

Plymouth County Republican Club

BYLAWS

Revised – April, 1984

Article I

Name and Purpose

In a common effort to preserve the precious rights, liberties and freedom of citizens as guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and in common purpose of causing the government of the United States, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and its political subdivisions to better protect and serve its citizens, and in common belief that the principals and policies of the Republican Party are best suited to achieve these common objectives, certain enrolled Republicans of Plymouth County have joined together in an organization chartered by the Massachusetts Republican State Committee, to be known as the Plymouth County Republican Club (CLUB) and to assure perpetual continuity have adopted the following bylaws.

Article II

Membership

Section 1. Full Membership

Any individual who is eighteen years of age or older, and who is an enrolled member of the Republican Party, and who resides in Plymouth County is eligible to become a Full Member. Said individual may be nominated and elected to Full Membership at any regular meeting of the CLUB, by majority vote of those members present and eligible to vote. Full Members shall have the right to attend all meetings of the CLUB, and to vote on any and all matters before the CLUB.

Section 2. Associate Membership

Any individual who is eighteen years of age or older, and who is an enrolled member of the Republican Party is eligible to become an Associate Member of the CLUB. Said individual may be nominated and elected to Associate Membership at any regular or annual meeting of the CLUB, by a majority of the members present and eligible to vote. An Associate Member may attend all meetings of the CLUB, but shall not vote on any matters that come before the CLUB.

Article III

DUES

Section 1.

Full Members shall pay annual dues of \$5.00 within ninety (90) days from Annual Meeting. Said dues shall be paid to the Membership Secretary. Upon payment of dues, a Full Member shall be in good standing with the right to vote on all matters that come before the CLUB until, and including, the next Annual Meeting. Only Full Members who are not delinquent in the payment of dues shall have the right to vote for the election of officers, to vote on CLUB matters, or to be nominated and elected as an officer of the CLUB.

Section 2.

Subsequent to the ninety (90) day period provided for in Section 1 of the Article, the membership shall be notified, monthly, in the call of the meeting, of all Full Members whose dues are paid and eligible to vote on CLUB matters.

Article IV

OFFICERS

Section 1.

At the Annual Meeting of the CLUB, the following officers shall be elected for the term of one year, or until the next Annual Meeting, whichever is shorter.

Section 2. PRESIDENT

The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer and shall preside at all meeting of the CLUB, including meetings of the Executive Committee. In addition, the President shall prepare an agenda for all meetings and perform the duties usually excepted of that office. The President shall appoint members to the following Standing Committees, and the terms of said appointments shall be concurrent with that of the President. (Bylaws Committee, Finance Committee, Membership Committee, Public Relations Committee)

Section 3. VICE-PRESIDENT

The Vice-President shall preside in the absence of the President and assist the President at other times.

Section 4. TREASURER

The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all funds of the CLUB, and shall maintain an accurate thereof. In addition, the Treasurer shall maintain one or more bank accounts for the purpose of depositing funds and paying amounts due, and he shall complete and file all financial reports required by the Secretary of the Commonwealth and the Director of Campaign and Political Finance. The Treasurer shall, within five days of the last regular meeting, prior to the Annual Meeting, make available all financial records of the CLUB, to the President or his designee, for the purpose of conducting an audit.

Section 5. RECORDING SECRETARY

The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the CLUB including those of the Executive Committee.

Section 6. CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

The Corresponding Secretary shall be responsible for all written communications received or sent by the CLUB, including the notice of meetings sent to the membership. In addition, the Corresponding Secretary shall be the Chairman of the Public Relations Committee and shall complete and file any forms or reports of a non-financial nature that may be required by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, the Director of Campaign and Political Finance, or any other state or federal regulatory authority.

Section 7. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

The Membership Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining an accurate record of CLUB membership, and shall accept annual dues from members of the CLUB and keep an accurate thereof. All annual dues collected by the Membership Secretary shall be promptly remitted to the Treasurer together with an accounting of the sum remitted. In addition, the Membership Secretary shall be Chairman of the Membership Committee.

Article V

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall consist of all elected officers of the CLUB, and the Chairman of the Bylaws and Finance Committees. The Executive Committee shall assist the President in planning

programs and establishing policy for the CLUB and in other ways as the president may request.

Article VI

STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1. BYLAWS COMMITTEE AND PARLIAMENTARIAN

The Bylaws Committee shall consist of the Parliamentarian and two (2) other members, appointed by the President, and whose terms shall be concurrent with the President. The Parliamentarian shall serve as Chairman of the bylaws Committee and said Committee shall be responsible for the interpretation and enforcement of the CLUB's Bylaws.

