

ORANGE COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE  
75 Main St.  
Goshen, New York 10924

September 22, 2005

TO: NEW YORK STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
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NEW YORK STATE REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

The Orange County Republican Committee held its' re-organization meeting on Monday, September 19, 2005 at the Meadowbrook Lodge, New Windsor, N.Y. The following officers were elected:

CHAIRMAN WILLIAM (Bill) DEPROSPO, 7 Spruce Hill Ln.  
Goshen, NY 10924  
1st VICE-CHAIRMAN: WILLIAM (Bill) TULLY, 11 Arthur Rd.  
Chester, NY 10918  
2nd VICE-CHAIRMAN: MARY BETH GREENE KRAFFT: PO Box 285  
Mountainville, NY 10953  
TREASURER: DAVID GREEN, 12 Mark St, New Windsor, NY 12553  
SECRETARY: SHIRLEY A. JENSEN, 40 Orange Ave., Goshen, NY  
10924-2118

The Orange County Republican Committee adopted its' By-Laws  
(see enclosed)

Sincerely,



SHIRLEY A. JENSEN  
Secretary

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## ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP POWERS AND DUTIES

### A) Membership

- (1) The Republican County Committee of the County of Orange shall consist of two (2) members from each election district in the County, each of whom shall be elected by the enrolled Republicans of the district for a term of two (2) years. Each member of the Committee shall have such other and further qualifications as may be prescribed by law.

### B) Duties and powers of committee members

- (1) The powers of the Orange County Republican Committee and its members shall be as prescribed by law and by such rules and by-laws as may, from time to time, be promulgated by the New York State Republican Committee.
- (2) It shall be the duty of each committee member to promote the election of Republican candidates of the National, New York State, County and local levels. Each committee member shall be entitled to vote within his or her local committee to endorse candidates for public office, promote voter registration and enrollment and endeavor to raise funds for Republican candidates and the Orange County Republican Committee. It shall also be the duty of each committee member to circulate designating petitions in accordance with the mandates of the Election Law for all endorsed Republican Candidates for office in the election district of said member.
- (3) Members of the Orange County Republican Committee are encouraged to attend regular meetings of their respective committees as well as County Committee Meetings. If any member shall be absent from three (3) consecutive local or county committee meetings respectively, without sufficient excuse granted by the Chairman of the respective committee, the Secretary of the committee may announce (or shall announce when directed to do so by majority vote of the committee) the names of those members in a regular meeting notice. If such absences persist, then such committee member may be asked to resign from his or her position. In computing absences hereunder, any meeting where a member furnishes a written proxy to another member of the same Town of City committee shall not be considered as an absence within the meaning of this article.

- C) Officers: There shall be the following officers of the Orange County Republican Committee: Chairman, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman, Secretary & Treasurer who shall be elected as hereinafter set forth.

### D) Vacancies in officer positions

- (1) In the event that a vacancy shall occur in the office of the Chairman, the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman shall become the Chairman for the unexpired balance of the Chairman's term. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman shall become the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman. In the event that a vacancy shall occur

in the office of the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman shall become the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman for the unexpired balance of the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman's term.

- (2) In the event that a vacancy shall occur in the office of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer, the Executive Committee of the County Committee shall fill said vacancy by appointment & such appointee will serve out the remainder of the term.

E) Assistant Committee members

- (1) Each member of the County Committee may appoint an Assistant Committeeman who shall be an enrolled voter of the Republican Party and preferably a resident of the election district in which he or she is designated. It shall be the duty of the Assistant Committeeman to assist or collaborate with the members of the County Committee in his/her district, but, in no event, shall he be deemed a member of the County Committee, nor shall he have any of the powers of such members, including, but not limited to, the right to vote or carry a written proxy of any County Committee member.

