

Westside Republican Club of Nassau County

**BYLAWS**

**Article I – Name**

The name of the club shall be the Westside Republican Club of Nassau County, hereinafter referred to as The Club.

**Article II – Objectives**

The objectives of the club shall be:

- (a) To attract members into, and involve them in the Republican Party and subsequently provide them with a practical means of Republican Party participation, leadership training and political involvement, at all levels of government and to increase Republican Party voter Registration within Nassau County
- (b) To support the principles, objectives, and platform of the Republican Party; abiding by the RPOF Rules of Procedure, and to secure the election of all duly nominated Republican candidates in the General Election.

**Article III – Members**

**Section 1. Membership.** The club shall recognize the following two classes of membership:

- (a) Active – Any registered Republican voter, who resides within the boundaries of Nassau County.
- (b) Associate – Any registered Republican voter.
  - a. Active Members shall have full voting privileges
  - b. Associate Members shall have no voting privileges.

**Section 2. Dues.** The annual dues shall be \$20.00 for Active members and \$10.00 for Associate members, payable to the Treasurer in advance. The Dues period shall be October 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>; all dues will be pro-rated on a six month's basis.

**Article IV – Officers**

**Section 1.** The officers of the Club shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Officers must be members of Active membership

classification, in good standing with the Club. Officers shall be elected biannually at the regular meeting of The Club March, to assume office the following April 1<sup>st</sup>.

- (a) Elections shall be conducted by the President, who will take nominations from the floor. Elections will be for one office at a time.
- (b) Voting in elections shall be by secret ballot, unless a candidate is unopposed, whereas a voice vote may be taken.
- (c) All other voting shall be by a show of hands.

**Section 2.** The duties of the officers shall be:

- (a) The President shall preside over all meetings of the Club and its Executive Board and exercise general supervision over all activities of the Club.
- (b) The Vice President shall assist the President in supervising the activities of the club, and preside at all meetings in the absence of the President.
- (c) The Secretary shall be the recording officer of the Club, including meetings of the Club and Executive board, and shall keep a record of the minutes of all such meetings; making those minutes available to the general membership, and shall maintain a current roster of Club membership with a copy to the executive board including updates.
- (d) The Treasurer shall collect all funds paid to the Club or any of its committees, receipt therefore and deposit same in accounts designated by the Club. The Treasurer shall be responsible for making all expenditures authorized by the club. The Treasurer shall give a report at each regular meeting of the club regarding receipts, expenditures, and the financial status of the Club.
  - a. Two signatures shall be required (President and Treasurer) on all checks over one hundred (100.00) dollars.

**Section 3.** All vacancies of offices shall be filled by majority vote at the next regular meeting of the club after the vacancy becomes known. In the event the office of President becomes vacant, the Vice President shall temporarily assume the office of President.

## **Article V – Meetings**

**Section 1.** The regular meetings of the club shall begin at 7:00 pm and end not later than 8:00 pm, on the date, and at a location specified by a majority vote of the Club. The Club shall hold a minimum of six regular meetings each year.

**Section 2.** The regular meeting held during the month of March, shall be known as the Annual Meeting of the Club, and shall be for, but not limited to the election of officers, to assume said offices in April; if an election year.

**Section 3.** Special meetings may be called by the President or by the Executive Board, or by written request of-Five (5) members of the Club. At least ten days notice must be given and the purpose of the special meeting must be stated in the notice.

**Section 4.** Only members of Active classification shall be allowed to vote in meetings of the Club. Pursuant to the Republican Party of Florida Rules of Procedure, proxy voting shall not be allowed in any meeting of the Club.

**Section 5.** Twenty percent of the Club's membership, classified as Active, shall constitute a quorum.

## **Article VI – Executive Board**

**Section 1.** The officers of the Club shall constitute the Executive Board. Only the officers of the Club shall be voting members of the board.

**Section 2.** The Executive Board shall have general supervision of the affairs of the club between regular meetings and fix the time and place for meetings of the board. The Board shall be subject to the orders of the club, and none of its acts shall conflict with action taken by the Club.

**Section 3.** Special meetings of the board may be called by the President or upon written request of two members of the board.

## **Article VII – Committees**

**Section 1.** Committees Chair persons, standing or special, may be appointed by the President; after prior acceptance has been given by appointee, each Chair person shall form their committee. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

## **Article VIII – Endorsements**

Pursuant to the Republican party of Florida Rules of Procedure, the Club shall not endorse, nor seek to influence the nomination of any Republican candidate in any Republican primary election.

**Article IX – Parliamentary Authority**

The Rules contained in “Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised” shall govern the Club in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these By-Laws, the Republican Party of Florida Constitution, the Republican Party of Florida Rule of Procedure, and any other special rules of order the Club may adopt.

**Article X – Amendments to Bylaws**

These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Club by a two-thirds vote of those present, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting.

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_(date)

President: \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> Revision October 8, 2009