

Bylaws

Republican Club of the Palm Beaches

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of the club shall be the Republican Club of the Palm Beaches, hereinafter referred to as the Club.

ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVE/MISSION

The objectives of the Club shall be:

- (a) To attract members into, and involve them in the Republican Party and subsequently provide them with a practical means of Republican Party participation, leadership training and political involvement as educated and key players on national, state and local issues.
- (b) To support and foster the principles, objectives, and platform of the Republican Party and to help secure the election of all duly nominated Republican candidates in the General Election and registered Republicans in non-partisan elections.
- (c) The objective may be shortened to a mission statement to appear on literature as:

To promote an informed public through political education and activities in order to foster loyalty to Republican principles, values and candidates in all elections.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERS

Section 1. Membership. The Club shall recognize the following class of membership:

Active-Any registered Republican voter, who (1) pays annual dues or (2) any registered Republican voter for whom the Executive Board has waived payment of annual dues such as Honorary Military Veterans.

Section 2. Dues. The annual dues for active members shall be \$25.00 for an Individual and \$40 for a Couple payable to the Republican Club of the Palm Beaches upon becoming a member, and then yearly at the beginning of the FY, January 1-December 31

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers of the Club shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Officers must be members of Active membership classification, in good standing with the Club. Officers shall be elected bi-annually at the Annual Meeting of the Club. Other officers may be elected to serve as 1VP, 2VP, Corresponding Secretary, Assistant Treasurer.

- (a) Election shall be conducted by the President or other Member of the Executive Board if the President is unavailable. Nominations will be made from the floor for each office and a vote will be taken on each.
- (b) Voting in election shall be by secret ballot unless a candidate is unopposed, whereas a voice vote may then be taken.

Section 2. The duties of the officers shall be:

- (a) The President shall preside over all meetings of the Club, its Executive Board and Leadership Committee, and exercise general supervision over all activities of the Club. The President shall have the power to appoint all committee chairs.

- (b) The Vice President shall assist the President in supervising the activities of the Club, and preside at all meetings in the absence of the President.
- (c) The Secretary shall be the recording officer of the Club, including meetings of the Club and Executive Board and Leadership Committee, and shall keep a record of the minutes of all such meetings, making those minutes available to the general membership on request.
- (d) The Treasurer shall collect all funds paid to the Club or any of its committees and deposit such funds in accounts designated by the Club. The Treasurer shall be responsible for making all expenditures authorized by the Club. The Treasurer shall keep the Executive Board and Leadership Committee apprised regarding receipts, expenditures, and financial status of the Club. Treasurer shall supply a monthly written report regarding same and report on the financial status of the Club at each regular meeting of the Club.

Section 3. Vacancies of offices shall be filled by majority vote at the next regular meeting of the Executive Board after the vacancy becomes known. In the event the office of President becomes vacant, the Vice President shall temporarily assume the office of President until a new President is elected by majority vote at the next regular meeting of the Club. Said officers shall serve the remainder of the unexpired term.

ARTICLE V LEADERSHIP GROUP

Section 1. The Leadership Group shall consist of the Executive Board and any active members designated as members of the Leadership Group by the Executive Board.

Section 2. The Leadership Group shall serve as an advisory body to the Executive Board and assist the Executive Board as required to carry out the functions of the Club.

ARTICLE VI- MEETING

Section 1. The regular meetings of the Club shall be held at the date, time, and location specified, as determined by a majority vote of the Executive Board. The Club shall hold a minimum of six regular meetings each year.

Section 2. One regular meeting shall be held during the last quarter of the year and it shall be known as the Annual Meeting of the Club, and shall be for, but not limited to, the election of officers.

Section 3. Special meetings of the Club may be called by the President or by the Executive Board or by written request of ten members of the Club. At least ten days notice must be given and the purpose of the special meeting must be stated in the notice.

Section 4. Only members of Active classification shall be allowed to vote in meetings of the Club. Pursuant to the Republican Party of Florida Rules of Procedure, proxy voting shall not be allowed in any meeting of the Club.

Section 5. Twenty percent of the Club's membership, classified as Active, shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VII- EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1. The officers of the Club and all committee chairs shall constitute the Executive Board with voting privileges.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Club between regular meetings of the Club and fix the time and place for meetings of the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall be subject to the orders of the Club, and none of its acts shall conflict with action taken by the Club.

Section 3. Special meetings of the Executive Board may be called by the President or upon written request of three members of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VIII- COMMITTEES

Section 1. Finance Committee composed of the Treasurer and two other members shall be appointed by the President after each annual meeting. It shall be the duty of this committee to prepare a budget for the Club to vote on in the first 60 days of the fiscal year.

Section 2. An Auditing Committee of three members shall be appointed by the President following the annual meeting, whose duty it shall be to audit the Treasurer's account at the close of the fiscal year and to report to the Club within the first 60 days following the close of the fiscal year.

Section 3. A Program and Projects Committee of members shall be appointed by the President promptly following the annual meeting, whose duty it shall be to plan the programs and any special projects of the Club.

Section 4. The President shall appoint such other standing or special committees, as deemed necessary to carry on the work of the Club. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

ARTICLE IX- ENDORSEMENTS & INTRA-PARTY DIFFERENCES

Pursuant to the Republican Party of Florida Rules of Procedure, no chartered club or organization using the name Republican shall participate in intra-party differences, nor shall it, as an organization, seek to influence the nomination or election of any Republican over another Republican unless the County Executive Committee has endorsed one Republican over another. Then the Club may seek to influence the election of the candidate endorsed by the County Executive Committee. Chartered clubs shall not entertain motions to adopt platform positions on issues or endorse candidates except that they may entertain such motions to take the same position or endorse the same candidate as the County Executive Committee has taken. Under no circumstances shall a chartered club invite a non-Republican to be a guest speaker at a club meeting or function without prior approval of the County Republican Executive Board. The Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida shall be the authority with respect to internal disputes refereed by any Club or member of a Club chartered under this rule.

ARTICLE X-PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in "Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised" shall govern the Club in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these by-laws, the Republican Party of Florida Constitution, the Republican Party of Florida Rule Procedure, and any special rules of order the Club may adopt.

ARTICLE XI- AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Club by a two-thirds vote of the Active members present , provided that there is a quorum and the amendment was submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting.

Adopted	_____ , 2014
President	Fran Hancock
VP	Meg Shannon
Secretary	Meg Shannon
Treasurer	Bette Anne Starkey