



Amended and Restated
Bylaws of the
Yuma County Republican Party
Adopted December 16, 2024

The name of this organization shall be the YUMA COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE, hereinafter referred to as the “County” or “County Committee”.

The County shall be affiliated with the Arizona State Republican Party (“State”). These Bylaws shall not conflict with Arizona statutory law or Az GOP State Bylaws.

These Bylaws shall conform to Arizona Revised Statutes, National Republican Committee Bylaws, and State Republican Committee Bylaws. Priority of authority and resolution of conflicts shall be the United States Constitution, Federal laws, Arizona Constitution, Arizona Revised Statutes, National Republican Committee Bylaws, Arizona Republican Committee Bylaws and these Yuma County Republican Committee Bylaws.

Objectives

1. Recruit Republicans to serve as Elected or appointed PCs
2. Conduct Voter registration events to increase the numbers of Republicans on the voter roles
3. Conduct Get Out the Vote (GOTV) operations including calling, texting and door knocking to get voters to the polls
4. Train and assist precinct committeemen and volunteers to grow the party, register voters and achieve maximum election turnouts for Republican candidates
5. Recruit, support and elect Republican candidates for office at all levels
6. Raise funds for political activities and business affairs of the County Committee
7. Promote an informed electorate through political education promoting the Republican Platform
8. Such other objectives as may be adopted by the County, Executive Committee, or any Committee of the County

Membership

The membership of the County Committee shall consist of elected and appointed Republican Precinct Committeemen, hereinafter referred to as “PCs” of the County.

Duties of PCs.

In addition to those duties prescribed by Arizona Revised Statutes and State Bylaws, the duties of the members of this organization (PCs) shall be to:

1. Attend meetings of the County Committee
2. Assist in voter registration campaigns
3. Canvass and campaign, when able, on behalf of Republican candidates

4. Organize and assist in getting out the Republican vote
5. Help develop, maintain, and support other PCs and Republicans
6. Volunteer for committees and other efforts of the County Party

Meetings

Notice of the time, place and purpose of County Committee meetings shall be delivered to the PCs not less than 10 days before any meeting of the County. The Secretary or Chairman of the County Committee, or their designee, shall give notice of the time and place of the meeting by email at least ten days before the date of the meeting.

Regular Meetings.

The County shall hold at least ten (10) regular meetings each year. The schedule of meetings for the upcoming year shall be determined by the Executive Committee

Special Meetings.

Special meetings of the County may be called (1) by the Chairman, or (2) at the written request of a majority of the voting members of the Executive Committee, or (3) at the written request of a majority of the PCs elected and appointed at the time of the call. The Chairman shall set the time, date and venue for the Special Meeting within ten (10) days of receipt of a properly executed Call. The date of the meeting shall be within forty (40) days of receipt of a properly executed Call.

Statutory Meeting.

The Statutory Meeting of the County, pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes shall be held no earlier than the day after the General Election (even numbered years) and no later than the second Saturday in January, for the purpose of electing County Officers and State Committeemen, and for such other purposes as may be appropriate. Only PCs elected at the primary election prior to the County Statutory Organizational Meeting shall be permitted to vote at the Statutory Meeting or serve as a County Officer. Elected Officers or a person running for office are not eligible to serve as a Yuma County Officer. In the event an elected County Committee Officer decides to run for another Office they must resign upon their announcement of candidacy or filing nominating petitions for any paid elected office from the County Committee Office, but may continue as a PC.

Quorum.

A quorum for the transaction of business, at meetings of the County, shall be twenty-five percent (25%) of the PCs entitled to vote at such meeting, present in person or by proxy.

Robert's Rules of Order.

All meetings of the County shall be held with proper decorum. Robert's Rules of Order should be used to resolve any conflicts.

Elected Officers.

The elected Officers of the County shall be a Chairman, 1st Vice Chairman(VC), 2nd VC, Secretary and Treasurer.

The Officers shall be elected at the Statutory Organizational Meeting of the County as prescribed by the Arizona Revised Statutes and these Bylaws. Elected Officers serve a two-year term beginning at their election. Officers shall serve in their office until the next Statutory Organizational Meeting when their successors are elected.

Vacancies

In the event of a vacancy occurring, the Chairman may appoint an interim officer that may fill in for a period no longer than 60 days. At the next meeting of the County the body may approve the appointment by voice vote or call for an election to fill the vacant position.

Appointed Officers.

With the consent of the Executive Committee, the Chairman may appoint additional Vice Chairs and Assistant Officers as deemed appropriate. Notice of any appointment shall be given to the County by the Secretary.

