

RULES OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF CLARION COUNTY  
Adopted October 13, 1964 as amended July 11, 1974, June 12, 1978,  
July 14, 1982, October 4, 1990, April 26, 1994 and June 20, 1994

Rule #1 - The organization of the Republican Party in Clarion County, Pennsylvania, shall consist of the following committees and officers:

County Chairperson  
County Vice-Chairperson  
Treasurer  
Secretary  
Executive Committee  
Publicity Committee  
Finance Committee  
Registration and Voting Committee  
Meetings and Speakers Committee  
"And such other committees, regular and special,  
as the Chairperson shall appoint from time to time,  
subject to the approval of the Executive Committee."

Rule #2 - Republican County Committee

(a) The County Committee shall consist of the following:  
Two persons to be elected every four years at the Primary  
Election beginning in 1996 from each voting precinct of the  
County or appointed by the Chairman.

1. Persons elected may be elected by following the petition  
procedure requiring ten qualified voters of their district  
and gaining position on the ballot or by receiving a  
minimum of ten write-in votes or at least ten write-in votes  
and more than any other candidate on the ballot or other  
person receiving write-in votes.

2. Appointments to fill positions where a vacancy occurs or  
no person seeks election may be made by the Chairperson  
of the Party following the reorganization of the Party until  
the next election.

(b) Each Committee person or member shall be a qualified  
elector of the Republican Party and a resident of the election  
district.

(c) The members of the County Committee shall have charge  
of the Party's interest in their respective districts, under the  
general supervision of the County Chairperson and the  
Executive Committee.

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Rule #2 - (d) Members of the County Committee shall keep the County Chairperson fully advised of the political conditions and requirements in their respective districts and look after the interests of the Republican Party in all Elections.

(e) All funds which are allotted to the various districts for election day expenses may be turned over to the members of the County Committee in such districts.

(f) Whenever it appears that any member of the County Committee is charged with not being a qualified Republican elector, or who opposes or is about to oppose the Republican Party of any of its candidates, or who neglects or refuses to attend to his duties as a member or officer of the committee, or who fails to attend two regular or specially scheduled consecutive meetings, in person or by proxy, of the County Committee, the Chairperson after careful investigation, finds the charges to be true, shall declare this place vacant and fill said vacancy as provided in Rule #3 (e).

Rule #3 - Chairperson

(a) The County Chairperson will be a qualified elector of the Republican Party and will be elected every four years by a majority vote of the members of the Republican County Committee. The election of the County Committee Chairperson shall take place at the organization meeting of the County Committee as set forth in Rule #14 (a) of the rules of the Republican Party of Clarion County.

(b) Shall preside at all meetings of the organization.

(c) Shall appoint all standing committees, except as herein provided, or any special committee and act as ex-officio member of each. When appointing all committees, due consideration will be given by the Chairperson to obtain proper representation by the women of the Party.

(d) Shall carry out the Rules adopted by the organization and any resolutions passed by said organization.

(e) The County Chairperson with the concurrence of the Executive Committee, shall fill any vacancies that occur on the County Committee.

(f) The County Chairperson under the advice and with the aid of the Executive Committee, shall have general supervision of political campaigns in the County.

(g) When the County Committee determines that the duly elected County Chairperson is not carrying out the duties of the office, the County Committee may, upon written petition

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of a majority of its members, after thirty days written notice to the Chairperson of the time and place set for hearing, and after hearing, declare the office of the County Chairperson vacant and fill said vacancy with such person as shall be approved by the Executive Committee.

Rule #4 - County Vice-Chairperson

- (a) The County Vice-Chairperson will be a qualified elector of the Republican Party and will be elected every four years by a majority vote of the members of the Republican County Committee. The election of the County Vice-Chairperson shall take place at the organization meeting of the County Committee as set forth in Rule #14 (a) of the Rules of the Republican Party of Clarion County.
- (b) Shall preside and discharge the duties of County Chairperson at all meetings at which the County Chairperson is absent.
- (c) Shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.
- (d) Shall assist and cooperate with the County Chairperson in all matters promoting the welfare of the Party.
- (e) The Vice-Chairperson under the supervision of the County Chairperson, shall have charge of the organization of the Republican women voters of the county, and shall be recognized as their representative.

