

BYLAWS OF THE CONSTITUTION PARTY OF OHIO

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ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this organization shall be the "Constitution Party of Ohio", which in common usage may hereinafter be referred to solely as "Constitution Party" or as the "Party".

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

The primary purpose of the Constitution Party of Ohio is to restore our state and our nation's governments to the principles found in the Constitution as originally intended by the founding fathers. To establish these reforms, the Party will work to develop an informed, energetic, and effective statewide political organization that will support the principles, goals, and platforms of this Party as may be adopted from time to time by its Convention and work to secure the public election of all duly nominated candidates and electors thereof.

ARTICLE III POLICY

All applicable provisions of the Ohio and Federal Election Codes shall be part of these Bylaws. No part of the Bylaws shall be interpreted such that they violate Ohio or Federal Law.

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership of the Party shall consist of all persons who, as a minimum have submitted a completed application for membership as prescribed by the State Committee. County members will apply for membership using this form and will also automatically become members of the State Party.
2. The State Convention, upon recommendation of the State Committee or State Executive Committee, may by resolution impose such other requirements for membership in the Party as they deem appropriate.
3. Those who have met the minimum requirements stated above and are not otherwise restricted or removed from membership by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the State Committee as prescribed in Article V, Section A., Item 3, will be deemed to be "members in good standing." Voting Members as described in Item 4 below must have paid their annual dues to be "Voting Members in good standing."
4. There are two classes of memberships in the Party: 1. General, and 2. Voting. While no fees are to

be imposed upon General Members, Voting Members must pay an Annual Membership Fee to be set in accord with Item 2 above. The initial fee upon passage of this Amendment to Article IV, Membership, will be \$25 per annum. Only Voting Members in good standing may vote during any State Convention or other formal votes of the Party. All members of the State Committee and State Executive Committee as defined in Article V must be Voting Members.

ARTICLE V STATE and EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

Section A: Membership

1. Subject to the terms herein, the membership of the State Committee shall be comprised of the following:
 - a. State Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer,
 - b. The immediate past State Officers as long as each remains a member in good standing,
 - c. Any additional Executive Committee Members-at-Large appointed by the State Chairman in accord with Article V, Section C, Item 1.
 - d. The Regional Coordinator and Vice Coordinator of each of the 7 Regions in Ohio.
 - e. The Chairman of each County Committee.
 - f. Each County chairman may appoint an alternate person from his County to act as his representative to fulfill the duties and responsibilities in his stead with respect to the State Committee including casting votes for State Committee member business. The chairman may change his appointments at any time consistent with his respective County Bylaws. Chairmen must give notification of such appointments or changes in appointments to the members of the Executive Committee at least 2 weeks prior to any state meeting or function requiring such attendance or other official participation.
2. All members of the State Committee, or any alternate person appointed as stated above, shall be at least 18 years of age and shall be members in good standing of the State Party as prescribed in Article IV above. (Note: It is not a requirement to declare one's affiliation with the Constitution Party of Ohio with the Ohio Secretary of State to be a member-in-good-standing or a member of the State Committee. In Ohio currently, official Party designation can only be done during a primary election by requesting a Party ballot. However, it should be noted that in accordance with the rules provided by the Secretary of State for Presidential Elections, only persons that have not voted in another Party's Primary for the past two years are eligible to be Electors for another Party, such as the Constitution Party, in Ohio.)
3. Becoming an officer or accepting a known party leadership position at any level in another political party automatically revokes one's membership in the Constitution Party of Ohio.
4. Membership in the Party and the State Committee may be revoked for cause upon the vote of three-fourths of the members present in person at any duly convened meeting of the State Committee or as otherwise permitted under these Bylaws. In addition, State, Regional, and County officers can be removed from office for cause by a three-fourths vote of the State Committee.
5. In order for any State Committee Meeting to be duly convened, a quorum must be present or

otherwise accounted when other duly convened meetings are assembled such as those held via electronic access. A quorum will consist of 35% of the official State Committee Members, or their duly appointed alternates as prescribed in Section 1.d. above. The Party Secretary will be responsible for recording the names of those Committee Members or designated alternates attending any official State Committee Meeting. A majority vote of those members or designated alternates present and voting at any State Committee Meeting shall be an act of the State Meeting unless otherwise directed in these Bylaws.

