

**CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
OF THE DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES
OF LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO**

PREAMBLE

We, the members of the Logan County Democratic Central and Executive Committees, in order to organize and perpetuate a representative, effective and responsible party organization at all levels in Logan County, Ohio, affiliate with and advance the interest of the Democratic Party for the State of Ohio and nationally; sustain and advance the principles of democracy, and uphold human and civil rights and constitutional government, do hereby establish this Constitution and Bylaws.

**ARTICLE I
Constitution and Laws**

Section 1. Nothing herein shall conflict with the Constitution of the United States of America, the laws of the United States of America, the Constitution of the State of Ohio, the laws of the State of Ohio, and the Ohio Democratic Party Constitution and Bylaws. Any matter which may conflict with any of the aforesaid shall be of no force and effect. All constitutional provisions and laws of the United States and the State of Ohio are hereby incorporated by reference and made a part hereof. Each clause of this Constitution and Bylaws shall be considered separately and the illegality or unenforceability of any one clause shall not affect any other clause.

**ARTICLE II
Central Committee**

Section 1. The controlling committee of the Logan County Democratic Party shall be the County Central Committee consisting of such membership as shall be elected according to the laws of the State of Ohio. The Central Committee shall be made up of at least one elected person from each voting precinct in the county, however when more than one person from said precinct is seated, only one vote per precinct will be honored when a roll call is held. The County Central Committee shall elect a County Executive Committee, as provided by law, and by this Constitution and Bylaws.

Section 2. The members-elect of the Logan County Democratic Central Committee shall meet not earlier than six nor later than fifteen days following the declaration of the primary election results at a suitable place and time to be designated by the retiring chairman of the Committee. Notice of such meeting, giving place and time, shall be given to each member-elect by the retiring Secretary of the Committee by mail, e-mail, or telephone and a copy of the notice shall be posted in the Office of the Board of Elections of Logan County, at least five days prior to any such meeting, or according to the laws of the State of Ohio. The meeting shall be called to order by the retiring Chairman or Secretary or if there is no such officer or if such officer is absent, than as provided by the laws of the State of Ohio. A temporary Chairman and Secretary shall be chosen and the Committee shall proceed to elect new officers of the Central Committee. The term of office for all Central and Executive Committee members and officers shall be four years.

Section 3. The duties of a Central Committee member include:

1. Attending Central Committee meetings to help organize the Party's leadership structure and assist with other items that affect the Party

2. Working to maximize the Democratic vote in the precinct through greater activism on behalf of the Party.
 - a. To successfully maximize the Democratic vote in each precinct, committee members should engage in the following activities, as well as any others that could be considered helpful for the promotion of the Democratic Party.
 - i. Learn as much as possible about the Party's endorsed candidates, issues, or proposed constitutional amendments to promote them to voters.
 - ii. Receive a list of registered voters in your precinct from the Board of Elections and contact the voters either through phone-banking or door-to-door canvassing to promote the Party's endorsed candidates, issues, or proposed constitutional amendments.
 - iii. Recruit volunteers to assist you in literature distribution, phone-banking, and canvassing.
 - iv. Encourage voters who may be unable to make it to the polls on Election Day to vote by mail.
 - v. Attend the meetings of civic organizations to discuss the key issues in the precinct and to promote the Democratic Party. Inform the appropriate elected officials of these issues.
3. Assist the Board of Elections by providing suggestions for possible Democratic precinct election officials to serve your respective precinct.

Section 3. The County Central Committee shall then elect a Chairperson, two Vice Chairs, a Treasurer and a Secretary, each for a term of four years. One of the Vice Chairpersons shall be a woman and the other Vice Chairperson shall be a man. The officers of the Central Committee shall also be considered the officers of the Executive Committee.

Section 4. The Chairperson's duties shall be those of the chief executive officer and they shall be subject to the direction of and responsible to the County Central and Executive Committees. The Chairperson shall appoint any personnel that they deem necessary to transact the party's business, subject to confirmation by the County Central Committee. They may provide for employment of any office personnel nearby. All of said appointments and employees shall serve subject to the pleasure of the Chairperson of the Central and Executive Committee.

