



Democratic Party

Township of Wall

ORGANIZATION BYLAWS

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Article I – Names and Titles

1. The Executive Committee shall be comprised of the Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson, and all officers serving at the pleasure of the Chairperson. (Hereinafter referred to as “Executive Committee.”)
2. The Wall Township Democratic Organization shall be comprised solely of the County Committeepersons. (Hereinafter referred to as “County Committee.”)

Article II –Executive Committee

1. The Executive Committee, with the exception of the Vice Chairperson, shall be appointed by the Chairperson at the Re-Organization Meeting of the County Committee or as soon thereafter as possible, held within ten days following the primary election for the general election as provided for by state statute and shall serve for a term of two years to correspond with the term of the County Committeepersons.
2. The Chairperson shall, with the exception of the Vice Chairperson, fill vacancies that should arise in the Executive Committee
3. Members of the Executive Committee shall, with the exception of the Vice Chairperson serve at the pleasure of the Chairperson.
4. Members of the Executive Committee may include Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Sergeant at Arms. The Chairperson may appoint to some or all of these positions at his/her pleasure.

Article III – Elections

1. Any person interested in being a candidate for the positions of Chairperson or Vice Chairperson shall submit his/her name and voting address to the outgoing Chairperson no later than ten (10) days before the Re-Organization Meeting of the County Committee.
 - a. Such notice shall be in writing.
 - b. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the annual organizational meeting only in the event that a previously contested election becomes uncontested.
2. The County Committee shall elect a Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson at the Re-Organization Meeting of the County Committee, held within ten days following the primary election for the general election as provided for by state statute and shall serve for a term of two years to correspond with the term of the County Committeepersons.
 - a. The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson must be of the opposite sex, therefore;
 - b. The election of Chairperson shall take place prior to the election of Vice Chairperson.
3. If there is no contest for either office, the election shall be held by voice vote.



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4. If there is a contest for either office, election for that office shall be by secret written ballot and the winner shall be declared as the person with a majority of votes of those in attendance at the meeting at which the election is held.
 - a. If no candidate achieves a majority vote on the first ballot, there shall be a second ballot between those candidates who have received at least twenty-five (25%) percent or more of the ballots cast.
 - b. If no candidate receives a majority vote on the second ballot, there shall be a third ballot between the two candidates receiving the greatest number of votes. The candidate receiving the greater number of votes as between the two candidates shall be deemed elected.

Article IV – Meetings

1. Regular meetings of the County and Executive Committees shall be held at the request of the Chairperson.
 - a. All members are expected to be in attendance during these meetings.
2. The Chairperson is solely responsible for setting the agenda for County and Executive Committee meetings.
3. Special meetings may be called by the Chairperson at any time, the same to be held at such time and place as may be designated in the call.
 - a. The Chairperson shall call special meetings when requested in writing by seventy-five (75%) percent of the total membership of the Committee. Such written request shall be addressed and delivered to the Chairperson.
 - b. Special meetings shall be called no later than fourteen (14) days after receipt by the Chairperson of a valid written request.
4. Any Action taken by the committee, except where otherwise provided for in these bylaws, shall require a confirmation vote of a majority of the County Committee Members present.
 - a. Any Action may be proposed by the Chairperson.
 - b. The Chairperson has no vote unless the members of the County Committee are equally divided.
 - c. In the absence of the Chairperson, should the members of the County Committee be equally divided, the Vice Chairperson shall cast the deciding vote.
5. All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order except where these bylaws contain inconsistent provisions in which case these bylaws shall prevail.
6. The members of the County Committee shall not convene a meeting or take any official Action without the consent of the Chairperson unless the Chairperson has failed to act pursuant to Section 3a-b of this Article.



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Article V – Permanent Officers

1. The Chairperson Shall:

- a. Be the leader of the Party and its official representative to all county and state-level events.
- b. Report all pertinent information to the county and state party and election officials.
- c. Preside at all meetings of the County and Executive Committees.
- d. Serve as a member of all ad hoc committees with the right to vote.
- e. Faithfully execute the decisions of the County Committee.
- f. Together with the Treasurer, approve all expenditures.
- g. Set the agenda for County and Executive Committee meetings.
- h. Retain professional services as needed.
- i. Possess the authority to enter into and execute in the name of the Wall Township Democratic Organization, contracts or other instruments in the regular course of business.
- j. Exercise any powers not specifically prohibited to him/her nor reserved for the County Committee by these Bylaws, Monmouth County Democrats bylaws, or state statute.

2. The Vice Chairperson Shall:

- a. Perform all duties assigned by the Chairperson.
- b. Assume all of the duties and responsibilities of Chairperson in the absence of the Chairperson.
- c. In the event of the death, resignation, disqualification or incapacity of the Chairperson to discharge the duties of the office, the Vice Chairperson shall become vested with the authority, privilege, powers and responsibility of the office of the Chairperson and shall perform such duties until an election is held in accordance with Article VIII, Section 2 of these bylaws.