6. The members of the State Committee shall have such powers and duties as are otherwise prescribed in these Bylaws and shall be available, individually and collectively, for advice to the Executive Committee and the State Chairman.

Section B: Election and Terms

1. The State Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, plus members of the National Committee shall be elected by the State Convention to be held prior to the Constitution Party National Presidential Nominating Convention, if possible, for a term of four (4) years.
2. The Chairman and other officers of each officially organized County Committee shall be elected and serve their terms of office in accordance with the State Committee approved rules and Bylaws of the respective County organizations.

Section C: Executive Committee

1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the State Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, the immediate past State Chairman as long as he remains a member in good standing, and up to five (5) other members at-large appointed by the Chairman and approved by the State Committee.
2. At-large members serve at the pleasure of the Chairman and their membership in the Executive Committee may be revoked by the Chairman with consent of the State Committee, or as otherwise provided by these Bylaws.
3. The Executive Committee shall carry out the duties and responsibilities of the State Committee between State Committee meetings to provide for continued smooth and effective operations of the Party except in areas where the State Committee shall specifically restrict the functions of the Executive Committee. Otherwise, the Executive Committee shall have such powers and duties as are otherwise prescribed in these Bylaws and shall be available for advice to the State Chairman.
4. A quorum of the Executive Committee shall consist of a majority of the active membership of the Committee. In the absence of a quorum of the Executive Committee for any reason, the State Chairman will conduct business and carry out the duties of the Committee until such time as a quorum can be convened.
5. Becoming an officer or accepting a known party leadership position at any level in another political party automatically revokes one's membership in the Constitution Party of Ohio as well as his membership in the State Executive Committee.

Section D: Vacancies

1. A vacancy in the office of State Chairman shall be filled by the State Vice Chairman who shall serve until the next State Convention.
2. A vacancy in the office of any other State Officer shall be filled by appointment by the State Chairman with the approval of a majority of the remaining Executive Committee members, and shall serve until the next State Convention.
3. For any of the State Office vacancies, if the next State Convention is the interim Convention held between the National Presidential Nominating Conventions, then the person elected to fill such vacancy will only serve until the next State Convention held in conjunction with the National Presidential Nominating Convention at which time the person may be elected to serve a four-year term of office.
4. The terms of Section D are subject to and shall not displace any terms or conditions given in Sections A and B above.

Section E: Duties

1. **State Committee.** The State Committee shall:
 - a. Be responsible for the control and management of all the affairs, properties, and funds of the Party consistent with these Bylaws, plus any resolutions which may be adopted in Convention, and as governed by State and Federal laws and regulations.
 - b. Formulate and provide for the execution of such policies, plans, and measures as it deems to be in the best interest of the State Party, in conformity with its Bylaws.
 - c. Meet at least two (2) times per year. In years when a State Convention is called, one meeting shall be immediately before or concurrent with the State Convention and the other meeting shall be as called by the State Committee at its last meeting or in the absence thereof, by the Executive Committee or the State Chairman. Notice of State Committee meetings shall be deemed sufficient if sent by regular mail, postage prepaid at the last address of the State Committee member as submitted by the member, or otherwise on the Party's records, at least thirty (30) days prior to such meeting. Notices may also be sent by electronic means in place of regular mail as long as the person responsible for sending such notifications ensures that a "read receipt" is received for each Committee member notified by email. If no "read receipt" is received in time, then the Committee member must be notified by regular mail in accordance with the rules outlined earlier in the subsection. (That means that the "read receipt" must be received prior to the 30-day regular mail notification timeframe above.)

In lieu of meeting at a physical location, one of the two State Committee meetings per year may be held via interactive electronic means as long there are no objections from any of the Committee members. If an objection is raised, then after the objection is heard by the members, the Committee can still hold that meeting via electronic means as long as it is approved by a vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the State Committee.
 - d. The State Committee may develop and promulgate rules, not inconsistent with these Bylaws, to regulate any of the functions or activities provided for herein or as may be necessary to comply with State or Federal election laws.