Rule #5 - Treasurer

- (a) The Treasurer of the County Committee shall be elected by the members of the County Committee by majority vote.
- X (b) The Treasurer may or may not be a member of the County Committee, and the term of office will be for four (4) years.
- (c) The Treasurer shall have charge of all of the funds of the Committee, and the duties shall be such as are incident to the office and prescribed by law.
- (d) The Treasurer shall pay all bills properly attested by the County Chairperson or the head of the Finance Committee.
- (e) The Treasurer shall keep a complete and accurate record of the finances of the County Committee, such record to be accessible to the County Chairperson and Finance Committee.
- (f) At the end of the term of office, the Treasurer shall, after audit, turn over to the successor all money, books, and other papers of the County Committee remaining in the Treasurer's hands.

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Rule #6 - Secretary

(a) The Secretary of the County Committee shall be elected by the members of the County Committee by majority vote.

(b) The Secretary may or may not be a member of the County Committee and the term of office will be for four (4) years.

(c) The Secretary will attend all meetings of the County Committee and record all minutes in a book kept for that purpose.

(d) The Secretary shall attend to such other duties as the County Committee and County Chairperson shall from time to time direct. These duties will cover clerical, mailing and other office work under direction of the Chairperson.

(e) Time spent in the performance of such Secretarial work will be paid for from Committee Funds, on an hourly basis, and at prevailing rates for such type of work.

(f) At the end of the Secretary's term of office all books or material will be turned over to the newly elected Secretary.

Rule #7 - Executive Committee

(a) The Executive Committee shall consist of not less than fifteen nor more than nineteen members. Seven members of this Committee shall be members of the County Committee and selected by the County Chairperson in accordance with Committee organizational procedures, that is, one member shall be elected from each of the seven districts established at the organization meeting of the County Committee, and that person shall serve as a member of the Executive Committee from that district for a period of four years. Additional members of the Committee will be appointed by the County Chairperson with the approval and consent of the original seven members. Additional appointments to the Committee shall include the head of the Council of Republican Women, the State Committeeperson and the Chairperson of the Finance Committee. Other members shall be appointed at the discretion of the Chairman and may include the Chairman of the Special Events Committee, the Chairman of the Communications Committee, the Chairman of the Voter Registration Committee and the Chairman of the Young Republicans or other persons as the Chairman sees fit.

(b) At least one (1) other member of the Executive Committee

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in addition to the President of the Clarion County Council of Republican Women, shall be a woman.

(c) Chairperson of all standing committees are ex-officio members of the Executive Committee.

(d) Members of the Executive Committee shall be appointed to serve for a period of four (4) years, and the County Chairperson when appointing said members of the committee will give due consideration to the geographic location within the County.

(e) The Executive Committee shall act in an advisory capacity to the County Chairperson. It shall fill all vacancies on the Republican Ticket within the County which may occur from any cause. It shall do whatever is necessary for the efficient management of the Party.

(f) Minutes of all meetings of the Executive Committee will be kept by the Secretary.

#### Rule #9 - Finance Committee

(a) The Finance Committee shall consist of seven (7) members, the Chairperson of which shall be appointed by the County Chairperson and the balance of the committee shall be selected by the Chairperson of the Committee, who shall notify the County Chairperson of said selections, to be approved by the County Chairperson.

(b) It shall collect such money as it may deem proper and necessary and shall pay over same to the Treasurer of the County Committee.

(c) The Finance Committee shall have authority to communicate in the name of the Committee, with such person that it deems necessary.

(d) The Finance Committee shall annually have an independent audit made of the accounts of the Treasurer and report the result of such audit to the Executive Committee.

#### Rule #10- Registration and Voting Committee

(a) The number of members of the Committee shall be flexible and can be determined by the Chairperson of the Committee in cooperation with the County Chairperson.

(b) It shall be the duty of the Committee to strive at all times for maximum Republican registration in Clarion County and maximum voting by those registered.

(c) Members will cooperate and work with the County Chair and precinct Committeeperson to obtain maximum results.