Duties of Elected Officers.**Chairman**

1. Preside at and Chair meetings of the County and Executive Committee.
2. Serve as State Committeeman. Represent the County as a State Committeeman and member of the AZGOP Executive Committee in accordance with State Bylaws and Arizona Revised Statutes
3. Serve as State Convention Delegate

4. Appoint PCs to Committees and Sub-Committees with the consent of the Executive Committee
5. Serve as an ex-officio member of selected County committees, except the Elections Committee if running for office
6. Appoint PCs upon receiving an application for PC appointment and following the appropriate process with the Yuma County Board of Supervisors.

1st Vice Chairman

1. Assist County Committee Chairman
2. Preside in Chairman's Absence
3. Serve as a member of the County Executive Committee
4. As assigned by the Chairman, oversee, chair or serve on selected committees. Except the Elections Committee if running for Office
5. Serve as a State Committeeman and member of the AZGOP Executive Committee in accordance with State Bylaws and Arizona Revised Statutes
6. Serve as State Convention Delegate.
7. Perform other duties as assigned by Chairman or Executive Committee.

2nd Vice Chairman

1. Assist the Chairman and 1st Vice Chairman.
2. Serve as a member on County Executive Committee
3. Preside at meetings in the absence of the Chairman and 1st Vice Chairman.
4. As assigned by the Chairman oversee, chair, or serve on selected committees, except the Elections Committee if running for office
4. Represent the County as a State Committeeman and member of the AZGOP Executive Committee in accordance with State Bylaws and Arizona Revised Statutes
5. Serve as Delegate to State Convention.
6. Perform other duties as assigned by the Chairman

Secretary

1. Prepare meeting agendas at the direction of the Chairman and distribute according to these Bylaws, for County and Executive Committee meetings.
2. Take and record attendance and take minutes of all County and Executive Committee meetings.
3. Keep a complete and up-to-date roster of the PCs, Officers, State Convention Delegates and Alternate Delegates, and State Committeemen of the County.

4. Serve as a member of the County Executive Committee
5. Serve on Committees as assigned
6. Communicate notices of County and Executive Committee meetings to each PC or Executive Committee member at least ten (10) days prior to such meeting
7. Must have proficiency with Microsoft Word, Outlook, and Excel.
8. Perform other duties as prescribed by the Chairman with the consent of the Executive Committee.

Treasurer

1. Comply with and perform the duties set forth in Arizona Revised Statutes
2. Receive and be custodian of all funds of the County and pay all bills as approved by the Executive Committee.
3. Keep an account of moneys received and disbursed and report at regular County and Executive Committee meetings.
4. Submit federal, state, local or other applicable jurisdiction reports.
5. Publish an annual financial report to the County and such other reports as required by law.
6. Make the County's financial records available for an annual audit or financial review by such agents or persons as the Executive Committee may determine.
7. As assigned by the Chairman, and with the consent of the Executive Committee, oversee, chair, or serve on selected committees, except the Elections Committee.
8. Secure and post such bond as deemed appropriate and necessary by the Executive Committee.

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall oversee the operations of the County. The Executive Committee shall also focus on providing PCs meaningful and rewarding opportunities to serve.

The Executive Committee shall include the Chairman, 1st Vice Chairman, 2nd Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. The outgoing Chairman may serve as an Ex-officio member of the Executive Committee serving at the pleasure of the new Chairman.

Meetings.

The Executive Committee shall meet regularly before regular meetings of the County. The Executive Committee may hold more frequent regular meetings as deemed appropriate and necessary. Regular meetings shall be open to the PCs.

Special meetings of the Executive Committee may be called by the Chairman or the Secretary or upon the request of four Executive Committee members. Notice of each special meeting of the Executive Committee shall be given to members of the Executive Committee as provided in this section.

1 At the discretion of the Chairman and the consent of a majority of the members of the Executive Committee, the Executive Committee may go into, or schedule, Executive Session.

2 Notice of the date, time, place and purpose of regular and special meetings of the Executive Committee shall be given to the Executive Committee. Notice shall be given electronically to each Executive Committee member.

3 A quorum for the transaction of business at any regular or special meeting of the Executive Committee shall be 3 of the Executive Committee members present in person or electronically.

4 Voting at Executive Committee meetings shall be by voice or by raise of hands. The Chairman shall determine and announce the outcome of all votes. All Executive Committee action shall be by majority vote of the Executive Committee members present in an Executive Committee meeting at which there is a quorum.

5 The Executive Committee may meet in person, virtually or in a hybrid of virtual and in person. Each Executive Committee member participating shall be deemed to be personally participating regardless of the meeting format used.

6 Executive Committee meetings shall be open to any registered PC. The County Chairman may limit in person participation in Executive Committee meetings to members of the Executive Committee if insufficient space is available for in person participation by non-Executive Committee PCs or if an Executive Session of the Executive Committee is scheduled. Meetings of the Executive Committee are not subject to Arizona Revised Statutes open meeting laws.