2. **Executive Committee.** The Executive Committee shall:

- a. Be subordinate to the State Committee.
- b. Transact the business of the State Committee between meetings of the State Committee and may authorize expenditures and contract for services in the name of the State Committee, but its actions shall be subject to review by the State Committee, except that those actions incurring contractual liability shall not be revocable solely by reason of this right of review.
- c. Call all regular and special State Conventions and make arrangements therefore, including the time, place, and date of the Conventions.
- d. Meet at least semi-annually to make proposals for submission to the State Committee and/or the State Convention and to fulfill any other duties that may come before it. The meetings may be conducted by interactive electronic media (telephone, internet, etc.).
- e. Act as a nominating committee and submit candidates for the offices of the Party to the Convention or to the State Committee as may be applicable.
- f. All appointments of the State Chairman shall be subject to approval of the Executive Committee unless that power is specifically granted to another body in these Bylaws.
- g. Be empowered to meet and act on an emergency basis, do anything that the State Committee is empowered to do provided that any such emergency action by the Executive Committee may be revoked upon the three-fifths majority vote of the State Committee at the next duly convened State Committee meeting.

3. **State Chairman.** The State Chairman shall:

- a. Be the chief executive officer of the Party and Chairman of the State Committee.
- b. Issue the call for all general meetings of the Party, the State Committee, and the Executive Committee meetings and shall preside, if present, at all such meetings. If, in the opinion of two-thirds (2/3) of the remaining Executive Committee members, the State Chairman fails to issue the call on a timely basis for a State Committee, State Convention, or other meeting called for in these Bylaws, then the Executive Committee can issue the call by a 2/3 vote of the remaining members of the Committee. Any member of the Executive Committee may initiate a call for discussion on the matter by properly notifying the other members of the Committee including the current Chairman. If the Committee determines the need to issue the call for such a meeting independent of the Chairman, then the Committee will also determine which person on the Committee will issue the call to the State Committee and/or the membership at large as appropriate.
- c. Observe and enforce the Bylaws and rules of the Party.
- d. Establish Positions and Committees with the approval of the Executive Committee that will better facilitate the goals and mission of the Party.
- e. Appoint and remove as necessary all staff members, other State Party Positions, and the members of all standing and special committees. All appointments of the State Chairman shall be subject to approval of the Executive Committee unless that power is specifically granted otherwise in these Bylaws.
- f. Appoint an Acting Secretary in the absence of the State Secretary for any meetings requiring an official record of the proceedings.
- g. Be an ex officio member of all committees.
- h. Be the Party's primary liaison, along with the Vice-Chairman, to the State's elected officials to the U.S. Senate and all State-wide elective offices to include such offices as Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Attorney General, and Supreme Court Justices among other similar Ohio state elected offices.

- i. Act as necessary to promote the mission, goals, and functions of the Party.
4. **State Vice Chairman.** The State Vice Chairman shall:
- a. Become the State Chairman in the event of a vacancy in that office.
 - b. Act on behalf of the State Chairman in the event of absence of the State Chairman at any official State Party function.

- c. Be the Party's primary liaison, along with the Chairman, to the State's elected officials to the U.S. Senate and all State-wide elective offices to include such offices as Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Attorney General, and Supreme Court Justices among other similar Ohio state elected offices.
- d. Perform other duties the State Chairman may prescribe.

5. **State Secretary.** The State Secretary shall:

- a. Be the chief clerical officer of the Party.
- b. Record all proceedings of the State Committee, State Executive Committee, and the State Convention, which shall become and remain the property of the State Committee.
- c. Keep, or otherwise make arrangements for storing, all official Party documents plus records of meetings including all past records provided by previous State Secretaries, and provide such documents or meeting records, or copies thereof as appropriate, to the State Chairman, the State Executive Committee, or the State Committee upon request.
- d. Provide copies in a timely manner, which may be electronic unless otherwise requested, of all official Party meetings to members of the State Party for review and future approval
- e. Be responsible for keeping all membership records. This responsibility may be facilitated by the appointment of a Membership Secretary. Such Secretary will be appointed by the Chairman and will be severally responsible to Chairman and Secretary, in that order, for direction in fulfilling his duties and responsibilities.
- f. Perform other duties the State Chairman may prescribe.

6. **State Treasurer.** The State Treasurer shall:

- a. Keep the financial records for the party.
- b. Provide a financial summary to the State Committee in advance of each semi-annual meeting of the Committee.
- c. Be responsible for fulfilling federal, state, and local financial disclosure requirements, as applicable.
- d. At the direction of the State Chairman, issue all checks in payment of Party obligations.
- e. In conjunction with the Chairman and Assistant Treasurer, prepare a biennial state budget for the Executive Committee to present to the State Committee prior to each semiannual State Convention. The State Committee is to approve the budget which will then be presented to the membership at each State Convention for the succeeding two years.
- f. Perform other duties the State Chairman may prescribe.

