

The Constitution of the Cabarrus County Republican Men's Club

ARTICLE I - Title, Name, and Purpose

Section 1. Title: This document shall be known as *The Constitution of the Cabarrus County Republican Men's Club* to the North Carolina Federation of Republican Men.

Section 2. Name: This Organization shall be known as the Cabarrus County Republican Men's Club (hereinafter known as the **CCRMC**) to the North Carolina Federation of Republican Men.

Section 3. Purpose: The purpose of this organization shall be:

- (a) To promote the Republican Party, her principles and candidates in Cabarrus County and foster party loyalty.
- (b) To serve as an advocate for the betterment of Cabarrus County.
- (c) To provide a forum for the discussion of issues and problems in government; to advance practical political education through discussion and debate; and to encourage citizen participation in politics.
- (d) To conduct fund raising efforts as a method of contributing financially to the Cabarrus County Republican Party and Republican candidates.
- (e) To bring qualified speakers before the membership as a means of heightening Public awareness of conservative issues.

Article II - Membership

Section 1. Eligibility: The voting membership of this organization shall be open to all male Republican voters registered in Cabarrus County.

Section 2. Associate Membership: An associate membership may be established for all others.

Section 3. Honorary Membership: Members and ex-members of the organization having done distinguished service for the organization or the

Republican Party may be become honorary members by a vote of the membership.

Section 4. Good Standing: All members shall be considered members in good standing providing they have met all financial obligations (including current annual dues) to the Cabarrus County Republican Men's Club.

Section 5. Voting Members: Associate and Honorary Members shall not be eligible to vote, serve as officers, or be considered in the establishment of quorum.

Article III - Officers

Section 1. Elected Officers: The elected officers of this organization shall be:

President
1st Vice President of Membership & Programs
2nd Vice President of Fundraising & Outreach
Secretary
Treasurer

Section 2. Qualifications: All officers shall be members in good standing.

Section 3. Resignation: Should any CCRMC officer publicly: advocate a split party ticket; support a candidate running on an opposition ticket or against a Republican nominee; or be the subject of a written call for resignation from any office in the CCRMC by the Cabarrus County Republican Party, the North Carolina State Republican Party, or the North Carolina Federation of Republican Men he must immediately resign. That officer will be ineligible for appointment to any position in the CCRMC until all aforementioned resignation requirements are rectified and will not be eligible for reappointment before the next scheduled election.

Section 4. Removal of an Officer: An officer can be removed with or without cause by a 2/3rds vote or by a majority of the entire membership at any meeting where a quorum is present. The removed officer is ineligible for reappointment before the next scheduled election.

Section 5. Election and Term: Upon vacancy of an elected office, the Board of Directors will be made to

fill the vacated position in a timely manner until the next election following a call for nominations at a scheduled meeting of the CCRMC. Officers shall be elected biannually and shall hold office for two years, or until then-successors have been elected and their election officially announced.

Section 6. Duties:

(a) The President, Vice Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer shall perform such duties as usually devolve upon such officers. The President, Vice Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer shall report in detail at each Board of Directors' meeting.

(b) The President is the chief administrative officer of the organization and is responsible for directing its program, coordinating all phases of its operation, and coordinating its services. The President shall:

- (i) provide leadership and make final executive decisions on all matters of administration not inconsistent with the policy of Board of Directors and the organization;
- (ii) be responsible for vigorous prosecution of the objectives of the organization;
- (iii) preside at the meeting of the Board of Directors of the organization and at the general membership meetings of the organization;
- (iv) carry out the aims and purposes of this organization by utilizing the other officers and designated committees;
- (v) report important news from the Cabarrus County Republican Party, the North Carolina State Republican Party, and the leadership of the CCRMC.

(c) The President shall encourage the membership of the organization to assist him and the other officers in carrying out the efforts of the CCRMC by appointing committees of members when necessary

(d) The Vice President of Membership & Programs shall:

- (i) assume the duties of the president in the absence of that officer,
- (ii) be responsible for arranging all programs and house arrangements and be responsible for member services,
- (iii) administer programs for new member recruitment for the CCRMC,
- (iv) deliver updated membership contact information to the Cabarrus County Republican Party and the other CCRMC officers on a monthly basis.
- (v) perform other duties at the direction of the President

(e) The Vice President of Fundraising and Outreach shall

- (i) assume the duties of the Second Vice President in the absence of that office,
- (ii) coordinate with the other officers and Republican organizations to raise funds for the CCRMC, Republican nominees for office, candidates endorsed by the Cabarrus County Republican Party for non-partisan offices, and organizations identified by the Cabarrus County Republican Party,
- (iii) inform the membership of the CCRMC of events and activities of interest within the Cabarrus County Republican Party and other conservative events and meetings within the area,
- (iv) perform other duties at the direction of the President

(f) The Secretary shall keep accurate minutes at the meeting of the Board of Directors and at general membership meetings. The Secretary shall also perform other duties at the direction of the President.

(g) The Treasurer shall be responsible for its proper handling and accounting of all money or other valuable property that may be entrusted to his care. In addition, the Treasurer will provide for the safekeeping of all money by depositing with a national or state bank. The Treasurer shall report in writing to the general membership of the organization. The Treasurer shall perform other duties at the direction of the President.

(f) Determine the amount and establish bond for the Treasurer to be paid by the club if necessary.

(g) Exercise general charge and control of affairs, funds, and property of the club.