7 All meetings of the County shall be held with proper decorum. Robert's Rules of Order should be used to resolve any conflicts.

County Elections

The County shall elect, from among the PCs:

1 Officers at the Statutory Organizational Meeting in even numbered years from list of elected PCs.

2 State Committeemen and Alternate Committeeman at the County meeting in even numbered years.

3 State Convention Delegates and Alternate Delegates in odd numbered years at the County meeting preceding presidential election years from registered Republican Yuma County electors.

County Committee Elections

County Committee elections will be conducted by the Elections Committee. The Chairman of the Elections Committee shall be the County Elections Officer (“Elections Officer”). No elected Officer shall serve as the Chairman or as a member of the Elections Committee.

In the event any member of the Committee is nominated for election as an Officer and, upon notice of the nomination or possible nomination, chooses to accept the nomination, such Committee member shall immediately resign from the Committee.

Election

1 At the Statutory Organizational Meeting in even numbered years the County will have an election of Officers, elected PCs shall elect the following Officers:

- Chairman
- 1st Vice Chairman
- 2nd Vice Chairman
- Secretary
- Treasurer

2 In even numbered years the County will elect State Committeemen where elected PCs shall elect the number of State Committeemen and Alternates allocated to the County. The County Chairman, 1st Vice Chairman and 2nd Vice Chairman are State Committeemen in accordance with State Bylaws and Arizona Revised Statutes

Nominations and Ballots.

1. In even numbered years, the Officers nominations process shall begin after the 1st Tuesday following the Primary Election in which PCs are elected. The Committee shall seek candidates for each County office.

Only elected PCs are eligible to be nominated for any elected Officer position and shall not have contributed or supported a candidate of another party within the last two elections (4 years), if there was a Republican running in that race.

The Committee shall submit the name of at least one nominee for each office after having obtained the consent of the nominee to serve if elected. All elected PCs desiring to serve shall be nominated. Ballots will be prepared containing the names of the nominees for each Officer position.

Each ballot will include space for floor nominations for each position. The ballot will be sent to the County at least 15 days before the Statutory Organizational Meeting.

2. The Committee shall seek candidates for each State Committeeman position to be elected. Only elected PC's may be nominated and shall not have supported or contributed to candidates of other parties in the last two elections(4 years), if there was a Republican running in that race. A ballot shall be prepared with the names of those who are nominated for the office of State Committeeman by the Committee. Space shall be on the ballot to write the names of those nominated from the floor. The County Chairman, 1st Vice Chairman, and 2nd Vice Chairman are State Committeemen by virtue of their office. The ballot for State Committeeman with the nominees shall be sent to the County at least 15 days before the Statutory Organizational Meeting.

3. In odd numbered years the Elections Committee shall provide for the election of the allocated number of delegates to the state convention with an alternate for each delegate. A ballot shall be prepared with the names of those who are nominated as State Convention Delegates and Alternate Delegates by the Committee. Any registered Republican voter in the county may be nominated. The County Chairman, 1st Vice Chairman, and 2nd Vice Chairman are State Convention Delegates by virtue of their office.

Statutory Organizational Meeting.

1 The Elections Committee shall conduct the Statutory Organizational Meeting as required by Arizona Revised Statutes. The meeting shall be held on the date, time, and location shown in the County call notification. The Elections Committee shall staff the election including procuring additional PCs and non-PC volunteers as needed.

2 Duties of the Elections Committee before or at the meeting include:

- Preparation of ballots
- PC registration and credentials review
- Certification of proxies
- Distribution of ballots

- Certification of a quorum for the election
- Taking of floor nominations
- Providing for election by acclamation
- Conducting ballot voting
- Counting ballots
- Resolution of tie votes
- Certification of results
- Reporting results to the State Committee Secretary, Yuma County elections, and the County Committee

3 Duties of the Elections Officer at the meeting include:

- Chairing the Statutory Organizational Meeting
- Ensuring the integrity of the election
- Ensuring compliance with County and State Bylaws, and with applicable statutes

Notice of Election of Officers.

No later than 30 days prior to the election, the Elections Committee shall notify all PCs of the election of officers to be held at the Statutory Organizational Meeting. The notice shall include information regarding nomination of candidates for Officers. The notice shall conform to the requirements of Arizona Revised Statutes.

No later than 10 days before the election the Elections Committee shall send a draft ballot to PCs.

Order of Election at the Statutory Organizational Meeting.

1 At the Statutory Organizational Meeting the County Chairman shall call the meeting to order and proceed with the agenda until the item “Statutory Organizational Meeting” at which point the Chairman will turn the meeting over to the County Elections Officer.