## ARTICLE II - ORGANIZATION MEETING

- A) The Orange County Republican Committee shall hold a bi-annual organizational meeting within twenty (20) days following the bi-annual election of its members.
- B) ELECTIONS: At such re-organization meeting the following officers shall be elected for a two (2) year term which shall expire at the following reorganization meeting: Chairman, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman, Secretary & Treasurer.
- C) NOTICE: Notice of the time and place of the organization meeting shall be served by mailing a notice of meeting to each member not less than five (5) days before such meeting. Such notice shall be directed to each member at his address as it appears on the records of the Committee and said meeting shall be called by the Secretary of the outgoing Committee.
- D) VOTING: At any meeting of the County Committee, each committee member shall have voting power proportional to the Party vote in his election district for Governor in the last gubernatorial election; or if the boundaries of the election district have been changed since such election, proportional to the vote for member of the Assembly or to enrollment as provided by Section 2-104 of the Election Law. Such proportional voting may be hereafter called "weighted voting." A majority of the weighted votes cast; excluding blanks, shall be necessary for election or approval of a motion.
- E) VOTING BY PROXY: In the absence of a member, his or her vote may be cast by any other committeeman (a) from the same town/city committee where said town/city is allocated ten (10) or more committee members (b) from the same assembly district, in Orange County, where the town/city is allocated less than ten (10) committee members. In either event, said vote may be cast by proxy only in the event that a duly signed, dated and witnessed proxy, on the form prescribed by the Chairman, is verified by the credentials committee.
- F) QUORUM: One hundred (100) members of the County Committee shall constitute a quorum for the purposes of holding meetings and transacting business at any reorganization or special meeting of the County Committee.

## ARTICLE III - SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special meetings of the County Committee may be called by the Chairman or shall be called upon the written request of ten (10) members filed with the Chairman, notice of such special meeting to be given at least five (5) days before the date thereof by notice stating the object of said meeting mailed to the Post Office address of each member. Only those items set forth in the notice may be discussed or voted upon at such Special Meeting.

## ARTICLE IV EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- A) **MEMBERSHIP:** There shall be an Executive Committee of the County Committee consisting of the following members:
- (1) COUNTY COMMITTEE OFFICERS - Chairman, First Vice Chairman, Second Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer of the County Committee who shall hold the same respective officers of the Executive Committee.
  - (2) The chairmen of each Town or City Republican Committee
  - (3) One additional member from each Town or City Committee regardless of the number of enrolled Republicans in said Town or City.
  - (4) At such time as the number of enrolled Republicans in any Town or City at the last preceding gubernatorial election exceeds 4,500 said committee shall be entitled to an additional member to serve on the Executive Committee. Further, at each 3,000 additional enrolled Republican voters beyond 4,500 (i.e. 7,500 10,500 etc.) said committee shall be entitled to another additional member on the Executive Committee.
  - (5) Elected State Committeemen from each Assembly District within the County.
  - (6) One member elected from each of the following:
    - a. Federation of Orange County Women's Republican Club, the Federation of Young Republicans Club of Orange County and the Orange County Chapter of the Republican National Hispanic Assembly . Such elections shall be certified to the Secretary of the County Committee before seating of the elected representatives at any Executive Committee Meeting and any such certification shall continue for a period of time up to the next bi-annual reorganization meeting of the County Executive Committee. Seating of said Federation members on the County Executive Committee shall be valid only so long as it does not conflict with the rules of the New York State Republican Committee
- B) **MEETINGS:** The Executive Committee shall meet within thirty (30) days following the bi-annual reorganization meeting of the County Committee and monthly thereafter on a date selected by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may, from time to time, vote to cancel a particular monthly meeting, but there shall be at least one meeting of the Executive Committee in each calendar quarter of the year.
- C) **NOTICE:** Notice of the time and place of any meeting of the Executive Committee shall be served by mailing a notice to each member not less than three (3) days before such meeting. Such notice shall be directed to each member at his address as it appears on the records of the committee.
- D) **QUORUM:** A majority of members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum of all business. Unless otherwise specified herein, a majority of those present shall be sufficient for carrying any motion and transacting business. Nevertheless, at any meeting of the Executive Committee at which fewer members are present than constitute a quorum, those members present may recess said meeting for the purpose of acquiring a quorum. In this event, all members shall be notified in writing of such adjourned date at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the adjourned date.
- E) **SPECIAL MEETING:** Additional Special Meetings of the Executive Committee may be held at the call of the Chairman or upon written request of five (5) members of the Executive Committee filed with the Secretary. In either event, seventy-two (72) hours written notice to all members of the Executive

Committee shall be required. Such notice shall include the time and place of the meeting and those items scheduled for discussion. No business other than routine matters and those items listed in the notice may be discussed at a special meeting.

