

BYLAWS
of the
Lowell/Tri-Creek Republican Committee

ARTICLE I

- AUTHORITY

The Lowell/Tri-Creek Republican Committee (hereinafter "LTCRC") is organized under the authority of the National, Lake County and Indiana Republican Committees. The Tri-Creek area consists of Cedar Creek Township, Eagle Creek Township, and West Creek Township.

- STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of the LTCRC shall be to enhance the well-being of our community, state, and Nation through the formation of and advocacy for Republican principles, policies, positions, and candidates both within our community and through our affiliation with Republican County, State, and National Party Committees.

The LTCRC endeavors to:

Represent opinions and concerns of Lowell/Tri-Creek Republicans to State and National representatives and Candidates as a means of promoting government policies;

Formulate and provide grassroots input to Local, State, and National Party Platforms, and promote and advocate Those platforms once they are formalized;

Conduct fundraising activities to support local Republican candidates in general elections, and pay LTCRC expenses;

Offer local coordination and support to Republican candidates in general elections;

Host Republican officials and candidates who visit Lowell and the Tri-Creek area;

Recruit Republican candidates for local, County, and State offices from among those who support the State Republican Party Platform;

Maintain local Republican voter and membership lists;

Oversee local Republican Poll workers;

Provide regular updates to Lowell/Tri-Creek Republicans on political issues and events;

Encourage networking to promote strong contacts and volunteerism among town Republicans, and

Keep Republican principles and policies before the local community through press releases, speaking opportunities, public forums, and promotion of LTCRC activities.

ARTICLE II

A. COMPOSITION

The LTCRC shall be composed of a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson, a Treasurer, a Secretary (known as the Executive Committee) and such other members as shall meet the following criteria, in order to qualify for membership, a person must be a registered Republican , reside in the Lowell/Tri-Creek area, and be a precinct committeeman, vice-committeeman , or elected to one of the officers' positions. For other

registered Republicans to become members, they must have attended three LTCRC meetings in a year, their year starting from the first meeting they attended. If they are inactive for over one year without explanation, they must start over in order to be re-instated as voting members.

B. VOTING

All LTCRC business may be voted on by members in attendance at regular or special meetings.

C. DUTIES

The LTCRC shall, in cooperation with the State and County Republican Committees, have the duty to manage the affairs of the Republican Party within the Lowell/Tri-Creek area, to direct the general policy and campaign activities of the Party Organization, to perform all duties required of it by law or custom, and which may include, but not limited to, those functions described in Article 1 of this document.

1. Sub-Committees

Sub-committees may be formed in order to oversee fundraising, voter drives, and other events to promote the Republican Party; however, all actions must not deviate from the by-laws of the LTCRC or the County, State, and Federal Election laws.

D. MEETINGS

The LTCRC shall have at least one regularly scheduled meeting (set in advance by the Executive Committee) per month of officers, precinct committee men, and members. Any additional meetings must be scheduled five days in advance and all members notified via phone, e-mail, or written communication.

E. QUORUM

In order to hold any meeting there must be a minimum of three executive members present and voting.

ARTICLE III

A. OFFICERS

The LTCRC officers shall consist of a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson, a Treasurer, and a Secretary (collectively known as the Executive Committee).

1. Chairperson

The Chairperson is the chief executive officer of the LTCRC. As such, it is the responsibility of the Chairperson

to ensure that the duties and activities of the LTCRC, as defined by these bylaws, are accomplished.

The Chairperson may provide an annual report of LTCRC activities to the Lake County Republican Committee. The CEO shall convene the regularly scheduled meetings or arrange for a member to preside over the meeting in his absence,

2. Vice-Chairman

The LTCRC Vice Chairman shall assist the Chairman in the accomplishment of the duties and responsibilities identified in these bylaws, shall preside over meetings in the absence of the Chairperson, and may accomplish other tasks as requested by the Chairperson.

3. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall record the amount and source of all funds received by the LTCRC, shall maintain

proper books of accounts for all funds received and disbursed and shall disburse funds only with consent of the majority of members in attendance or by discretion of the full Executive Committee.

The saved monies of the LTCRC shall be kept in a checking account.

There shall be a semi-annual

audit of the books. An audit shall be taken whenever the office of the Treasurer

and/or Chairperson is transferred from one member to another or when requested by the Chairperson

or by majority vote of those members in attendance at a properly convened business meeting. The

Treasurer shall make a bi-monthly written report to the Executive Committee and Precinct

Committeemen at the monthly scheduled meetings.

1. The Chairman shall appoint a Finance Committee consisting of two or three members, one of whom will be the Executive Committee Treasurer, to oversee the LTCRC banking account. The Treasurer

and at least one other Finance Committee member will be the only members of the LTCRC to

endorse checks, receive all monies, incomes, fees, and other receipts of the LTCRC and sign checks,

pay bills, expenses and other disbursements approved by the LTCRC Chairman or Executive Committee.

2. The LTCRC Treasurer shall file three receipts and expenditure reports (pre-primary, pre-election,)

for every calendar year with the Election Division or appropriate county election board.

The Treasurer shall comply with the campaign finance disclosure and filing requirements set forth in Indiana Code 3-9.

4. Secretary

The Secretary shall prepare minutes for all LTCRC meetings and shall be the custodian of all permanent records of the LTCRC and may accomplish other tasks as requested by the Chairperson; distribute the previous meetings minutes and distribute the agenda items for the convening meetings.

B. ELECTIONS

Executive Officers shall be elected at a regular meeting on odd numbered years.

Candidates for an Officer Position must be a LTCRC member in good standing and be nominated by a LTCRC member in good standing.

C. VACANCIES

The LTCRC Chairperson shall fill vacancies on a temporary basis within 30 days of occurrence. Such

Temporary officers shall serve until the next Regular Meeting, when the office shall be filled by election.

Should a vacancy not be filled within 30 days of occurrence, the County or State Chairpersons shall have authority to fill the vacancy until the next Regular Meeting. The Chairperson may grant reasonable leaves of absences and appoint temporary replacements.

D. DISQUALIFICATION AND REMOVAL

No one may serve as a Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the LTCRC who openly and publicly supports another candidate in preference to a Republican in a partisan election or does not meet the criteria for membership

in Article II, Section A. Officers may be removed from office by written petition of the majority of members to the Chair of the Indiana Republican State Committee. Upon three unexcused, consecutive absences from LTCRC meetings, the majority of members in attendance may elect to remove the officer. LTCRC is

also beholden to the bylaws of the Lake County Republican Central Committee concerning removal of officers.

E. PRIMARY NEUTRALITY

The LTCRC shall maintain strict neutrality in all primary elections. This shall not prevent any member, with the exception of the Chairperson, from supporting a preferred candidate as a individual.

ARTICLE IV

A. AMENDMENTS

A member of the LTCRC may submit amendments to the bylaws at anytime to the LTCRC officers. LTCRC members in attendance will vote on the bylaw change at the first Regular Meeting of the year or at another Regular Meeting determined by the Chairperson.

These by-laws were voted on and adopted by the Lowell/Tri-Creek Republican Committee
January 8, 2011.

Amended January 9, 2014

Amended September 21, 2020

Chairperson

Vice-Chairperson

Treasurer

Secretary