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Rule #11- Communications Committee

- (a) The Communications Chairperson shall be appointed by the County Chairperson and shall constitute the entire committee. The Chairperson may select such assistance or advisors as he or she deems necessary.
- (b) It shall be the duty of the Communications Chairperson to prepare a monthly newsletter which shall be sent to all members of the Executive Committee and County Committee.

Rule #12- Special Events Committee

- (a) The County Chairperson shall appoint the Chairperson of this committee, and he or she may appoint such persons as necessary, with approval of the County Chairperson, to accomplish the duties of this committee.
- (b) The duties of the Special Events is to plan, organize, provide for the structured sale of tickets through the committee persons of special events such as dinners, receptions, and picnics or other special projects as the County Chairperson shall assign.

Rule #13- Meetings Committee

- (a) The County Chairperson shall appoint the Chairperson of the Meetings Committee, and the said Chairperson may appoint such members to the Committee as he or she deems necessary and expedient, and report such appointments to the County Chairperson to be approved by the County Chairperson.
- (b) The duty of the said Meetings Committee shall be to assist in planning for meetings and carrying out such plans at the said meetings, except that the principal speakers for the said meetings shall be secured by the Special Events Committee.

Rule #14- Meetings of the County Committee

- (a) The County Committee shall meet for organization within sixty (60) days succeeding the Primary Election at which the members are elected.
- (b) A majority of the total membership of the County Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business.

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Rule #14- (c) Any member of the County Committee unable to attend may be represented by written proxy held by a qualified Republican elector in his or her area district established at the previous organizational meeting of the County Committee.

(d) The County Chairperson may at any time call together the County Committee; if he shall fail or refuse to do so on the request of the majority of the Committee. The said majority may, by written or printed notice, call together the committee, to meet at a time and place specified in said notice.

(e) Notice of all meetings of the County Committee shall be given by written notice, signed by the Chairperson, specifying the time and place of meeting, at least seven (7) days in advance.

Rule #15- Order of Business

(a) The order of business of the County Committee shall be as follows:

1. Roll Call
2. Reading, correcting and approving minutes
3. Reports of committees
4. Old and unfinished business
5. Election of Officers (organizational meeting only)
6. New Business
7. General discussion
8. Adjournment

Rule #16- Candidates

(a) Each candidate for nomination at the Primary Election shall file with the Secretary of the County Committee or with the County Chairperson his or her pledge to support the winning candidate. This pledge shall be filed in writing in form provided for hereunder within five days of the date on which said candidates petition is filed with the County Commissioners. The form of pledge is set forth below:

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Rule #16- (Pledge)

I, \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
election district of \_\_\_\_\_ Clarion County, Post  
Office Address \_\_\_\_\_, hereby agree to  
pledge myself that I will abide by the result of the ensuing  
Primary and will not run independently or actively support  
the nominee of other parties to be voted for the ensuing  
general election to be held in November.

Witness my hand and seal the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
A.D. 19\_\_.