- F) At any meeting of the Executive Committee a member thereof may designate, by signed, dated and witnessed proxy, prepared on the prescribed form and duly filed with the secretary at or prior to any such meeting of the Executive Committee, a representative to serve as a member thereof in his/her place or stead provided such proxy holder shall be either A) a member of the same Town/City Committee as the designating member or B) a member of the Executive Committee. However, proxy rules for Federation members shall be those rules as designated pursuant to their own rules.
- G) **POWERS AND DUTIES:** The Executive Committee shall have the power and duty to lawfully conduct all business of the Orange County Republican Committee between bi-annual organization meetings.
- H) **VOTING:** The provisions and requirements of weighted voting shall not apply to decisions made by the Executive Committee where the principle of "one man, one vote" shall be observed. Provided a quorum is present, a majority vote of those present shall carry an action unless otherwise provided for in these by-laws or Roberts Rules of Order.

## ARTICLE V - COMMITTEES

### A) FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 1) **MEMBERSHIP:** Members of the Finance Committee shall be appointed by the Chairman of the County Committee. Among the members shall be the officers of the County Committee and as many other members as may be designated by the Chairman. The Chairman of the County Committee shall appoint the Chairman of the Finance Committee.
- 2) **POWERS AND DUTIES:**
  - a) The Finance Committee shall annually prepare a budget for adoption by the Executive Committee.
  - b) The Finance Committee shall approve any expenditures of the County Committee in excess of the sum of \$1,000 except those expenditures, which may be regarded as regular operating expenses or those items regularly included in an adopted budget, which may be approved by the Chairman or Officers of the County Committee.
  - c) The Finance Committee shall furnish written minutes of its meetings to the members of the Executive Committee within twenty days of any meeting of the Finance Committee.
  - d) The Finance Committee shall have the power and authority to organize fundraising events and to otherwise raise funds for the operation of the County Committee.
  - e) Any expenditure (s) not approved by the Finance Committee may be brought before the Executive Committee for discussion and vote on motion of any Executive Committee member.

### B) OTHER COMMITTEES:

- 1) The Chairman of the County Committee or the Executive Committee shall have the power to form any other committee that they may, from time to time, deem necessary.
- 2) The County Committee Chairman shall appoint the chairman of any such committee.

3) Any committee may adopt its own internal rules of procedure provided same are not inconsistent with these by-laws.

C) EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS: The Chairman of the County Committee or his designee(s) shall be ex-officio member (s) of each and any committee.

#### ARTICLE VI - APPOINTMENTS

In those situations where the County Committee is required or is offered the opportunity to make recommendations for appointment to an appointed public office or other positions, the following procedure shall be followed:

- A) If the position to be filled is within a City or Town, by a majority vote of such City or Town Committee.
- B) In the case of any other position by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

#### ARTICLE VII - REMOVAL

- A) Except to the extent prohibited by law, a member or officer of the County Committee may be removed by the Committee for disloyalty to the party, corruption in office, enrollment in another party or dishonesty.
- B) Written Charges: Upon receipt of written charges specifying conduct consisting one or more of the charges outlines in A) above, the Chairman of the County Committee shall appoint a committee to investigate the charges. Such investigation shall include an opportunity for the individual so accused to be heard and to defend himself against the charges.
- C) Upon completion of the investigation, the committee shall render a written report to the Executive Committee. Said report may contain a recommendation as to removal.
- D) Upon receipt of such report, the Executive Committee shall vote, at its next regularly scheduled meeting, on the question of removal or censure if the report from the investigating committee contained such a recommendation. Removal from the County Committee shall be effected upon vote of two-thirds of the entire Executive Committee.
- E) Should a vote for removal fail for lack of a two-thirds vote, a second vote will be immediately taken on the issue of formal censure of the individual so accused. A vote of two-thirds of the entire committee shall be required for censure. If the vote of censure fails, the case will be marked dismissed.