7. **State Assistant Treasurer.** The State Assistant Treasurer shall:

- a. Become the State Treasurer in the event of a vacancy in that office.
- b. Perform duties as directed by the State Treasurer to assist him in the performance of his duties
- c. Act on behalf of the State Treasurer in the event the State Treasurer is unable to fulfill his duties
- d. Assist the State Treasurer and Chairman in preparing the biennial state budget to present to the Executive Committee.
- e. Perform other duties the State Chairman may prescribe.

ARTICLE VI VOTING

1. Voting at the State Convention for election of officers, Party nominations for elective offices, or adopting or amending the Platform shall be by secret ballot. All other official votes shall be by vocal affirmation or show of hands as determined by the Chairman unless any member of the State Committee or delegate to the State Convention, as appropriate, shall call for a hand count or secret ballot. If an objection is raised, then after the objection is heard, the Committee or the Convention can still vote by affirmation or show of hands if such action is approved by a vote of three-fourths (3/4) of those attending such meeting. A person holding multiple offices shall not be entitled to more than one vote. Only Delegates who are Members of the Party in Good Standing and present at the meeting may vote; each delegate is entitled to only one vote.
2. Votes that end in equal numbers shall be decided by vote of the State Chairman or the person presiding over such meeting in place of the Chairman.

ARTICLE VII STATE CONVENTION

1. The Party shall hold a biennial Convention in connection with each general (i.e. even year) election to conduct such business as may properly come before it at a time and place to be determined by the State Executive Committee as provided in Article V, Section E, Item 2c. The Call for the State Convention shall be issued by the State Chairman pursuant to Article V, Section E, Item 3.b.
2. Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the proceedings of the State Convention and the rulings of the Chairman of the State Convention shall be the decision on any question before the body. The Chairman shall appoint a Parliamentarian for the Convention for deciding questions of parliamentary procedure.
3. At a minimum, the state convention will carry out the election of State Officers and National Committee Members, and officially endorse those running for elective offices in accord with the instructions, restrictions, duties, and timeliness ascribed elsewhere in these Bylaws.
4. The affirmative vote of the majority of delegates voting at the State Convention shall be the act of the Convention.
5. The State Chairman shall preside at the State Convention. Newly elected Party Officers and National Committee Members shall begin their duties immediately following the appropriate State Convention.
6. Every member in good standing of the Constitution Party of Ohio shall be entitled to be a delegate to the State Convention, unless otherwise restricted by these Bylaws, by attending in person, provided that the State Committee may prescribe separate delegate and convention registration fees to be registered as a delegate and vote at the convention.
7. No delegate to the State Convention, however, may be a paid staff member of any candidate running for elective office or otherwise officially compensated by any candidate or candidate's campaign for his services in conjunction with the State Convention.

ARTICLE VIII
SELECTION OF DELEGATES TO NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1. In accord with the National Party Rules given below, members of the Constitution Party National Committee shall be elected by the State Convention last preceding the National Nominating Convention. National Committee members will be elected for a period of four years. However if:
 - a. There are an insufficient number of eligible delegates who are willing to be elected, or
 - b. The State Party is unable to hold a State Convention wherein National Committee Members can be nominated and elected in a timely manner, or
 - c. The elected members are unable to serve their full four-year term of office, or
 - d. The elected National Committee Members are unable to attend one or more of the National Committee Meetings (held around the country twice per year), then the State Chairman, with the approval of the Executive Committee, may appoint a sufficient number of temporary or alternate members as needed to fill the full slate of eligible members to each National Committee Meeting. Elected National Committee Members take precedence over appointed ones.
2. The State Chairman and the State Vice Chairman will serve as the two (2) members to the National Committee identified as item 2 below unless they are unable to fulfill the duties of a member in which case the alternates will be chosen as indicated above.
3. The State Party is responsible for paying the National Committee Annual Membership fees as well as the National Committee or National Convention Registration and other fees prescribed by the National Committee in order to attend and vote at the National Committee Meetings or National Conventions. Committee members or their designated alternates are responsible for paying their own travel expenses in conjunction with any National Committee Meeting or Convention.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE DELEGATE RULES

The National Committee shall consist of members from each state affiliate as follows:

- a. *Two (2) members;*
- b. *Three (3) additional members if it has achieved ballot qualification*
 - i. *for a Constitution Party Presidential nominee in the current presidential election or the two most recent presidential elections or*
 - ii. *for a Constitution Party affiliated nominee for statewide office in the most recent general election for statewide office.*
- c. *One (1) additional member for every ten (10) votes or fraction thereof which the state is assigned in the Electoral College; and*
- d. *One (1) additional member who may be designated when the state affiliate has contributed its minimum assessment to the National Committee during the immediately preceding calendar year.*

Each member of the National Committee, chosen in a manner to be determined by his state affiliate shall have one (1) vote of equal value with all other members of the committee. All votes on the National Committee must be cast in person by an authorized member or duly chosen authorized alternate member. No proxies will be authorized or counted except for the purposes of establishing a quorum. Each member may vote in a National Committee meeting upon payment of the National Committee member fee for that calendar year. The annual state assessment and annual National Committee member fee shall be determined by the National Committee.

Each state affiliate shall file with the National Secretary a list of its National Committee members and alternates, whenever a change occurs, signed by the chairman of the state affiliate. The most recent list so filed shall be presumed to express the intent of the state affiliate. The Credentials Committee of the National Committee shall include, but not be limited to one (1) representative from each state affiliate, each such representative to be designated by the state affiliate.

ARTICLE IX

SELECTION OF DELEGATES TO NATIONAL NOMINATING CONVENTION

1. In accord with the National Party Rules given below, elected National Committee Members as prescribed above will also serve as delegates to the National Nominating Convention of the Party. The total number of delegates to be elected or appointed to the National Committee will be according to the National Party Delegate Rules reprinted below. The Chairman will resolve any voting issues regarding the number of elected National Committee Members and alternates vs the number of delegate votes allowed at the National Nominating Convention. The Chairman will also be responsible for appointing National Committee Members to the various National Convention committees.
2. No Ohio National Committee Member may be a paid staff member of any candidate running for elective office or otherwise officially compensated by the Party or by any candidate or candidate's campaign for his services in conjunction with the National Nominating Convention.
3. The State Chairman and the State Vice Chairman will serve as the "Two (2) votes" to the National Nominating Convention identified as item "a." below unless they are unable to fulfill the duties of a delegate in which case the delegate(s) will be chosen as indicated above.

NATIONAL NOMINATING CONVENTION DELEGATE RULES

The National Committee shall, for each presidential election year, call a National Convention of the state affiliates for the purpose of nominating presidential and vice presidential candidates, adopting a national platform, and transacting any other appropriate business. The National Committee or the Executive Committee shall by resolution establish the fees required for participation in the National Convention.

Number of votes allowed per state.

- a. *Each state affiliate will be allowed two (2) votes, representing the number of Senators each state is allowed under the U.S. Constitution;*
- b. *Any state which has achieved ballot qualification for the Constitution Party Presidential ticket in the current election, or the two most recent presidential elections, shall be assigned additional delegate votes equal to the number of congressional districts in the state.*
- c. *An additional delegate vote shall be assigned a state for each year, subsequent to the previous presidential election year, in which that state has fulfilled its assessment to the Constitution Party National Committee.*
- d. *An additional delegate vote shall be assigned a state for each National Committee meeting held, subsequent to the previous Presidential election year, at which the state had at least one National Committee member in attendance.*

The National Chairman shall appoint the chairmen of all National Convention Committees.

Each state affiliate shall have one (1) representative on the Credentials Committee, one (1) representative on the Rules Committee, and three (3) representatives on the Platform Committee. Each State Chairman shall transmit the names, addresses and phone numbers of all committee representatives to the chairman of the Credentials Committee.

In order for the name of any candidate for President or Vice President to be placed in nomination it shall be necessary that such nomination shall have been approved by a majority of the delegates from two (2) states.

ARTICLE X SELECTION OF STATE ELECTORS

Electors required for any state or federal election shall be chosen by the State Chairman, subject to confirmation by majority vote of the Executive Committee. If the Chairman or any successive officer shall fail to act in a timely manner, the next ranking officer shall fulfill the responsibility.

