

THE METRO ATLANTA REPUBLICANS
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ARTICLE 1 - PREAMBLE AND PURPOSE

Section 1.1. PREAMBLE. These rules and bylaws shall govern all aspects of the Metro Atlanta Republicans including, but not limited to, its assets, activities, meetings, and committees.

Section 1.2. PURPOSE.

(1) Metro Atlanta Republicans care about the future of our state, the culture of politics, and the direction of our party. We are cosmopolitan in our world view, conservative in our demeanor, and professional in our vocations whatever they may be.

(2) We encourage informed and active participation in our government, and we help the citizens of Metro Atlanta gain a better understanding of the top political issues that they face, so that they can become more informed voters.

(3) We are passionate supporters of the Metro County Republican Party organizations and coordinate with them. We work hard to promote conservatism through advocacy, volunteerism, and supporting the election of Republicans in local, State, and National Elections.

(4) Our values include diversity, equality, civil liberty, fiscal responsibility, and personal empowerment. We seek to put these values into action by building a better Georgia for every citizen in every community. That begins with us building community forward where we live in the neighborhoods which make up Metro Atlanta.

(5) We are committed to developing the most effective Republican Ambassadors possible to reach out to all of the diverse communities of Metro Atlanta. We believe that liberty benefits everyone.

ARTICLE 2 - MEMBERSHIP

Section 2.1. MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY. All electors (or those on a legal path to becoming an elector) who are in accord with the principles of the Republican Party, believe in its declaration of policy and are in sympathy with its aims and purposes to support and elect Republican nominees to public office may participate as members of the Metro Atlanta Republicans organization.

Section 2.2. MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS. Any person thus eligible shall be admitted to membership in the Metro Atlanta Republicans organization upon payment of annual dues in amounts to be recommended by the Executive Committee. Membership shall be based on a calendar year.

Section 2.3. VOTING PRIVILEGES. Upon payment of annual dues, any person admitted for membership and who meets the criteria to be a member of the Metro Atlanta Republicans organization as set forth in Section 2.1 and 2.2, shall then become a voting member when it comes to electing officers.

ARTICLE 3 - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 3.1. AUTHORITY. The Executive Committee shall act in all respects as the decision making body for the Metro Atlanta Republicans

Section 3.2. MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS. The Executive Committee shall consist of:

- (1) individuals who are members of their respective Metro County Republican parties;
- (2) citizens of the State of Georgia; and

(3) paid and active members of the Metro Atlanta Republicans organization for no less than one year and who support the purpose of the Metro Atlanta Republicans organization as described in Section 1.2. This requirement will be waived for the first term of officers to the organization.

Section 3.3 REMOVAL FROM OFFICE. Any Executive Committee member, may be removed from office for cause by a vote of a two-thirds (2/3) of the Executive Committee; provided however, such individual must be given written notice of said meeting at least thirty (30) days in advance thereof, setting forth the grounds for removal, and be given an opportunity to be heard in person or by his representative.

Section 3.4. MEMBERSHIP. The members of the Executive Committee shall be:

- (1) President
- (2) Vice President
- (3) Treasurer
- (4) Communication Chair
- (5) Membership Chair
- (6) Secretary
- (7) County Liaison
- (8) At Large Position
- (9) At Large Position

Section 3.5. DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. The Executive Committee shall:

(1) act to enhance the prestige and reputation and to act to enhance the prestige and reputation of the Organization as well as increase membership, their civic involvement and promote our Metro Republican values.;

(2) fix the place, and where applicable, the time of all Meetings, and shall make arrangements for those meetings; and

(3) act as the sole judge of the qualifications of its own members, and decide all controversies and contests arising within its jurisdiction, subject to these Rules and applicable Georgia law.

ARTICLE 4 - OFFICERS

The Metro Atlanta Republicans and their respective duties and responsibilities are:

Section 4.1 PRESIDENT. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Metro Atlanta Republicans and:

- (1) shall have general charge and control of all affairs and properties;

- (2) may sign and execute all authorized bonds, contracts, or other obligations;
- (3) shall have general powers and duties of supervision and management normally vested in the office of chief executive officer, chairman, or president of a corporation;
- (4) shall preside at all meetings;
- (5) shall be the official spokesperson; and
- (6) shall oversee the administration of the Executive Committee.

Section 4.2. VICE PRESIDENT. The Vice President shall perform the duties and exercise all the powers and prerogatives of the President in her absence or in the event of her temporary disability.

Section 4.3. COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR. The Communication Chair shall:

- (1) give notice of all meetings and all other notices required; and
- (2) maintain the website and social media for the organization.

Section 4.4. TREASURER. The Treasurer is the chief financial officer and treasurer of the Metro Atlanta Republicans and, in such capacity as chief financial officer and treasurer shall:

- (1) maintain all corporate filings with the State of Georgia and tax status with the IRS.
- (2) collect all moneys due;
- (3) have custody of all the funds;
- (4) keep full and accurate account of receipts and disbursements and shall maintain a record of all properties and assets which account and record shall be open for inspection by any member of the Executive Committee;
- (5) deposit all moneys and other valuables in the name and to the credit of the appropriate the Metro Atlanta Republicans entity such depository or depositories as may be designated by the Executive Committee;
- (6) disburse funds for authorized obligations in accordance with the approved annual operating budget, taking proper vouchers for such disbursements;
- (7) render to the Executive Committee an account of all his transactions as and of the financial condition of the Metro Atlanta Republicans; and
- (8) perform such other duties and functions as may be assigned by the President.