2 The Elections Officer will call for a registration report which will include number of elected PC at the meeting, and the number of proxies being voted and certification of each proxy, and certification of a quorum.

3 After the report, the Elections Officer will conduct the election for each Office including a call for floor nominations on each Office.

4 After nominations for each office are closed the Elections Officer will move to the next office in succession until all nominations are completed.

5 When nominations for all Offices are closed and ballots cast, ballots will be submitted to the Committee. The Committee will count the votes and the Elections Officer will report the results to the meeting.

6 In the event of a tie between two candidates the election will be determined by a coin toss. In the event of a tie between more than two candidates the election will be determined by drawing from a deck of face cards with suits ranked spades (♠), hearts (♥), diamonds (♦), clubs (♣).

7 Elected Officers take their office following the Statutory Organizational Meeting. Elected officers serve until their successors are elected at the next Statutory Organizational meeting.

8 The Committee shall report the results of the Officer elections to the Secretary of the State Committee and the Yuma County Elections no later than Friday following the elections.

9 Challenges to the election, by any PC, shall be made within ten calendar days of the election.

10 Ballots shall be maintained for inspection by any PC for 60 days following the election.

Voting.

Voting at each County election shall be by printed ballot.

1 At the Statutory Organizational Meeting each elected PC will receive a ballot as they register. In the event of proxy voting, a PC or qualified elector of the same precinct authorized by the proxy will receive a ballot for each proxy they hold(max of 3).

2 At the election of State Committeemen, each elected PC will receive a ballot as they register at the meeting. In the event of proxy voting, a PC or qualified elector of the same precinct authorized by the proxy will receive a ballot for each proxy they hold(Max of 3)

3 State Convention Delegates with Alternate Delegates Election. At the election of State Convention Delegates with Alternate Delegates, each PC of record (elected or appointed) shall receive a ballot as they register for the meeting. Proxy voting shall not be permitted.

Proxy Voting.

A PC may only carry 3 proxy votes and proxies are required to be from the same precinct. The duration of any proxy shall extend only for the length of the meeting for which it is given. Every proxy shall be attested by a notary public or two witnesses.

Results

The results of all elections shall be communicated to the county committee by electronic format and posting on the County website by Friday following the election.

The Following Committees may be formed

- A. Voter Registration Committee registers and retains Republican voters
- B. Get Out the Vote Committee works to get Republican and Independent voters to vote
- C. The Election Integrity committee shall be responsible for identification of election integrity issues and election day voting process observation inside and outside the polling locations.
- D. Hispanic Outreach Committee
- E. Young Republicans Committee
- F. Fund Raising Committee
- G. Advisory Committee
- H. Social Media and Website Committee. The Social Media committee is responsible for County internal and external communications via website, emails and other social media such as Facebook, Instagram, X and others. Design and maintain the County website. Provide for posts, pages, and groups as directed by Chairman and Executive Committee.
- I. Other committees as needed

Finance

All funds obtained by the County shall be deposited in the County account within seven (7) business days of receipt of said funds.

Disbursements of funds shall require approval by the Executive Committee when over \$300.

All expenditures require receipts.

The Executive Committee shall determine who shall be authorized to sign disbursements.

The fiscal year for the County shall be the calendar year.

Parliamentary Procedure

Robert's Rules of Order, the latest printing, shall be used to resolve meeting disagreements not covered in these Bylaws. The rules may be suspended on a majority vote of PCs present in person or by proxy.

These Bylaws may be suspended with a 75% vote of registered PCs, present in person or by proxy, at a regular or special County meeting for the duration of the meeting.

These Bylaws may be amended by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the PCs present in person or by proxy at any regular or special meeting of the County duly called pursuant to these Bylaws at which there is a quorum.

Amendments may be introduced at any regular or special meeting of the County provided that the proposed amendment is on the agenda and has been presented to the County Executive. The proposed amendment shall be sent to the PCs electronically at least ten (10) days prior to

the meeting. Consideration of the amendment will be at the next meeting of the County following introduction of the amendment.

Any amendment or change that fails to pass and be adopted may not be re-introduced for at least six (6) months.

An amendment becomes effective upon adjournment of the meeting during which it is approved.

Applicable Arizona Statutes

16-821. County committee; vacancy in office of precinct committeeman

16-822. Precinct committeemen; eligibility; vacancy; duties; term

16-823. Legislative district committee; organization; boundary change; reorganization *16-824. Meeting, organization and officers of county committee 16-825. State committee

16-825.01. State committee; vacancy; filling of vacancy

16-826. Meeting, organization and officers of state committee

16-827. Executive committee of state committee

16-907. Committee recordkeeping; treasurer; accounts 38-291. Vacancy defined

16-322. Number of signatures required on nomination petitions * Referenced in the Bylaws