

# **The Constitution of the Davis County Republican Party**

**As Amended April 16, 2016**

## **PREAMBLE**

We Republicans residing in Davis County, State of Utah, do establish this Constitution of the Davis County Republican Party to support the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of the State of Utah; to support local, State and National Republican Parties; to seek, support and select capable and effective Republican candidates for public office; and to govern the Davis County Republican Party.

## **ARTICLE I**

### **NAME, AFFILIATION, PLATFORM, POWERS**

- A. The name of this association shall be the Davis County Republican Party (“DCRP”).
- B. The DCRP may affiliate with the Utah Republican Party (“State Party”) and the National Republican Party (“National Party”) on such terms and conditions as may be just and fair to the DCRP, but the DCRP shall be and is an independent organization.
- C. The DCRP may adopt a Platform stating principles, values, and goals for the DCRP.
- D. The DCRP shall have all powers traditionally accorded to an unincorporated association, including without limitation the power to raise and distribute funds, to offer financial support to Republican candidates in general elections, to maintain an office and other facilities for the advancement of the DCRP and Republican candidates, to choose and send delegates or other representatives to state and national Republican committees and conventions, and to participate in or provide political education, voter registration, and political advertising.
- E. Except as provided by the Constitution or Bylaws of the DCRP, the latest edition of *Robert’s Rules of Order* shall apply.

## **ARTICLE II**

### **MEMBERSHIP, AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS**

- A. Membership in the DCRP shall be open to any resident of Davis County who chooses to support the DCRP and who supports Republican Candidates in any national, state, county, or local general election.

B. The DCRP may permit political clubs and organizations to affiliate with the DCRP under conditions consistent with this Constitution and the Bylaws.

### **ARTICLE III PARTY OFFICERS**

A. The Party Officers shall be a Party Chair, Party Vice Chair, Party Secretary and Party Treasurer.

B. All Party Officers and all other officers and delegates selected under this Constitution and the DCRP Bylaws must be registered Republicans in Davis County throughout their terms of office.

C. The duties of the Party Officers shall include without limitation:

The **Party Chair** shall serve as chief executive officer and spokesperson of the DCRP; serve as chair of the Executive and County Central Committees; preside over all meetings of the DCRP; and maintain liaison with representatives of the State and National Republican Parties, any other Republican Party organization, club or association, and with Republicans holding public office.

The **Party Vice Chair** shall in the absence of the Party Chair, perform the duties of the Party Chair, and, in the event of the resignation, death, or disability of the Party Chair, fill the remainder of the Party Chair's term until a replacement can be selected in accordance with the Bylaws; serve as Vice Chair of the Executive and County Central Committees; and perform the tasks the Party Chair may request.

The **Party Secretary** shall, under direction from the Party Chair or the Executive Committee, keep the books and records of the DCRP; take, record and submit minutes of DCRP meetings; send notices and other communications approved by the Party Chair and the Executive Committee; serve as Secretary of the Executive and County Central Committees; submit records required by State law; assist other Party Officers in their duties; and perform other tasks the Party Chair may request.

The **Party Treasurer** shall keep the financial books and records of the DCRP, the Lincoln Club, and any other fund-raising organization of the DCRP; prepare an annual proposed budget to be adopted by the County Central Committee; safeguard the assets of the DCRP; prepare and submit to the Executive Committee at the first meeting of each quarter a financial statement for the DCRP; submit statements or reports required by State law; and perform other tasks the Party Chair may request.

D. The Party Officers shall be elected to terms of two (2) years by the delegates to and at a Convention of the DCRP to be conducted in odd numbered years. The terms of the Party Officers shall commence seven (7) days following the Convention in the year of their election and end seven (7) days after the Convention in the next odd numbered year.

E. At the end of any Party Officer's term of office or upon any Party Officer's leaving office for any reason, that Party Officer shall transfer all Party books and records and other materials to the new Officer and conduct an orientation for that Party Officer.

F. The four Party Officers may appoint assistants.

G. The DCRP shall indemnify Party Officers and members of the Executive and County Central Committees to the maximum extent permitted by law for their lawful actions and statements undertaken on behalf of the DCRP and the DCRP Constitution and Bylaws.

H. For a contract to be considered binding by the Davis County Republican Party, the contract shall contain the signature of the Party Chair and at least one other Party Officer.

**ARTICLE IV  
SENATE AND LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT CHAIRS  
AND VICE CHAIRS**

A. Senate and Legislative District Chairs for each State Senate and Legislative District and partial State Senate and Legislative District in Davis County shall be elected for two (2) year terms at a DCRP Convention in odd numbered years by the County Delegates attending the Convention who reside within the corresponding Senate or Legislative District.

B. The terms of Senate and Legislative District Chairs shall commence seven (7) days following the Convention and end seven (7) days after the Convention held in the next odd numbered year.

C. The election of Senate and Legislative District Chairs shall follow convention rules.

**ARTICLE V  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

A. The voting membership of the Executive Committee shall consist of the four Party Officers and the Senate and Legislative District Chairs.

B. The Senate and Legislative District Vice Chairs, the Chair and Vice Chair of the Constitution/Bylaws Committee, the President of Davis County Republican Women, and the Chair of the Teenage Republicans ("TARS") shall be non-voting ex officio members of the Executive Committee for their terms of office.

C. In the absence of a Senate or Legislative District Chair, the corresponding District Vice Chair may vote on the Executive Committee.

D. All Executive Committee members must be residents of Davis County. Executive Committee members of legal voting age must be registered as Republicans in Davis County.

