may be called if required by time constraints.

ARTICLE VI – ELECTIONS

Section 1: Nominating Committee

Refer to ARTICLE IV – ORGANIZATION OF DISTRICT, Section 5: Elected Committees, A. Nominating Committee.

Section 2: Credentials & Tally Committee

Refer to ARTICLE IV – ORGANIZATION OF DISTRICT, Section 5: Elected Committees, B. Credentials & Tally Committee.

Section 3: Nomination of Officers, Committee Members, and State Committeemen

A. Nomination of Officers

- 1. Within five (5) days following the election of the Nominating Committee, and at the direction of the District Chair, the Secretary shall issue the call for District Officer candidates to all duly elected and appointed PCs.
- 2. The call shall include:
 - a. The place, date, and time of the Statutory Organizational Meeting (provided that the date shall fall within the time period defined by A.R.S. 16-823
 - b. The list of District Offices to be filled.
 - c. The number of State Committeemen to be nominated.
- 3. Any elected or appointed PC may run for any District Office.
- 4. Candidates shall submit their name and the title of the office sought, in writing, to any member of the Nominating Committee within ten (10) days from the issuance of the call (the final date for submitting shall be stated in the call).
- 5. The name, email, and phone numbers of the Nominating Committee members shall be provided for the candidates to contact and submit their nomination.
- 6. In the event that there are no candidates for a given office, it will be the responsibility of the Nominating Committee to seek out one or more qualified individuals to run for each such unsought office.
- 7. Immediately following the period for submission of candidacy, and prior to ballot preparation for District Officers, the Nominating Committee shall interview the candidates and shall apprise the candidates of the duties of the corresponding office

to ensure that they are aware of their responsibilities and agree to conduct them in good faith, if elected.

- 8. The names of the candidates shall be reported to the District Chair within three (3) days following the final deadline for candidate submissions.
- 9. At the direction of the District Chair, the C&T Committee will prepare the ballot (paper, punch card, or other as appropriate) with names of candidates for each office appearing in alphabetic order. Additional names may be nominated from the floor at all elections. Floor nominees must express their desire to serve as in the District position for which they are nominated and in writing if not present.
- 10. The regular ten (10) day meeting notice shall include a proxy form and a list of District Officer and State Committeeman candidates submitted by the Nominating Committee.

B. Election of State Committeemen

- 1. State Committeemen are elected at the District Statutory Organizational Meeting (per A.R.S. 16-825) by a plurality vote with those receiving the highest vote count elected until the District's quota has been filled. If there is a tie vote for the last positions, those tied shall draw lots to determine the final positions.
- 2. State Committeemen shall be elected from a ballot alphabetically listing the names of all elected District PCs who have submitted, in writing, their desire to serve as a State Committeeman and during the ten (10) day submission period designated in the meeting call.
- 3. Only PCs active and in good standing may be elected for State Committeemen.
- 4. In the event that fewer PCs have submitted their desire to serve as State Committeemen than the district quota, the Nominating Committee shall seek out qualified PCs to fill the quota. The Nominating Committee shall consider the following criteria:
 - a. The relative degree and devotion with which the PCs have fulfilled their duties, as expressed in ARTICLE III– MEMBERS, Section C. Expectations and Responsibilities.
 - b. The extent to which the PC has participated in District, County, and State Committee voter registration, early ballot, and Get Out The Vote efforts and other Republican party activities.
 - c. The commitment with which the PC has helped the District Chair, as requested, including participation and quality of work performed on District Committees.
- 5. The list of State Committeemen candidates shall be reported to the District Chair within three (3) days following the final date for candidate submission. At the direction of the District Chair, the Credentials Committee shall prepare the ballot with names appearing alphabetically. Ballot provision shall be made for nominations from the floor at the meeting and floor nominees must express, or have expressed in writing, their desire to serve as a State Committeeman.

C. Election of State Quadrennial Convention Delegates

1. State Quadrennial Convention Delegates shall be elected by a plurality vote in the same manner as State Committeemen, except that an equal number of Alternates shall also be elected by plurality vote.

- 2. Alternates shall be those Delegate Candidates receiving the next highest votes below the Elected Delegates.
- 3. In the case of a tie for the last Delegate positions, those not achieving Delegate status by the draw will be the top Alternate Delegates.
- 4. In the same manner, a tie for the last Alternate positions will be determined by drawing lots.
- 5. The list of State Delegate candidates to the State Quadrennial Convention shall be reported to the District Chair within three (3) days following the final date for candidate submission. At the direction of the Chair, the Credentials Committee shall prepare the ballot (paper, punch card, or other as appropriate) with the names of candidates appearing alphabetically.
- 6. Additional names may be nominated from the floor, including any PC or registered Republican resident within the District.
- 7. Floor nominees must express, or have expressed in writing, their desire to serve as a Convention Delegate.
- 8. The Delegate election meeting will normally be held at the time of the next regular meeting (unless the time constraints of the State Convention date require a Special Meeting).
- 9. In any event, the meeting call shall provide for the regular ten (10) day meeting notice at a minimum.
- 10. A quorum of Twenty-five percent (25%) of the elected and appointed PCs present is necessary to elect the State Quadrennial Convention Delegates.
- 11. Proxies are not permitted per RPAZ bylaws.