Section 4.5. MEMBERSHIP CHAIR. The Membership Chair shall:

- (1) be responsible for recruiting new members to the organization;
- (2) be responsible for promptly notifying any member of the Executive and or membership who becomes delinquent in the payment of dues; and
- (3) perform such other duties and functions as may be assigned by the President.

Section 4.6. SECRETARY. The Secretary shall:

- (1) complete minutes of all meetings, including all records, documents, and data;
- (2) organize and lead the committee heads and
- (3) perform such other duties and functions as may be assigned by the President.

Section 4.7. COUNTY LIAISON. The County Liaison shall:

- (1) liaison with the Metro County Republican parties;
- (2) provide a monthly report on Metro County Republican party activities; and
- (3) perform such other duties and functions as may be assigned by the President.

Section 4.8 AT LARGE POSITION. This position will be decided on a later date.

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Section 4.10 DISBURSEMENTS. The Treasurer shall be empowered to make payments on behalf of the Metro Atlanta Republicans.

(1) Payments in the amount of \$100 or less shall require approval of both the President and Treasurer.

(2) Payments in the amount of more than \$100 shall require a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

Section 4.11. ELECTIONS.

(1) The Officers shall be elected each year by the Membership present at the November General Meeting. Elected officers shall take their office beginning January 1 of the following year and serve for one year.

(2) All elections shall be had and all questions shall be decided by a majority of the votes cast at a duly constituted General Meeting, except as by these Rules.

Section 4.12. OFFICER VACANCIES.

(1) Should the office of President, Secretary or Treasurer become vacant for any reason, the Executive Committee, by majority vote, will elect a new President, Secretary or Treasurer at a duly called meeting, which meeting shall be held within thirty (30) days of the occurrence of said vacancy. The intention to fill such a vacancy shall be set forth in the written notice of the meeting sent to each Executive Committee member.

(2) Should any Metro Atlanta Republicans Officer position other than that of President, Secretary or Treasurer become vacant for any reason, then the Executive Committee shall fill such vacancy (and any vacancy created as a result of an incumbent officer being elected to a different office), at its next regular or special meeting, by a majority vote.

ARTICLE 5 – COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Section 5.1. AUTHORITY. The Executive Committee will assign Committee Chairs when necessary to achieve the goals of the Metro Atlanta Republicans.

Section 5.2. RESPONSIBILITIES. Each Committee Chair shall do the following:

- (1) create a committee of at least three people;
- (2) provide a report to the Executive Committee regarding the activities of the committee; and
- (3) brief the organization during a monthly meeting.

Section 5.3 REMOVAL FROM OFFICE. Any Committee Chair may be removed from office by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 6 - MEETINGS

Section 6.1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

(1) The Executive Committee shall meet at least five times a year. Executive Committee meetings can be held by phone, web, or in person. An Executive Committee meeting will require at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of the officers present to have a quorum.

(2) Special meetings of the Executive Committee or may be called at any time for any purpose by the President upon the request in writing of a majority of all the members of such committee entitled to vote on the business to be transacted at such meeting. Such request shall state the purpose or purposes of the meeting.

(3) The President or, if he is not present, the Vice President shall preside over all meetings of the Executive Committee or if none of said officers is present, another Executive Committee shall be elected at the meeting. The Secretary shall act as secretary of each meeting of the Executive Committee. In the absence of the Secretary the presiding officer may appoint a person to act as Secretary of the meeting.

(4) Any action required or permitted to be taken by either the Executive Committee may be approved by the members of such committee without a meeting if the action is approved by members of such committee holding at least a majority of the voting power.

Section 6.2. GENERAL MEETINGS.

(1) Each General Meeting shall be held in a Metro Atlanta County as designated by the President.

(2) General Meetings will occur once a month or as designated by the President.

ARTICLE 7 - MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Section 7.1. AMENDMENTS. These Rules may be amended at any by the Executive Committee by a two-thirds vote.

Section 7.2. CONFLICT OF RULES. To the extent that these Rules, or provision hereof, is or becomes in conflict with the Rules of the Georgia Republican Party, the Georgia Election Code, or the Georgia Municipal Election Code, such provision is superseded thereby and void, and the remainder of these Rules shall not be affected.

Section 7.3. FISCAL YEAR. The fiscal year of the Metro Atlanta Republicans shall end on the last day of December of each year.

Section 7.4. RULES OF ORDER. The latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall be followed in all conventions and meetings, unless modified by:

- (1) the Rules of the Georgia Republican Party;
- (2) these Rules; or
- (3) a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

Section 7.5. EFFECTIVE DATE OF THESE RULES. These Rules and any amendments thereto, shall become effective immediately upon approval by 2/3 of the Executive Committee.

RATIFICATION

These Amended Rules and Bylaws were adopted on February 17, 2019

History

Adopted