

ONEIDA COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE BY-LAWS

Approved at the March 20, 2024 regular meeting

Article I NAME

This organization shall be called ONEIDA COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE existing by virtue of the provisions set forth in the Rules of The Idaho Republican Party, Article IV, and exercising the powers and authority, and assuming the responsibilities delegated to it under the said statute. The organization will also be noted in these bylaws as the Oneida Central Committee, The Oneida County Central Committee, the Oneida Republican Central Committee, or The Committee.

Article II GOVERNING BODY

Section 1: The Oneida County Republican Central Committee shall be the governing body of the Oneida County Republican Party. It shall establish all policy and functions of the Oneida County Republican Party on the County level. No person may hold more than one voting position on the Oneida County Central Committee and the Chair may vote only to break a tie.

Section 2: The County Central Committee is composed of the Precinct Committeemen and Precinct Committeewomen elected at the State Primary Election; the County Chairperson, Secretary, Vice-Chairperson, State Committeeman, State Committeewoman, State Youth Committeeperson, Treasurer, and such other officers as are elected.

Article III MISSION AND VISION STATEMENT

The Oneida County Republican Central Committee, serving the citizens of Oneida County, Idaho, is committed to uphold the Constitution of the United States of America. The organization accomplishes its mission by:

Section 1: Upholding the belief in, and reliance on, God our Creator, the individual, and the family; and that each person's dignity, freedom, ability and responsibility must be honored.

Section 2: Respecting equal rights, equal justice and equal opportunity for all, regardless of race, creed, sex, age or disability.

Section 3: Actively working to conserve principles of the Constitution that are timeless because they are true – to be renewed and applied in our time.

Section 4: Supporting the idea that the best government rests on the consent of the governed; that it is our right for self-government under the rule of law to provide a free people a way of life which will provide blessings of liberty to all generations.

Section 5: Using the enduring principles stated in the Constitution as a guide for reform of today's large central government.

Section 6: Supporting those leaders who promote limited government with popular consent of the people, providing American people more control over their future.

Article IV OFFICERS

Section 1: All Officers of the Oneida County Republican Central *Committee* are elected (in the order listed in Article II Section 2); by the Precinct Committeemen and Precinct Committeewomen and by each officer of The Committee as they are elected, at a meeting called by the incumbent County Chairperson to be held within ten (10) days after the Primary Election at the county seat.

- A. The officers shall be elected from the current Oneida County Republican membership for a term of two (2) years.
- B. The Oneida County Central Committee shall appoint by election Precinct Committeepersons to fill all vacancies that occur or exist in the offices of Precinct Committeemen and Committeewomen.
- C. Candidates shall be qualified electors of the precinct in which they reside.
- D. Delegates and alternates for the Republican Summer Convention in a Primary Election Year shall be elected by using State Party guidelines and the voting membership of the Oneida County Republican Central Committee.

Section 2: The voting membership of the Oneida County Republican Central Committee shall consist of the County Chairperson, the First Vice-Chairperson, the Second Vice-Chairperson, the State Committeeman and the State Committeewoman, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the State Youth Committeeperson and the Precinct Committeemen and Precinct Committeewomen for all matters pertaining to the business of the Oneida County Republican Party, with the exception of nomination of nominees to fill county office vacancies, which then shall be the voting responsibility of the Precinct Committeemen and Precinct Committeewomen only.

Section 3: Any officer, including the Chairperson, Vice-chairperson, etc., may be removed from office or suspended from office by a vote of two-thirds of the voting members at a regular meeting. Removal or suspension may be with or without cause. The person under consideration shall be given an opportunity to be heard at the meeting with sufficient notice of the proposed removal or suspension. The person under consideration shall not be counted in determining the presence of a quorum, nor whether the required two-thirds vote has been obtained. Upon a vote of removal or suspension of the Chairperson, the Vice-chairperson shall preside at the meeting.

Section 4: Fifty-one percent (51%) of the voting members of the Oneida County Republican Central Committee must be present to constitute a quorum.

Section 5: Representation and voting by proxies shall be allowed at the Oneida County Central Committee meetings except for the election of Central Committee Officers, election of delegates to the State Convention, and nomination of nominees to fill county office vacancies. Proxies shall be honored if the vote is in writing and signed and dated by the maker, and includes the date of the meeting for which the proxy is issued, and given to another voting member to be delivered to The Committee at the meeting, and limited to that particular meeting. A proxy that is placed before The Committee and approved as such, will be treated for all purposes as a valid proxy.

Section 6: No member of the Oneida County Republican Central Committee shall receive financial remuneration other than expenses as approved by The Committee.

Section 7: If the office of the Oneida County Chairperson becomes vacant, by reason of resignation, death or otherwise, the First Vice-chairperson shall assume all duties of the Chairperson and, within thirty (30) days after giving at least seven (7) days' notice, call the Oneida Central Committee for the purpose of electing a new County Chairperson. If such a meeting is not called within thirty (30) days and after giving seven (7) days' notice, the State Chairman shall call a County Central Committee meeting for the purpose of filling such vacancy. There shall be no automatic succession to the office of County Chairperson.