Section 5. The Vice-Chairpersons shall serve as Co-Chairs of the Candidate Search Committee. The Vice-Chairpersons, in order of succession, shall act as the Chairperson in case of death, resignation, incapacity, removal or absence of the Chairperson or their predecessor, and shall, in such event, have the same powers, duties and responsibilities as the Chairperson until such time as the County Central Committee shall properly elect a new Chairperson.

Section 6. The Secretary shall be in charge of all official documents of the Executive and Central Committees and of preparation of the necessary notices, minutes and other documents. They shall preserve such files and other documents and open them for examination at appropriate times, at the request of any duly elected member of the County Executive Committee and under such rules and regulations as are prescribed. The Secretary shall provide notice of any meetings, specifying time and place, which shall be sent in writing through regular U.S. mail, or by e-mail or telephone, to all members of the Committees, not less than 7 days prior to the meeting unless otherwise provided by law. The Secretary shall give notices to the media including radio stations and newspapers of each meeting 7 days

prior to the same. In conjunction with their duties of coordinating with the news media, they shall serve as the Chairperson of the Public Relations Committee.

Section 7. The Treasurer shall have custody of the funds of the party and shall render up-to-date financial reports to each meeting of the County Central and Executive Committees. The Treasurer shall be accountable for all receipts and expenditures of the party subject to the direction of the Finance Committee, of which they shall serve as the Chairperson. They and any other party officer or employee responsible for the handling of party funds shall be under sufficient bond, the amount to be determined by the County Executive Committee.

Section 8. The County Central Committee shall then appoint a County Executive Committee. The members of the County Executive Committee shall be all members of the County Central Committee, any elected officials whom are registered Democratic voters, and any registered Democratic voter that the Central Committee appoints for the good of the party.

Section 9. The County Central Committee shall confer upon the County Executive Committee all power and authority of the County Central Committee except that of amending the Constitution and Bylaws; the County Executive Committee shall be authorized to act for the County Central Committee in all things pertaining to the welfare, business, operation, and organization of the County Central Committee and the Logan County Democratic Party during the period of its existence, which shall continue until the sixth day after the final election results of the next Logan County Democratic Central Committee. Any vacancies which may occur in the County Executive Committee or in the County Central Committee shall be filled by a majority vote of the Logan County Central Committee Members and Executive Committee members present.

ARTICLE III

State, County, Political Subdivisions and Democrat Clubs, Cooperation

Section 1. The Chairperson of the Logan County Central and Executive Committees shall consult with and cooperate with the various Central Committee members and all officers of all Democratic Clubs of the Ohio Democratic Party within their duly chartered areas of jurisdiction.

Section 2. The Central Committee members of the precincts or wards and the presidents of the various chartered Democratic Clubs shall consult with and cooperate with the Logan County Democratic Central and Executive Committees and its Chairperson on all matters relating to the business of the Logan County Democratic Party in their respective areas of jurisdiction of the Central Committee members or officers of the chartered Democratic Clubs.

ARTICLE IV

Meetings

Section 1. The County Central Committee shall meet after its election and at least quarterly per calendar year. In addition to attending Central Committee meetings, the County Executive Committee shall meet within seven days of its election by the County Central Committee and at least one time per

month for a minimum of 9 times during the period of its existence. The County Executive Committee may be called to meet by the Chairman or by any member of the Executive Committee.

Section 2. Each member of the Executive Committee shall attend 75% of all Executive and Central Committee meetings. Any failure to do so, within one calendar year, without excused absence, may result in a motion for the removal of such member failing to attend. Any such motion may be made at a meeting of the Central Committee and voted upon at the succeeding meeting after appropriate notice to the affected member.

Section 3. The Secretary, or another person in his/her absence, shall record minutes of all meetings of the County Central and Executive Committee Meetings.