3. The Recording Secretary Shall:

- a. Prepare all documents necessary to facilitate meetings.
- b. Keep full and correct minutes of the proceedings of the Executive Board and of the Committee.
- c. Keep a complete roster of all members of the Committee.
- d. Supervise all miscellaneous correspondences and duties requested by the Chairperson or the County Committee.
- e. At the expiration of the term of office or upon removal from office for any reason, deliver all Committee property in his/her possession or control to the Chairperson.

4. The Treasurer Shall:

- a. Keep full and complete accounts of all moneys received and disbursed.



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- b. Together with the Chairperson, approve all expenditures.
 - c. Prepare and file such financial statements as may be required by law.
 - d. Prepare and keep budgets for various events as requested by the Chairperson or the County Committee.
 - e. At the expiration of the term of office or upon removal from office for any reason, deliver all Committee property in his/her possession or control to the Chairperson.
5. County Committee Members Shall:
- a. Be the chief party representatives within their respective municipal districts.
 - b. Advocate party platforms, policies, and candidates to their constituents.
 - c. Assist the municipal party with elections and, specifically, serve as a challenger on the general Election Day in the municipal district in which they reside.
 - d. Attend all Municipal Committee meetings.

Article VI – Ad Hoc Committees

1. The County Committee may establish ad hoc committees.
- a. These committees shall be created by Actions of the County Committee and shall be in existence for a term to be prescribed in the Action establishing each committee.
 - b. Ad hoc committees whose term shall expire following the next intervening Organizational Meeting of the Wall Township Democratic Organization shall be automatically dissolved at said meeting.
 - c. The Chairperson of ad hoc committees shall be appointed by the Municipal Chairperson and shall serve at the pleasure of the Municipal Chairperson.
 - d. Membership of ad hoc committees shall be voluntary and is open unless the Municipal Chairperson or the Chairperson of the ad hoc committee to which a person desires to be appointed objects to said membership in which case the person desiring a position shall be denied.
 - e. Chairpersons appointed under this article are subject to Article IX of these bylaws. Should the County Committee decide to exercise its impeachment power for a Chairperson of any ad hoc committee, the committee itself shall remain until its expiration.
 - i. The Municipal Chairperson shall appoint a replacement Chairperson for said office.
 - ii. Should the Municipal Chairperson fail to appoint a replacement within thirty (30) days of the vacancy, the Committee shall be automatically dissolved.



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- f. The dissolution of any ad hoc committee before its term expires shall require a confirmation vote of seventy-five (75%) percent of the County Committee.

Article VII – Non-permanent Offices

1. The County Committee may establish non-permanent offices on the Executive Committee.
 - a. These offices shall be created by Actions of the County Committee and shall be in existence for a term to be prescribed in the Action establishing each office.
 - b. Non-permanent offices whose term shall expire following the next intervening Organizational Meeting of the Wall Township Democratic Organization shall be automatically dissolved at said meeting.
 - c. These additional offices, once established, shall be filled by appointment from the Municipal Chairperson and officers filling said offices shall serve at the pleasure of the Municipal Chairperson.
 - d. Officers appointed under this article are subject to Article IX of these bylaws. Should the County Committee decide to exercise its impeachment power for an officer in any non-permanent office, the office itself shall remain until its expiration.
 - i. The Chairperson shall appoint a replacement officer for said office.
 - ii. Should the Chairperson fail to appoint a replacement within thirty (30) days of the vacancy, the office shall be automatically dissolved.
 - e. The dissolution of any non-permanent office before its term expires shall require a confirmation vote of seventy-five (75%) percent of the County Committee.

Article VIII – Filling Vacancies

1. A vacancy in the county committee caused by death, resignation, failure to elect or otherwise, shall be filled by the Municipal Chairperson for the unexpired term.
2. A vacancy in the office of Chairperson shall be filled by the elected county committee members at a meeting held within sixty (60) days of the vacancy unless the annual meeting falls within the period of sixty (60) days.
 - a. The Vice Chairperson shall serve as Chairperson in the intervening period.
3. A vacancy in the office of Vice Chairperson of the Committee shall be filled by the elected county committee members at a meeting held within sixty (60) days of the vacancy unless the annual meeting falls within the period of sixty (60) days.



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- a. The Chairperson may appoint a Vice Chairperson to serve in the intervening period.
4. Vacancies in any other office may be filled by appointment from the Chairperson.

Article IX – Impeachment

1. The confirmation of seventy-five (75%) percent of the seated County Committeepersons at any meeting shall be sufficient to remove any member of the Executive Committee from office for failure to complete duties and responsibilities placed upon them by these Bylaws or by Committee Action.

Article X – Amendments

1. The County Committee, whenever seventy-five (75%) percent of the seated County Committee deem it necessary, shall amend these Bylaws.
2. The Chairperson shall have the power to propose amendments to these Bylaws, subject to passage in accordance with Section 1 of this Article.

Article XI – Ratification & Supremacy

1. The confirmation of seventy-five (75%) percent of the seated County Committee in attendance at a meeting in which establishment and Bylaw amendments are presented shall be sufficient for the establishment of these Bylaws.
2. These bylaws shall become effective immediately upon ratification and shall supersede all previous bylaws of the Committee.