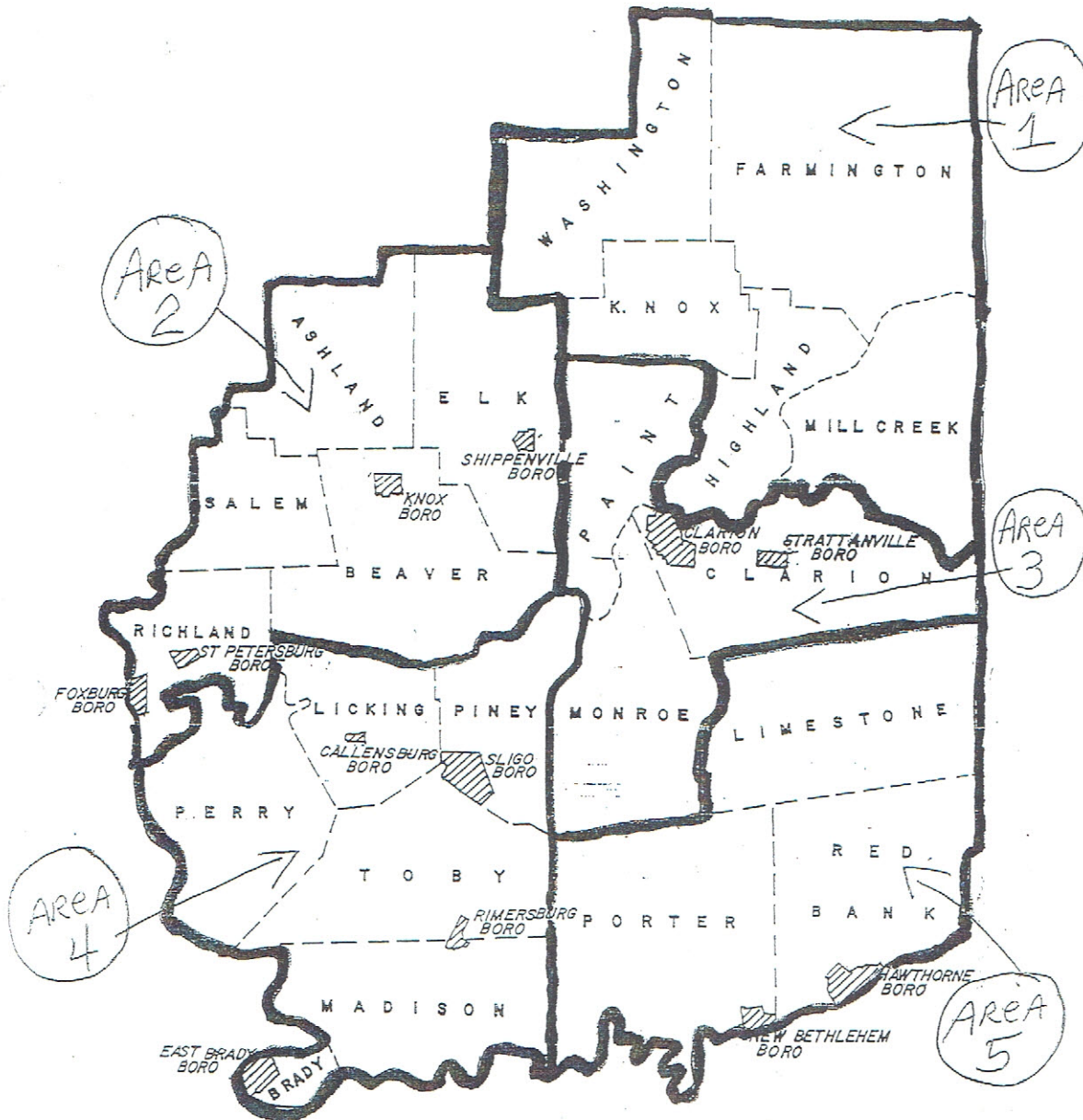
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Rule #17- Amendments

- (a) These rules may be altered or amended from time to time by a two thirds vote in the affirmative of the members of the County Committee, present at a meeting of the same either in person or by proxy provided that ten (10) days notice shall be given each member of any proposed alteration of amendment.
- (b) Any rule or rules may be suspended at or during any meeting of the County Committee by the affirmative vote of at least seventy five (75) percent of the members present.
- (c) These Rules shall go into effect immediately upon their adoption by the County Committee, at which time all former rules shall be superceded and repealed.



# Municipalities of CLARION COUNTY



- AREA 1  
 Farmington Twp. North  
 Farmington Twp. South  
 Farmington Twp. West  
 Washington Twp.  
 Knox Twp.  
 Highland Twp.  
 Millcreek Twp.

- AREA 2  
 Shippenville Borough  
 Knox Borough  
 St. Petersburg Borough  
 Foxburg Borough  
 Ashland Township  
 Beaver Township  
 Elk Township  
 Salem Township  
 Richland Township

- AREA 3  
 Clarion Borough 1st  
 Clarion Borough 2nd  
 Clarion Borough 3rd  
 Strattanville Borough  
 Clarion Township 1st  
 Clarion Township 2nd  
 Paint Township  
 Monroe Township

- AREA 4  
 Rimersburg Borough  
 Sligo Borough  
 East Brady Borough  
 Callensburg Borough  
 Perry Township  
 Licking Township  
 Piney Township  
 Toby Township  
 Madison Township  
 Brady Township

- AREA 5  
 New Bethlehem Borough  
 Hawthorn Borough  
 Limestone Township  
 Porter Township East  
 Porter Township West  
 Redbank Township East  
 Redbank Township West