Section 4. A quorum consists of all Central and Executive Committee members present minus one.

ARTICLE V Endorsements

Section 1. At any time, the Logan County Democratic Central or Executive Committee may make Pre-Primary endorsements for any office providing that 60% of the members of the Committee present and voting on such question so determine.

Section 2. At any time, the Logan County Democratic Central or Executive Committee may make endorsements on any issue or proposed constitutional amendment providing that 60% of the members of the Committee present and voting on such question so determine.

ARTICLE VI Committees

Section 1. The Central and Executive Committees shall establish the following committees and such other ad-hoc committees as they deem necessary to the operation and business of the Logan County Democratic Party: Finance Committee, Public Relations Committee, Voter Contact Committee, Candidate Search Committee, and an Events Committee.

Section 2. The Finance Committee of the Logan County Democratic Central and Executive Committees shall have the primary responsibility of soliciting all contributions and promoting all fundraising activities for the party.

Section 3. The Public Relations Committee of the Logan County Democratic Central & Executive Committees shall have the primary responsibility of communicating important information to the electorate, and maintaining good communications with the news media.

Section 4. The Voter Contact Committee of the Logan County Democratic Central and Executive Committees shall have the primary responsibility of setting up canvasses for endorsed candidates, issues or proposed constitutional amendment. They will also be responsible for the coordination of yard sign distribution to willing locations. Each member of the Logan County Democratic Central & Executive Committees will serve on the Voter Contact Committee to assist with locating likely yard sign locations. A chairperson shall be elected by the Central and Executive Committees as a whole.

Section 5. The Candidate Search Committee of the Logan County Democratic Central and Executive Committees shall have the primary responsibility of recruiting and nominating all members of the County Central Committee, County, City, and Township elected office, Boards of Education candidates and recommending to the Ohio Democratic Party any possible candidates for State Representative, State Senator or U.S. Representative.

Section 6. The Events Committee of the Logan County Democratic Central and Executive Committees shall have the primary responsibility of organizing and planning a spring dinner, summer picnic, and a fall dinner. They may also organize and plan any other events as desired. The makeup of the Events Committee will be a combination of both the Finance and Public Relations Committees.

ARTICLE VII Party Unity

Section 1. All members of the party, candidates for office, party officers, party committees and organizations, and elected Democratic officials shall support the principles of the Logan County Democratic Party, the Ohio Democratic Party, and the National Democratic Party.

ARTICLE VIII Oath of Offices

Section 1. All officers of the Logan County Central Committee shall take an oath of office to support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Ohio, the Constitution and Bylaws of the Democratic Central and Executive Committees of Logan County, Ohio.

ARTICLE IX Roberts Rules of Order

Section 1. Any matters regarding the conduct of the affairs of the Logan County Central and Executive Committees not governed by this Constitution and Bylaws or by the laws of the State of Ohio shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order

ARTICLE X Amendments

Section 1. This Constitution and Bylaws may be amended by 60% of the members of the Logan County Central Committee, after review by and with the recommendation of the Bylaws Committee, at any meeting called for that purpose. Proposed amendments and changes will be provided in writing at the meeting in which amendments or changes are to be voted.

ARTICLE XI Auditing

Section 1. The annual financial reports of the Treasurer of the Central and Executive Committees, and all other reports to be filed with the Board of Elections or other public bodies, shall be audited by the 20th day of January of each year. The officers of the Executive Committee and two other persons with

accounting knowledge and background, as designated by the Treasurer, shall perform the audit at a time and place designated by the Treasurer.

ARTICLE XII
Previous Constitution and Bylaws

Section 1. This Constitution and Bylaws supersede any and all other previous Constitutions and Bylaws of the Democratic Central and Executive Committees of Logan County and shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted at Bellefontaine, Ohio this
18th day of December, 2017, by the
Logan County Democratic Central
And Executive Committee.

Adam Brannon, Chairperson