Section 6. All members of the Board of Directors must be in good standing.

Article IV - Board of Directors

Section 1. Membership: There shall be a Board of Directors, which shall consist of the organization officers, the immediate past president, and two members-at-large.

Section 2. Meetings: The Board of Directors shall hold at least one meeting per quarter. Special Meetings may be called by the President and shall be called upon written request of three members of the Board. A minimum of three days' notice shall be given prior to the meeting.

Section 3. Quorum: The quorum for such meetings shall be considered to be a simple majority of the board members.

Section 4. Authority: The Board of Directors shall be subject to the orders of the membership of the CCRMC, and none of its acts shall conflict with action taken by the membership of the CCRMC or the Cabarrus County Republican Party.

Section 5. Duties: The duties of the Board of Directors shall include the following:

- (a) Establish and implement policies for the organization, which have been ratified by the membership.
- (b) Give guidance to the President of the organization.
- (c) Receive the reports of the officers and of committees.
- (d) To conduct business of the organization.
- (e) Approve disbursement of funds in excess of \$300.00.

Article V – Elections

In every odd numbered year, the Cabarrus County Republican Men's Club will hold elections at its May meeting. At the meeting, all members in good standing shall elect the officers, Board of Directors and such other Officers as may be deemed necessary, who shall serve for a term of 2 years or until their successors are elected.

Article VI - Governance

The proceedings of this organization shall be governed by all authorities in the following order: the Constitution and laws of the United States of America; the Constitution and laws of the state of North Carolina; the rules and regulations of Cabarrus County; the Constitution and By Laws of the North Carolina Federation of Republican Men; the Plan of Organization and policies of the Cabarrus County Republican Party; the Constitution and By Laws of the Cabarrus County Republican Men's Club; CCRMC policy; the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order; and executive discretion.

Article VII – Meetings

Section 1. Regular Meetings: The regular meeting of the CCRMC shall be held on the fourth Thursday of every month (except for November which will be on the 3rd Thursday and December which will not meet) unless otherwise ordered by the membership of the CCRMC.

Section 2. Required Agenda Items: Following any scheduled program - the presiding officer is to make ample time for the following items:

- (a) Announcements from North Carolina Republican Party, Cabarrus County Republican Party, and Republican Party District leadership and elected officials
- (b) Announcements from CCRMC officers

(c) Membership Business Session as outlined in Section 3 of this article

Section 3. Membership Business Session: At the end of each regularly scheduled meeting, the presiding officer will call for any motions or resolutions from the membership to be brought before the consideration of the entire assembly present at the meeting. A quorum for a business session is a simple majority of the entire membership. If a quorum is not established, any items will be passed along to Board of Directors to be considered at the next Board of Directors meeting or Regular Meeting – whichever comes first.

Section 4. Special Meetings: Special Meetings may be called by the President or the Board of Directors and shall be called upon the written request of twenty voting members of the CCRMC. The purpose of the meeting shall be in the call. A minimum of three days' notice shall be given prior to the meeting.

Article VIII – Political Activities of the Cabarrus County Republican Men's Club

Section 1. Direction: The CCRMC shall follow all directives from the Cabarrus County Republican Party regarding political activities and campaign procedures.

Section 2. Endorsement: The CCRMC may only endorse those candidates properly endorsed by the Cabarrus County Republican Party.

Section 3. Contributions: The CCRMC may make contributions (monetary or in-kind) to; or coordinate, host, advertise, or otherwise promote fundraisers or events only for the following:

- (a) Candidates endorsed by the Cabarrus County Republican Party
- (b) Political Action Committees specifically approved by the Cabarrus County Republican Party
- (c) Any other organization approved by the Cabarrus County Republican Party.

Section 4. Candidate Slates. In situations where the Cabarrus County Republican Party has endorsed a number of candidates for a particular board or group of offices (i.e. Board of Commissioners, Court of Appeals, etc.), contributions to candidates of that office must be

made to each candidate equally unless the Cabarrus County Republican Party specifically allows otherwise.

Section 5. Public Statements Affirming Republicans: The CCRMC may make public statements, purchase advertising, and issue resolutions affirming or supporting legislation, actions, and policies proposed, sponsored, or co-sponsored by any Republican elected official or candidate.

Section 6: Public Statements Critical of Republicans: Before the CCRMC issues a public statement, purchases advertising, or publishes a resolution critical of or disapproving of legislation, actions, and policies proposed, sponsored, or co-sponsored by any Republican elected official or candidate, the statement or resolution must be submitted to the Cabarrus County Republican Party for revision and approval.

Section 7: Republican Party Conventions: Nothing in this article shall be construed to prohibit any member, CCRMC Board of Directors member, or the CCRMC as an organization from actively participating within the local, district, state, or national Republican Party organizations by endorsing Republican Party platform positions, supporting any eligible candidate for elected office within the Republican Party, or petitioning party officials on positions or matters of policy within the Republican Party.

Article IX – Amendments

These by-laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Cabarrus County Republican Men's Club by a two-thirds (2/3) vote or by a majority of the entire membership, provided the amendment has been submitted in writing to the Board of Directors at least sixty (60) days prior to the current meeting. All voting members in good standing are eligible to vote.

**APPROVED BY THE CABARRUS COUNTY
REPUBLICAN MEN'S CLUB**

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**Justin Thibault, Session Chair
Cabarrus County Republican Men's Club**