Section 4: Voting and Elections

A. Eligibility

Eligibility to vote in District elections varies with the type of election.

- 1. District Statutory Organizational Election
 - a. Elected PCS voting in person or by Proxy are eligible.
- 2. District Statutory Organizational Election (resulting from reapportionment enactment effecting the District boundaries).
 - a. PCs residing within the new District boundaries 30 days prior to the reapportionment enactment are eligible to vote in person or by Proxy.
- 3. District Election of State Delegates and Alternates to the State Quadrennial Convention
 - a. Elected and appointed PCs, appointed before the cutoff date designated by the RPAZ, are eligible to vote in person (no proxies are permitted).
- 4. District Bylaw Ratification Vote
 - a. Elected and appointed PCs voting in person or by proxy are eligible.
- 5. Officer Removal Vote
- a. Elected and appointed PCs voting in person or by proxy are eligible.6. Officer Replacement Election
 - a. Elected and appointed PCs voting in person or by proxy are eligible.
- 7. District Nominating Committee Election
 - a. Elected PCs voting in person are eligible (no proxies re permitted).
- 8. District Nominating Committee Election (resulting from reapportionment enactment effecting the District boundaries)

a. PCs residing within the new District boundaries 30 days prior to the reapportionment enactment, voting in person are eligible (no Proxies are permitted).

B. Identification of Voters

- 1. Eligible PCs shall present a photo ID with an address that matches the official list published by the Maricopa County Recorder's Office.
- 2. In the event the address on the photo ID does not match the roll, a photo ID presented with two (2) forms of identification indicating the residence address (utility bills) may be accepted.

C. Voting Method

- 1. Voting shall be by secret ballot except where only one (1) nominee is being considered for an office, in which case a voice vote may be used.
- 2. At District Meetings elections where guests are present, voice votes should not be used. In this case, using colored cards, issued to eligible PCs by the C&T Committee, to be held up to indicate a vote, is an acceptable option.

D. Proxies

Refer to ARTICLE III – MEMBERS, Section 1: Precinct Committeemen, D. Proxies.

E. Conduct of Elections

All District Elections shall be conducted in accordance with the bylaws and the procedures laid out in the District Standing Rules & Procedures.

F. Campaigning

All candidates for election may conduct campaigning activities, including posting signs and distributing campaign literature.

G. Nominating Speeches

Each candidate, including nominees from the floor, for District Office may have nominating and seconding speeches. Each candidate for District Officer positions may have nominating and seconding speeches not to exceed five (5) minutes in total. Nominating and seconding speeches for the position of State Committeeman are limited to one (1) minute in total.

H. Election to Office

- 1. District Officers
 - a. Shall be elected by a majority of votes cast.
 - b. If no candidate receives a majority on the first ballot, a majority vote on a second ballot between the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes on the first ballot shall be used to determine the winner.
 - c. In case of a tie on the second ballot, re-balloting will continue until a winner is determined.
 - d. If the winning vote count is by one percent (1%) or less, a candidate may ask for a recount of the ballots cast (i.e., if 99 votes are cast, and the result is 50 to 49, the losing candidate may ask for and receive a ballot recount; if 300 votes are cast, and the result is 151 to 149, the losing candidate may ask for and receive a ballot recount).

- 2. State Committeemen
 - a. Shall be nominated at the District Statutory Organizational Meeting by a plurality vote with those receiving the highest vote count nominated until the District quota has been filled.
 - b. If there is a tie vote for the last positions, those tied shall draw lots to determine the final positions.
- 3. State Quadrennial Convention Delegates
 - a. Shall be elected by plurality vote in the same manner as State Committeemen, except that an equal number of Alternates shall also be elected by plurality vote.
 - b. Alternates shall be those Delegate Candidates receiving the next highest votes below the elected Delegates.
 - c. In the case of a tie for the last Delegate positions, those tied shall draw lots for the final Delegate positions. Those not achieving Delegate Status by the draw will be the top Alternate Delegates. In the same manner, a tie for the last Alternate positions will be determined by drawing lots.