ARTICLE XI NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE

1. **Nominations for Federal and State-wide offices.** Unless otherwise mandated by Ohio law, the State Committee shall officially nominate candidates for Federal and State-wide elective offices under the Constitution Party banner. These include nominations for candidates from Ohio to the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives. State-wide elective offices include such offices as Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Attorney General, and Supreme Court Justices among other similar Ohio state elected offices.
2. Candidates for November general State elections who are nominated by the State Committee must be approved or confirmed by a vote of the State Convention in order to be entitled to be listed as the candidate for the Constitution Party on the Ballot Access Petition (otherwise known as Nomination Paper). Candidates for State-wide and Federal elective offices may also be nominated from the floor at the State Convention. Confirmation of Nomination shall be by majority vote of all duly qualified and registered delegates to the Convention. As to any elective offices for which candidates have not been nominated at the State Convention, candidates may be nominated by the State Committee subsequent to the State Convention by the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the State Committee.
3. **Nominations for county and local offices.** Candidates for county and local offices shall be nominated and sanctioned to run for office under the Constitution Party of Ohio banner by the officially organized and affiliated County Party in accordance with the Bylaws for the respective counties. In the absence of an organized/recognized County Committee, the Regional Coordinator shall have the power to nominate candidates for county and local offices with the approval of the State Committee. In the absence of a Regional Coordinator, the State Executive Committee shall be able to nominate candidates for county and local offices with the approval of the State Committee.

4. **Nominations for State Senators and Representatives.** Candidates for Ohio State Senators and Representatives shall be nominated and sanctioned to run for office under the Constitution Party of Ohio banner by the officially organized and affiliated County Party having the greatest number of registered voters in that elective district. Any disputes as to which County Party has jurisdiction for any particular office will be submitted to the Regional Coordinator for resolution. If the Regional Coordinator is unable to equitably resolve the issue to the satisfaction of the County Parties involved, then the matter may be submitted to the State Committee for final disposition. The State Committee shall have the final say in all such matters. In the absence of an organized/recognized County Committee, the Regional Coordinator shall have the power to nominate candidates for Ohio State Senators and Representatives with the approval of the State Committee. In the absence of a Regional Coordinator, the State Executive Committee shall have the power to nominate candidates for Ohio State Senators and Representatives with the approval of the State Committee.
5. Each candidate for any elective office at any level under the Constitution Party of Ohio will be expected to establish his own campaign organization/committee to include as a minimum a campaign committee manager and a campaign committee treasurer; he will ensure that the campaign committee treasurer sets up the ability to properly solicit, deposit, and expend campaign funds in accordance with State and Federal election laws, and that the treasurer properly tracks and reports all campaign finance issues as required by law. It is expected that any person running for public office that is officially endorsed by the Constitution Party at any level will work diligently to establish a credible campaign and will conduct themselves in a professional and proper manner at all times that reflects positively on them and on the Party. It is permissible for persons holding Party Offices/Positions to also participate in campaigns for elective office, including running for an office, and/or concurrently holding positions within an election campaign. While County, Regional, and State Party organizations and officials may help organize and provide advice to a campaign, be advised that the State organizations are not set-up in accordance with State and Federal Campaign Finance laws to provide funds to the campaign of anyone running for elective office at any level. Each County Party has the option of determining whether or not to establish campaign funding sources at the County level whereby the County organization can solicit, accept, and distribute funds to political campaigns of their choice in accordance with State and Federal campaign finance rules and regulations.
6. The State Committee, acting pursuant to a vote of three-fourths of its members present in person at any duly convened meeting of the State Committee or as otherwise permitted under these Bylaws, may withdraw for cause the nomination or endorsement given previously to any candidate, and may take all actions which it deems necessary to accomplish such withdrawal, including publicity and legal action. No person running for elective office in Ohio shall be permitted to use the name Constitution on the Nomination Paper or otherwise in such a way that would imply affiliation with the Constitution Party of Ohio in any election materials unless he has been duly nominated according to one of the items, 1 - 5, above and his nomination has not subsequently been withdrawn by the State Committee (Item 6).
7. Challenges against any filing of nomination petitions or papers can be filed only by a Constitution Party member-in-good-standing for the inclusive period at least thirty (30) days prior to the filing of any such challenged nomination petitions or paper, through the duration of the challenge, and until any order resolving such challenge becomes final, following the lapse of any appeal periods or resolutions of all appeals.

