

WEXFORD COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I. NAME

This organization shall be known as the Wexford County Democratic Party.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

The purpose of Wexford County Democratic Party (sometimes referred to as the “Party”) is to assist in developing the philosophy of the Democratic Party, to promote that philosophy, to recruit candidates for office, to elect Democrats to office, and to promote wide and active participation in the Democratic Party.

The Wexford County Democratic Party shall be a non-profit organization and upon its dissolution, all assets and real and personal property of the Party and its committees shall be distributed by the County Committee to such charitable, religious, educational, and scientific entities within Wexford County that the County Committee in its sole discretion deems advisable. No part of the income or assets of the Party shall inure to any of its members except for the reimbursement of actual expenses, reasonable compensation for services or goods if the Party approves, or a contribution for electing a member to office if the Party so approves.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

The Wexford County Democratic Party shall consist of the County Committee, the County Officers, all duly elected Democratic Wexford County precinct delegates during their term and all registered members of the Michigan Democratic Party who reside in Wexford County.

ARTICLE IV. COUNTY COMMITTEE

Section 1. The County Committee shall be selected in accordance with the Rules of the Michigan Democratic Party.

Section 2. The County Committee duly elected in accordance with this Article may expand membership of the County Committee as it deems necessary or advisable.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS OF THE WEXFORD COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Section 1. The officers of the Wexford County Democratic Party shall consist at a minimum of a Chair, a Vice-Chair, and a Secretary.

Section 2. The County Committee shall elect the officers set forth above within 30 days of the convening of the Fall County Convention in even numbered years.

Section 3. The County Committee shall have the power to elect additional officers from time to time which in its judgment are necessary to carry out the purposes of the County Committee.

Section 4. The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Party, and have such other duties as are usual to the office of County Chair, or that may be required by this organization.

Section 5. The Vice-Chair shall assist the Chair in the discharge of his or her duties, and shall temporarily assume the duties and responsibilities of the Chair in his or her absence.

Section 6. The Secretary shall keep minutes of the meetings of the Party and the County Committee. The Secretary shall keep and preserve the books and records of the Party and the County Committee. When a new secretary is elected the past secretary shall forthwith deliver to the newly elected secretary all the aforesaid items kept and preserved during his or her tenure of office.

Section 7. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the financial receipts and disbursements of the Party subject to the approval of the County Committee. The funds of the Party shall be deposited in a financial institution and shall be drawn upon only by checks signed by any two of the following officers: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Treasurer shall make financial reports to the Party and the County Committee as requested from time to time. When a new Treasurer is elected, the past Treasurer shall forthwith deliver to the new Treasurer the funds and all the books and records kept during his or her tenure in office.

Section 8. The County Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancy on the County Committee or of any officer of the County Committee.

ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS

Section 1. The time and place for all public meetings of the County Committee and the Wexford County Democratic Party on all levels shall be posted at least 5 business days before the meeting on the Party's website. .

Section 2. A quorum of the Wexford County Democratic Party meeting shall consist of either the Chair or the Vice-Chair and at least 2 other Party members.

Section 3. A quorum of the County Committee shall consist of any two members present at any meeting.

Section 4. Any two members of the County Committee may call a special meeting of the County Committee. At least 5 business days' notice shall be given of the date and time, place, and

purpose of the special meeting. The Secretary shall post such notice on the Party's website at the request of any member of the County Committee.

Section 5. The Chair or Vice-Chair of the Party may call a special meeting of the Party at any time. At least 5 business days' notice shall be given of the date and time, place, and purpose of the special meeting. The Secretary shall post such notice on the Party's website at the request of the Chair or Vice Chair.

Section 6. Meetings of the County Committee and the Party shall be conducted according to the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order unless otherwise determined by the County Committee.

ARTICLE VII. FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES

Section 1. The Wexford County Democratic Party shall support broad participation without discrimination on grounds of actual or perceived race, color, creed, sex, age, national origin, economic status, religion, ethnic identity, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, physical appearance or disability.

Section 2. On all questions of procedure not resolved by the Rules of the Michigan Democratic Party or these Bylaws, the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall be used.

Section 3. Votes shall not be taken by secret ballot at any meeting of the Wexford County Democratic Party at any level.

Section 4. Civility Clause. At events organized by the Wexford County Democratic Party all representative members are responsible for maintaining a civil and respectful manner.

Members who do not follow this rule will not be able to participate in public events hosted by the Wexford County Democratic Party. Our group aim is to further the peaceful progress of our community, to be positive examples of democracy and effective leaders in diplomacy.

ARTICLE VIII. COMMITTEES

Section 1. A Candidate Recruitment Committee shall be a standing committee of the Wexford County Democratic Party. The Chair of the Party shall appoint the members of the Candidate Recruitment Committee, who shall then appoint a Chair of the Committee from its membership.

Section 2. The Chair may create from time to time such other committees as the Chair deems necessary or advisable and shall appoint the members of such committees, who shall then appoint a Chair of such committee from its membership. The County Committee may revoke this power and/or abolish any such committees at any time. The County Committee may also adopt additional standing committees or rules regarding committees as it deems reasonable and necessary in its judgment.

Section 3. The Chair of the Party shall be an *ex-officio* member with voting power of all standing committees.

ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENTS

Section 1. The County Committee may amend these bylaws at any time by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members of County Committee present at a meeting, provided that written notice setting forth the proposed amendment has been given to all Party members at least two (2) weeks prior to the date of the meeting.

Section 2. These bylaws shall be in full force and effect upon their adoption and shall supersede all bylaws, rules, motions and policies of a contrary nature.