

BYLAWS OF THE CONSTITUTION PARTY OF ARIZONA

PREAMBLE

We the members of the Constitution Party of Arizona, grateful to God for our Rights to Life, Liberty and, Property, in order to form a more principled and effective political party in the state of Arizona, dedicated to the principles of the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution as conceived and set forth by the Founding Fathers of our Republic, do ordain and establish these Bylaws for the governance of the Constitution Party of Arizona.

ARTICLE I

SECTION 1

NAME:

The name of this political party shall be "Constitution Party of Arizona," hereafter referred to as the "state party."

SECTION 2

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this party shall be to translate the principles and platform of the Constitution Party into public policy and law and to recruit, to endorse, and to elect Constitution Party candidates for public office who display high moral character and integrity and who support the principles and platform of the Constitution Party. The state party shall not endorse candidates for public office other than Constitution Party Candidates.

SECTION 3

MEMBERSHIP:

(A)

General Membership in this party shall be open to all citizens of the United States residing in the state of Arizona, who are registered to vote and who are not registered with any other political party.

(B)

State Committee members shall be all general members who have contributed a minimum of \$25 to the party within the last 12 months. State Committee members shall have voting rights at all state committee meetings and will be qualified to hold all state party offices.

(C)

County Committee members shall be all general members of the state party who reside in and who are registered to vote in that county and who have met any other requirements as may be determined by that County Committee. County Committee members shall have voting rights at all county committee meetings and will be qualified to hold all County Committee offices.

(D)

All general members of the party may form local Constitution Party clubs or form a Constitution Party Caucus for their community, subject to the approval of the state party executive committee.

ARTICLE II

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

(A)

Membership:

The membership of the Executive Committee of the Constitution Party of Arizona shall be the Constitution Party of Arizona Chairman, Party Vice Chairman, Party Secretary, Party Treasurer, the County Committee Chairman and the County Committee Secretary from each county with an affiliate Constitution Party County Committee, and the appointed National Committee Members for Arizona. A person holding multiple offices shall not be entitled to more than one vote.

(B)

Election and Terms:

Every January of every odd-numbered year the members of the State Committee shall meet and elect one State Party Chairman, one State Party Vice Chairman, one State Party Secretary, and one State Party Treasurer. The election of officers shall be by ballot for all positions with more than one nominee. All state party officers must be State Committee Members. The terms of office for all state party officers shall end and the terms of all new party officers shall begin at the close of the State Committee meeting held for the purpose of electing state party officers. There shall be no proxy voting allowed.

(C)

Vacancies:

When a vacancy shall happen in the office of State Party Chairman, the Party Vice Chairman shall immediately assume the duties of State Party Chairman as Acting Chairman. The Acting Chairman shall call a meeting of the State Executive Committee within thirty days of assuming the duties of Chairman, the Executive Committee shall then elect by a majority vote, a new State Party Chairman who shall hold said office until the next meeting of the State Committee.

When a vacancy shall happen in the office of Party Vice Chairman, Party Secretary or Party Treasurer, the State Party Chairman shall fill such vacancy by appointment, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee. All appointed officers shall hold office until the next State Committee meeting.

When a vacancy shall happen in the office a County Chairman, the State Party Chairman shall appoint an Acting County Chairman who shall within thirty days call a meeting of the County Committee for the purpose of electing a new County Chairman for the remainder of the term.

(D)

Duties of Officers:

All officers shall keep in mind that the Constitution Party of Arizona is reposing special trust and confidence in them and expects them to display the highest moral character and integrity and shall be bound by Oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of Arizona.

The State Party Chairman is the Chief Executive Officer of the party and shall chair all meetings of the state party and its executive committee. The State Party Chairman shall appoint, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, all non-elected officers, and all non-elected officers shall serve at the pleasure of the Chairman. The State Chairman shall have the sole power to appoint all members of any standing or special committee and appoint committee chairman. The State Party Chairman shall have the sole responsibility to appoint all Constitution Party presidential electors. The State Party Chairman shall appoint, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, all National Committee Members and all Alternate National Committee Members for Arizona. The appointment of a National Committee Member shall automatically be discontinued upon their failing to attend a National Committee Meeting.

The State Party Vice Chairman shall act as Chairman in the absence of the State Party Chairman and shall direct any special projects or assignments as requested by the State Party Chairman or the Executive Committee.

The State Party Secretary shall be the Chief Recording Officer of the Party and shall take and keep the Official Minutes of all official meetings of the State Party and shall be the official custodian of the Official Membership Roster of the State Committee. The State Party Secretary shall perform such other duties as may be requested by the State Party Chairman or the Executive Committee.

The State Party Treasurer shall be the Chief Financial Officer of the Party and shall keep all financial records and shall be the custodian of all contributions or other money received by the State Party and shall deposit all such monies in the State Party bank account. The Party Treasurer shall only disperse funds of less than one hundred dollars with the approval of the State Party Chair and of more than one hundred dollars with the approval of the State Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall provide the members of the State Executive Committee with an annual financial report every January for the previous year detailing all; income, expenditures, accounts payable and receivable and cash on hand. The Treasurer shall perform such other duties as may be requested by the State Party Chairman or the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE III

AFFILIATION:

The Constitution Party of Arizona shall be officially affiliated with the Constitution Party National Committee and shall represent the people of Arizona at the National Committee and National Conventions of the Constitution Party. Termination of affiliation with the National Committee or official affiliation with any other organization shall require a vote of three quarters of the members of the state committee attending and voting at a special meeting called for such purposes at least thirty days prior to such meeting. There shall be no proxy voting allowed.

ARTICLE IV

PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY:

“Roberts Rules of Order” the latest revised edition, shall be the parliamentary authority governing all official meetings of the Constitution Party of Arizona, when not in conflict with these Bylaws.

ARTICLE V

AMENDMENTS:

These Bylaws may be amended by a written resolution introduced by a member of the State Committee and approved by not less than two-thirds of the members of the State Committee present and voting. Proposed amendments must be sent out with the call for such State Committee meeting at least thirty days in advance of said meeting.

ARTICLE VI

SEVERABILITY:

If a court of competent jurisdiction shall adjudge to be invalid or unconstitutional any portion of these Bylaws, such judgement or decree shall not affect, impair, invalidate or nullify the remainder of these Bylaws. The effect of such judgement will be confined to the portion of these Bylaws so judged to be invalid or unconstitutional. If any portion of these Bylaws shall be in conflict with the laws of Arizona or of the United States, now or as the result of future law, then these Bylaws shall be considered to be amended to conform with the laws of Arizona and the United States.

ARTICLE VII

RATIFICATION:

These revised Bylaws shall immediately take effect and replace the current Bylaws governing the state party, when approved by not less than a two-thirds vote of the members of the state committee present and voting.

Approved and ratified by the Constitution Party of Arizona State Committee on: January 13, 2018

Attest:

Paula Hospelhorn
CPAZ State Secretary

January 13, 2018
Date

Kent Miller
CPAZ State Chair

January 13, 2018
Date