ARTICLE XII RULES FOR COUNTIES and REGIONS

Counties:

Organized Counties will have as a minimum: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer. County Parties may adopt their own rules and Bylaws, subject to approval of the State Committee to include all future amendments. Officially organized County Parties meeting the criteria established by the State Committee shall be formally recognized as the official Constitution Party Committee for that county, but there shall not be more than one official committee for each county. In the absence of such Bylaws, these Bylaws shall govern. Each County Party is expected to establish its own funding accounts in accordance with State and Federal Election laws. County Committees may decide to establish funding and accounting systems that will allow them to contribute funds to the campaigns of various candidates. Once established, the County Officers of the Party will be elected by the Party members of that county in accordance with the Bylaws for the county.

To facilitate the early organization of County Parties, the State Chairman may appoint County Officers in each county in the state with the approval of the Executive Committee (in accord with Section E, 3. e. above).

The County Committee Party Chairman shall:

1. Be the Chief Executive Officer of the County Committee and the County's official liaison to the State Party.
2. Be a member of the State Committee in accord with Article V of these Bylaws.
3. Be responsible for organizing a vibrant and sustainable political party within the county.
4. Observe and enforce the rules and Bylaws of the State Party.
5. Act as necessary to promote the mission, goals, and functions of the State Party.
6. Solicit responsible candidates for county and local elective offices within the realized county; oversee the nominations of Party candidates for those offices; and help selected candidates establish proper and credible campaigns.
7. Solicit responsible candidates to seek the offices of Senator and Representative to the State legislature for those legislative districts that reside within the county of record. In addition, oversee the nominations of Party candidates at those levels, and help selected candidates establish proper and credible campaigns.
8. Be the Party's primary liaison between all elective offices noted in items 7 and 8 above.

Regions:

To assist in building the Party across the state, the state of Ohio has been subdivided into seven (7) Regions which for each Region there shall be a Regional Coordinator and Vice-Coordinator. The Vice Coordinator shall work under the direction of the Regional Coordinator while both are severally and collectively responsible to the State Party Chairman. They shall:

1. Be the State Party's official liaison to the counties located within their specified Region in accordance with the Bylaws of the Constitution Party of Ohio pursuant to compliance with all State of Ohio and Federal laws and regulations.
2. Be a member of the State Committee in accord with Article V (of the Bylaws).
3. Be responsible for establishing and helping organize vibrant and sustainable Party Committees within the counties served by the Regional Coordinator.
4. Observe and enforce the rules and Bylaws of the State Party.
5. Act as necessary to promote the mission, goals, and functions of the State Party.

6. Work with County Party leaders to solicit responsible candidates to seek the offices of Senator and Representative to the State legislature for those legislative districts that reside within the Area of record. In addition, work with county officials in the Region to assist Party candidates in establishing proper and credible campaigns.
7. Be the Party and State Committee's liaison to the State's Representatives to the U.S. Congress whose legislative districts reside within that Party Region of record.

Regarding liaisons to elective offices, when an elective district above the county level overlaps any officially organized and affiliated Ohio Constitution Party County or Region, the Chairmen and Coordinators of those Counties and Regions, as appropriate, may decide among themselves who will be the primary Party liaison to that elective office. Generally, the County or Region having the greatest number of registered voters in that elective district will be the primary liaison. Any disagreement in this matter between any County Parties and Regional Coordinators may be submitted to the State Executive Committee for resolution, whose decision shall be final subject to such decision being overridden by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the State Committee.

The State Chairman, with the majority approval of the Executive Committee, will appoint a member from each Region to be the Regional Coordinator. The State Chairman will further appoint a Regional Vice-Coordinator to assist the Coordinator in fulfilling his duties. The Regional Coordinator and Vice-Coordinator serve at the pleasure of the State Chairman and may be removed from office by the State Chairman, with majority approval of the Executive Committee. The State Committee may remove any Regional Coordinator or Vice-Coordinator at any time by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the State Committee. Any such removal cannot be overridden nor can such person be reappointed to any State position without a three-fourths vote of the State Committee.

ARTICLE XIII USE OF THE PARTY NAME

No person, group of persons, or organization shall use the name, address, or emblem of the Party in any manner, unless the State Chairman grants permission. The State Committee, acting pursuant to a vote of three-fourths of all of its members, may withdraw such permission and may take all actions which it deems necessary to effectuate such withdrawal, including publicity and legal action.

ARTICLE XIV PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

All meetings of the Party will be conducted decently and in order in similitude to a common understanding of Robert's Rules of Order. With respect to State Party Meetings, only those meetings open to the entire membership held during State Conventions will be subject to formally operating according to Robert's Rules of Order in accordance with Article VII, Item 2. Counties will operate according to the rules of their choosing.