#### ARTICLE VIII - RESOLUTIONS

To the extent possible, all resolutions presented to the County Committee must have been mailed to the Chairman and Secretary of the County Committee at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting at which said resolution is to be presented.

#### ARTICLE IX - VACANCIES

When a vacancy occurs for any reason, the Chairman of the City or Town Committee on which such vacancy exists shall immediately notify the Secretary of the County Committee in writing. Each Town and City Committee shall be empowered to fill vacancies on their own committee but no such replacements shall be recognized at the County Committee or Executive Committee level until the replacement is certified to the secretary of the County Committee by the Chairman or Secretary of the Town or City Committee. Certification of filled vacancies shall be in writing and, in order for such replacement to be able to vote at a county meeting, the certification must be received by the secretary of the County Committee at least five (5) days prior to any County Committee or Executive Committee meeting.

## **ARTICLE X - SUSPENSION OF RULES**

The operation of these by-laws may be suspended in any respect during any regular or special meeting by two-thirds vote of those present except that the provisions regarding amendment of these by-laws cannot be suspended.

## **ARTICLE XI - LIMITING DEBARE**

The presiding officer of any meeting of the County Committee shall have the power and authority to limit debate or discussion on any question by time and/or number of speakers, to limit the number and duration of nominating and seconding speeches for candidates and otherwise to determine questions or procedures for the meeting in a manner not inconsistent with law or these by-laws, having due regard for fairness and limitations of the time available for the completion of the business of the meeting.

## **ARTICLE XII - ASSEMBLY DISTRICT VOTE**

Eligibility of County Committee members to vote on the endorsement of a candidate for the State and County Legislature as well as United States Congress and Member of the State Committee shall be limited to those committee members representing election districts contained within the respective district.

## **ARTILCE XIII - AMENDMENTS**

These by-laws may be amended or new by-laws adopted from time to time by a majority vote of the members of the County Committee present at a meeting at which there is a quorum present, provided that a copy of the proposed amendment shall be sent with the notice of the meeting at which such amendment is to be proposed, such notice to be mailed not less than five (5) days before such meeting to the post office address of each member of the committee. Any amendment proposed must be filed in writing with the Chairman and Secretary of the County Committee at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting of the committee at which the amendment will be voted upon.

## **ARTICLE XIV - PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE**

Voting at all meetings of the Orange County Republican Committee relating to endorsement of candidates or election of officers of said committee (i.e. reorganization meeting) shall be conducted by secret written ballot. The votes from the ballot shall be tabulated immediately after voting and the ballots shall be deposited in one container, locked and sealed by signature of the Chairman and Secretary of the County Committee. The locked and sealed container shall be retained at the County Headquarters or at such other location as shall be designated by the Chairman for a period of sixty (60) days after the balloting and thereafter destroyed.

## **ARTICLE XV - LOCAL RULES**

Each respective local committee shall have the authority to enact their own by-laws, provided, however, that such local by-laws or rules shall not be in conflict with or inconsistent with the by-laws of the Orange County Republican Committee promulgated hereunder.

## ARTICLE XVI - SAVING CLAUSE

If any of these by-laws, their amendments or additions thereto shall be nullified by the laws of the State of New York or the Rules or By-Laws of the New York State Republican Committee, the remainder of these by-laws shall remain in full force and effect.

## ARTICLE XVII - GENDER NEUTRAL

The words "Committeeman," "Assistant Committeeman," "Chairman," "Vice Chairman," "he" and the pronouns therefore, as used herein shall be construed as masculine, feminine or neuter, or in the singular or plural as the sense requires.