Section 8: The County Chairperson:

1. Shall have general administrative supervision over the organization and affairs of the Oneida Republican Central Committee, shall preside at all meetings, and shall perform all other duties as are incident to his/her office, subject in all cases, however, to the direction of the Oneida Republican Central Committee.

2. Shall assure the existence of a set of rules and by-laws for the county organization. These rules must be compatible with the Election Laws of the State of Idaho and the Rules of the Idaho Republican Party.
3. Must call and chair meetings, as designated by the County and State rules, for the purpose of:
 - (a) County organization,
 - (b) Selecting delegates to the State Assembly, and
 - (c) Nominating candidates to fill vacancies in county government offices.
4. Shall also chair meetings as prescribed by County by-laws for the purpose of conducting routine business related to:
 - (a) Campaigns
 - (b) Publicity
 - (c) Finance
 - (d) Filling precinct committee vacancies, and (e) Other topics as required.
5. Is concerned with the recruitment and election of county government officials and for maintaining liaison with them after election.
6. Is a member of the State Central Committee, and therefore shall attend State Central Committee meetings and respond to requests from the Regional Chairman as well as the State Chairman and Executive Director to serve on committees and assist in special functions.
7. In the event the office of State Committeeman, State Committeewoman or State Youth Committeeperson becomes vacant, by reason of death or otherwise, the County Chairperson shall, within thirty (30) days after giving at least seven (7) days' notice call a County Central Committee meeting for the purpose of filling such vacancy.
8. The County Chairperson may appoint such ad-hoc, standing and special committees as necessary, designate the membership thereof, and define the duties such committees shall perform, and limit or terminate the existence thereof. The Chairperson shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 9: The First Vice-chairperson shall have such powers and perform such duties as may be assigned from time to time by the Oneida Central Committee and shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the County Chairperson upon any occasion when the County Chairperson shall be unable to perform the duties of that office.

Section 10: In the event, the Oneida Central Committee chooses to elect a Second Vice-Chairperson, that person shall have such powers and perform such duties as may be assigned from time to time by the Oneida Central Committee and shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the County Chairperson upon any occasion when both the County Chairperson and the First Vice-chairperson shall be unable to perform the duties of that office.

Section 11: The First Vice-chairperson and the Second Vice-person must reside in different precincts within Oneida County.

Section 12: The State Committeeman and Committeewoman shall represent the Oneida County Republican Central Committee on the State Committee, shall be spokespersons for Oneida County to the State Committee, shall convey State Party Policy to the County Party, and shall carry out all other duties and responsibilities as they may see fit to properly represent the Oneida County Republican Party.

Section 13: The State Youth Committeeperson shall be between the ages of eighteen and forty at the time of his or her election. He/she shall represent the Oneida County Republican Central Committee on the State Committee, shall be a spokesperson for Oneida County to the State Committee, shall convey State Party Policy to the County Party, and shall carry out all other duties and responsibilities as he/she may see fit to properly represent the Oneida County Republican Party.

Section 14: The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping minutes and county records for the Oneida Republican Central Committee. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Secretary, the Oneida Republican Central Committee shall appoint by election a successor to serve until the next regular organizational meeting of the Oneida Republican Party.

Section 15: The Treasurer shall act as the fiscal agent for the Oneida Republican Central Committee. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Treasurer, the Oneida Central Committee shall appoint by election a successor to serve until the next regular organizational meeting of the Oneida Republican Party.

Article V NOTICE OF MEETINGS – AGENDAS

Section 1: All meetings of the Oneida County Republican Central Committee shall be open to the public and all persons shall be permitted to attend any meeting except any meeting or part of a meeting in which an executive session is held by The Committee and which is closed to any persons for deliberation on certain matters. No decision at an open meeting of the Oneida County Republican Central Committee shall be made by secret ballot. No less than a five (5) calendar day meeting notice and a forty-eight (48) hour agenda notice shall be given. The notice requirement for meetings and agendas shall be satisfied by posting such notices and agendas in a prominent place at the building where the meeting is to be held.

Section 2: An executive session at which members of the public are excluded may be held, but only for the purposes as identified in the agenda. An executive session shall be authorized by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Central Committee. If an executive session only will be held, a twenty-four (24) hour meeting and agenda notice shall be given and shall state the reason for the specific executive session. The final vote and any final action shall be voted on after The Committee has come out of executive session, and the vote shall be recorded in the minutes.

Article VI PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in Robert’s Rules of Order, Revised, shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the bylaws or the special rules of order of the organization.

Article VII ABIDE BY BYLAWS

The Oneida County Republican Central Committee will abide by these bylaws and all other rules, laws and platform adopted by the Idaho Republican Party which pertain to the Oneida County Republican Party.

Article VIII AMENDMENTS

These bylaws of the Oneida County Republican Central Committee may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of members of The Committee present at any regular meeting or at a special meeting called for that purpose, provided written notice of the proposed amendment shall have been delivered to all members at least a week prior to the meeting at which such action is proposed to be taken.