**ARTICLE XV
ORGANIZATION OF THE PARTY**

Due to the necessities of organization, the State Chairman shall have broad powers to appoint members to the State Committee, including County Chairmen, and act in the interest of the Party to comply with the laws of the United States and the State of Ohio. In 2016 or at such time as these broad powers are no longer needed, they shall be rescinded by majority vote of the State Committee.

Each county within the state will be assigned to one of seven (7) Regions as defined elsewhere by the State Executive Committee and shown in more detail in the Appendix below. The seven Regions consist of the Northwest, Southwest, Central, Southern, North Central, Northeastern, and Eastern.

**ARTICLE XVI
AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS**

These Bylaws may be amended at any meeting by a two-thirds vote of the State Committee or by a two-thirds vote of the State Convention.

These Bylaws were first adopted by the Executive Committee, acting on behalf of the State Committee of the Constitution Party of Ohio, on November 12, 2012.

As the official State Secretary of the Constitution Party of Ohio, I attest that these are the latest official Bylaws of the Constitution Party of Ohio and I further attest that the latest revision was properly adopted by the State Committee or State Convention in accordance the existing Bylaws of the time on February 9, 2013.

Attested to this day by:

Gale Joy, Constitution Party State Secretary

Date signed

APPENDIX TO OHIO BYLAWS

Constitution Party of Ohio Regional Counties & Population - 2013

Region	COUNTIES	POPULATION
1	Allen	55,044
Northwest	Auglaize	46,699
	Crawford	43,403
	Defiance	38,432
	Fulton	42,402
	Hancock	74,538
	Hardin	31,818
	Henry	28,648
	Lucas	463,493
	Mercer	40,666
	Ottawa	40,945
	Paulding	18,994
	Putnam	34,377
	Sandusky	60,071
	Seneca	56,152
	Van Wert	28,496
	Williams	37,816
	Wood	125,380
	Wyandot	22,394
19	<-Total Counties / Population ->	1,289,768
2	Butler	363,184
Southwest	Champaign	39,713
	Clark	139,671
	Clermont	196,364
	Clinton	43,058
	Darke	51,814
	Greene	159,823
	Hamilton	855,062
	Logan	46,582
	Miami	101,256
	Montgomery	532,562
	Preble	41,422
	Shelby	48,990
	Warren	210,712
14	<-Total Counties / Population ->	2,830,213

Region	COUNTIES	POPULATION
3 Central	Delaware	168,708
	Fairfield	143,712
	Fayette	28,117
	Franklin	1,150,122
	Knox	59,637
	Licking	158,488
	Madison	42,539
	Marion	65,655
	Morrow	34,642
	Perry	35,359
	Pickaway	54,734
	Union	48,903
12	<-Total Counties / Population ->	1,990,616
4 Southern	Adams	28,043
	Athens	63,026
	Brown	44,003
	Gallia	30,694
	Highland	42,178
	Hocking	28,912
	Jackson	33,440
	Lawrence	62,744
	Meigs	22,838
	Pike	27,722
	Ross	75,972
	Scioto	76,334
Vinton	13,228	
13	<-Total Counties / Population ->	549,134
5 North Central	Ashtabula	100,767
	Columbiana	107,722
	Geauga	99,060
	Lake	236,775
	Mahoning	236,735
	Portage	157,530
	Stark	379,446
	Summit	542,405
Trumbull	210,157	
9	<-Total Counties / Population ->	2,070,597

Region	COUNTIES	POPULATION
6 Northeast	Ashland	55,044
	Cuyahoga	1,275,709
	Erie	76,963
	Huron	59,849
	Lorain	305,707
	Medina	174,035
	Richland	124,490
	Wayne	114,222
8	<-Total Counties / Population ->	2,186,019
6 Eastern	Belmont	68,066
	Carroll	28,539
	Coshocton	35,767
	Guernsey	40,054
	Harrison	15,268
	Holmes	41,854
	Jefferson	67,691
	Monroe	14,058
	Morgan	14,288
	Muskingum	84,884
	Noble	14,311
	Tuscarawas	91,137
Washington	61,048	
13	<-Total Counties / Population ->	576,965
88	<-Total Counties / Population ->	11,493,312