I. Certification of Election

- 1. Statutory Organizational election results shall be certified to the District Chair and by the Chair of the C&T Committee. The certified results shall be signed by the C&T Committee Chair and the candidate's designated tally observer, if applicable.
- 2. The District Chair shall announce the results of the District elections to the body upon completion of the vote count.
- 3. Upon announcement of the election results and swearing in of the officers, the newly elected District Chair shall preside over the remainder of the meeting. A list of elected Officers, Committees, and State Committeeman shall be included with the next regular meeting notice.
- 4. The newly elected District Chair shall certify the election results of Officers, and State Committeeman to the Chair of the MCRC within seven (7) days following the elections.
- 5. The District Chairman shall certify the election results of State Quadrennial Convention Delegates and Alternates to the Chair of the RPAZ within three (3) days following the election.
- 6. In addition to certified tally results, all ballots (both used and spare) shall be sealed in an envelope or bag, with seal numbers recorded or duct tape used and signed on envelope, and turned over to the new District Chair at the close of elections to be processed in accordance with District Standing Rules & Procedures.
- 7. An audit shall be performed by an in-writing request from a PC of the District, provided the request is received within seven (7) days of the election. The audit shall be a hand count conducted by the newly elected board, with a minimum of three (3) observers present, having unimpeded access to the audit process. The audit shall be conducted, and results given, by electronic means and posted on the District website, within seven (7) days.

ARTICLE VII – BYLAWS AMENDMENT PROCEDURE

Section 1: Bylaw Amendments

A. Introduction of Amendment

- 1. These bylaws may be amended at any District meeting by two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast in person or by proxy provided that the proposed amendment has been submitted to the members in writing at the previous regular meeting, or else has been submitted in writing to the Executive Committee no later than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which the proposed amendment is to be voted upon.
- 2. Official notice of a bylaw amendment ratification meeting (scheduled jointly with the next regular meeting), will include a copy of the proposed amendment and the proxy form will be sent by the Secretary in the official call to each PC no later than twenty (20) days prior to the date on which the vote will be taken.

B. Amendment Ratification Meeting

- 1. The C&T Committee shall handle all matters of voting credentials, ballots, and vote tally according to the conduct of election procedures laid out in the Standing Rules & Procedures.
- 2. The Proposed Amendments will be reviewed by the District members at the Bylaw Amendment Ratification Meeting. This meeting will afford an opportunity for discussion (pro and con), questions and answers, and motions to amend. Motions to change the proposed amendments may be accepted by a majority of those present and eligible to vote.
- 3. If major changes are made, the proponents may decide to withdraw their Original Amendments, as modified.
- 4. Following approval of a motion to amend the Proposed Amendments, if any (and if not withdrawn by the proponents) the Proposed Amendments, as modified, will be submitted to a Ratification Vote of the PCs.

C. Amendment Ratification

- 1. Amendment Ratification is affected by a 2/3 vote of the votes cast.
- 2. An amendment that fails to be ratified may not be reintroduced for at least three (3) months after the failed Ratification Vote.
- 3. Any bylaw amendment achieving ratification shall become effective upon adjournment of the meeting at which they are ratified.

D. Quorum

A quorum of twenty-five percent (25%) of elected and appointed PCs, active and in good standing, in person or by proxy is required for a Bylaws Amendment Ratification Meeting.

E. Automatic Bylaw Changes

- 1. Any changes in these bylaws required as the result of changes in A.R.S, the MCRC Bylaws, or the RPAZ Bylaws shall immediately automatically amend these bylaws. Notice of such amendments/changes shall be sent to all District members by the District Chair or Secretary.
- 2. The following Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) are referred to in the District bylaws and pertain to our organization and members: A.R.S. 16-821, A.R.S. 16-822, A.R.S. 16-823, A.R.S. 16-125, A.R.S. 38-291, A.R.S. 16-825.

ARTICLE VIII – SEVERABILITY

Section 1: Terms and Provisions

In the event that any of the terms or provisions of these Bylaws are held to be partially or wholly invalid or unenforceable for any reason whatsoever, such holding shall not affect, alter, modify or impair any of the other terms or provisions of such documents or remaining portions of any terms or provisions held to be partially invalid or unenforceable.

ARTICLE IX – SPECIAL RULES OF ORDER

Section 1: Special Rules

Special rules of order may be suspended at any meeting by a 2/3 vote.

A. Special Rules for Debate

- 1. A maximum of five (5) speakers shall be allowed for each side of the debate for a pending question.
- 2. No member may speak on any pending question longer than one (1) minute at a time, per speaking slot.
- 3. After a member has spoken once on a pending question, he or she may not speak again on the pending question until everyone else has had the opportunity to speak upon such question.
- 4. No member may speak more than twice on any pending question.

ARTICLE X – STANDING RULES & PROCEDURES

Section 1: Standing Rules

Standing rules may be adopted or suspended by majority vote at any meeting.

A. District Standing Rules & Procedures

Meeting and Election Procedures, standard forms (such as proxies) etc., are documented under separate Standing Rules & Procedures that may be changed as needed without an amendment of the bylaws. Only the current approved version of the Standing Rules & Procedures is applicable and pertinent to District meetings and conduct of business.

ARTICLE XI – CURRENT BYLAWS CERTIFICATE

These LD11 Bylaws were ratified by vote of the District Precinct Committeemen on the

______ of ______, 2023

Signature of District Chair

Signature of District Secretary