Section 2. FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee shall consist of five members, appointed by the President, and whose terms shall be concurrent with the President. The Chairman shall be appointed by the President and the members of said Committee shall reside in different communities within Plymouth County. The Finance Committee shall work with the Executive Committee and shall be responsible for all fund raising activities of the CLUB.

Section 3. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The membership Committee shall consist of the Membership Secretary and four (4) other members, appointed by the President, and whose term shall be concurrent with the President. The Membership Secretary shall serve as Chairman of the Membership Committee and the members of said Committee shall reside in different communities within Plymouth County. The Membership Committee shall work with the Executive Committee and be responsible for all programs relating to increasing and retaining CLUB membership.

Section 4. PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The Public Relations Committee shall consist of the Corresponding Secretary and four (4) other members, appointed by the President, and whose terms shall be concurrent with the President. The Corresponding Secretary shall serve as Chairman of the Public Relations Committee and the members of said Committee shall reside in different communities within Plymouth County. The Public Relations Committee shall work with the Executive and shall be responsible for all programs relating to the dissemination of

information through newsletters, press releases and other appropriate avenues.

Article VII

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee shall consist of five (5) members, appointed by the President, whose terms shall run concurrent with the President. The President shall notify the membership of said appointments at the March meeting of the CLUB. In the absence of a March meeting, the President, with the assistance of the Correspondence Secretary, shall notify the membership forthwith, in writing, of said appointments.

Section 2. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee shall recommend a slate of officers for election at the Annual Meeting of the CLUB. Said recommendations shall be read at the last regular meeting, prior to the Annual Meeting, and the membership shall be notified, in writing, of said recommendations at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the Annual Meeting.

Section 3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election on officers shall be by secret ballot at the Annual Meeting, a majority vote of members present and eligible to vote being necessary to elect. If there is only one nominee for a particular office, the Recording Secretary, by vote of the CLUB, shall cast one ballot for that nominee.

Section 4. OTHER NOMINATIONS

Nothing in Article VII shall prevent or prohibit other nominations from the membership, prior to the election of officers at the Annual Meeting.

Article VIII

NOTICE OF MEETINGS - QUORUMS

Section 1. ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the CLUB shall be held on the fourth (4th) Thursday in May of each year, and the date, time and place shall be determined by the Executive Committee. Notice of the Annual Meeting shall be mailed to the membership not more than thirty (30) days in advance, and not less than ten (10) prior to said meeting. The quorum for the Annual Meeting shall be not less than twenty-five (25) percent of the membership eligible to vote prior to the beginning of said meeting.

Section 2. REGULAR MEETINGS

A minimum of six (6) regular meetings of the CLUB shall be held each year. Regular Meetings shall be held on the fourth (4th) Thursday of the month, and notice of said Regular Meeting shall be mailed to the membership not more than thirty (30) days in advance, and not less than ten (10) days prior to said meeting. The quorum for Regular Meetings shall not be less than twenty-five (25) percent of the membership eligible to vote prior to the beginning of said meeting.

Section 3. HOLIDAYS

Should the fourth (4th) Thursday of the month be a legal holiday, said meeting shall be held on the third (3rd) Thursday of the month.

Article IX

AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended at any Regular Meeting of the CLUB, provided the proposed amendment(s), with their effect on the bylaws, are set forth on the call of the meeting pursuant to Section 2 of Article VIII of the bylaws. Said amendments shall become effective forthwith by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and eligible to vote.

Article X

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

One or more Special Committees, for specified purposes, may be appointed by the President. Said Committees and appointments thereto shall be concurrent with the term of the President.

Article XI

AUDIT

The President shall be responsible for an audit to be conducted annually of the financial records of the CLUB, and a report of said audit shall be presented at the Annual Meeting. The Treasurer shall make all financial records available for this purpose pursuant to Section 4 of Article IV of said bylaws.

Article XII

PARTY AFFILIATION

Section 1. AFFILIATION

This CLUB shall be affiliated with the Republican State Committee and shall cooperate with the Republican City, Town and Ward committees of Plymouth County to promote the principles of the Republican Party, encourage enrollment in the Republican Party, and to elect Republican candidates.

Section 2. MEMBERSHIP

Should a member of the CLUB promote, contribute, or work in some other way, for the election of a non-Republican in a partisan election, said member, by a majority vote of the Executive Committee shall be dropped from membership in the CLUB.