E. The Executive Committee shall meet at least quarterly and shall conduct the business of the Party in accordance with this Constitution, adopted Platform, and the Bylaws.

F. A person may hold only one (1) position on the Executive Committee at a time.

## **ARTICLE VI PRECINCT OFFICERS**

A. The Precinct Officers shall consist of a Precinct Chair, Precinct Vice Chair, Precinct Secretary, and Precinct Treasurer elected for two (2) year terms in even-numbered years at Precinct Caucuses. The office of Precinct Treasurer may be combined with the office of Precinct Vice Chair or Precinct Secretary.

B. The terms of Precinct Officers shall commence seven (7) days after they are elected and end seven (7) days following the Precinct Caucus held in the next even numbered year.

C. Precinct Officers must reside within the Precinct where they are elected.

D. The duties of Precinct Officers shall be set forth in the Bylaws but shall include conducting Precinct Caucuses.

## **ARTICLE VII COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

A. The County Central Committee shall consist of the Party Officers, Senate District Chairs and Vice Chairs, Legislative District Chairs and Vice Chairs, Precinct Chairs and Vice Chairs, elected Republican County, State, and National office holders residing in Davis County, the Chair and Vice Chair of the Constitution/Bylaws Committee, the Lincoln Club President, and Presidents or Chairs of affiliated organizations.

B. All County Central Committee members must be residents of Davis County. County Central Committee members of legal voting age must be registered to vote as Republicans in Davis County.

C. The County Central Committee, the governing body of the DCRP, shall establish the policy of the DCRP within the terms of this Constitution, any adopted Platform, and the Bylaws, and shall perform duties that may arise by operation of law or otherwise.

D. The quorum of the County Central Committee shall be sixty (60) members or twenty percent (20%) of all the members, whichever is less.

## **ARTICLE VIII COUNTY DELEGATES**

A. The number of voting delegates to the DCRP Convention shall be determined by the County Central Committee. County Delegate positions shall be apportioned among the Precincts as provided by the Bylaws, reserving the number necessary for the ex officio delegates provided for under this Constitution.

B. The Party Officers and the Senate and Legislative District Chairs and Vice Chairs shall be ex officio County Delegates for their terms of office.

C. The Chairs and Vice Chairs of the Constitution/Bylaws Committee and of all Convention Committees shall each and independently be non-voting ex officio County Delegates if not already County Delegates as otherwise provided under this Constitution.

D. Those attending Precinct Caucuses shall elect County Delegates who must be registered Republicans who reside within the precinct boundaries to serve a term of two (2) years commencing the day following the Precinct Caucus and ending after the next Precinct Caucus.

E. Any delegate who revokes his or her registered Republican status shall automatically be removed as a delegate.

F. County Delegates shall attend DCRP Conventions and shall be entitled to vote on business at DCRP Conventions, including without limitation voting for Republican Candidates for elected office; adopting the Platform; ratifying State Delegates nominated at Precinct Caucuses; and electing Party Officers, Senate and Legislative District Chairs and Vice Chairs of the Districts in which they reside, and State Central Committee representatives.

## **ARTICLE IX STATE DELEGATES**

A. State Delegate positions shall be apportioned among the Precincts as provided by the Bylaws, reserving the number necessary for the ex officio delegates provided for under this Constitution.

B. The Party Officers and the Senate and Legislative District Chairs shall be ex officio State Delegates for their terms of office.

C. State Delegates shall serve a two (2) year term beginning the day following the County Convention at which they were certified or elected and ending immediately after the County Convention in the next even-numbered year.

D. Any State Delegate position allocated to a precinct, but not filled by that precinct, shall be allocated to the respective Legislative District and Senate District for election at the respective Legislative District caucus during the DCRP Nominating Convention.

## **ARTICLE X BYLAWS, VACANCIES, QUORUM**

A. The County Central Committee shall adopt Bylaws and may modify them upon a majority vote. The delegates to a County Convention may adopt additions and amendments to the Bylaws by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

B. Except as otherwise provided in the Constitution or Bylaws, the Executive Committee may fill on an interim basis vacancies arising among the Party Officers and Senate and Legislative District Chairs and Vice Chairs upon death, removal, resignation, disability or departure from residence in Davis County. The Party Chair shall call a meeting of the County Central Committee to be held within ninety (90) days of a vacancy to elect persons to fill any remaining vacancies in those offices. Only members of the County Central Committee residing within a Senate or Legislative District shall vote on a District Chair or Vice Chair to represent that District. Elections to fill vacancies shall follow Convention procedures outlined in the Bylaws.

C. The Legislative District Chair may appoint persons to fill vacancies among Precinct Officers within the boundaries of the Legislative District upon notice to the Party Chair, and after consulting to the extent possible with the Precinct Chair.

D. Precinct Chairs with the approval of their Legislative District Chair shall appoint replacement delegates. Persons filling vacancies shall meet the eligibility criteria for their positions including current registration as a Republican and residency in the precinct. An alternate delegate, if available, shall be the new delegate representing the precinct for the remainder of the two (2) year term.

E. Unless otherwise specifically provided in this Constitution or the Bylaws, a quorum at any meeting shall consist of the members present if notices of the meeting have been timely sent.

## **ARTICLE XI COMMITTEES AND LINCOLN CLUB**

A. The DCRP Standing Committees shall be the Constitution/Bylaws, Ethics, Credentials, Rules, Elections, and Finance Committees.

B. Chairs and members of Standing Committees shall be appointed in accordance with the Bylaws.

C. The Lincoln Club shall be the fund-raising arm of the DCRP.

**ARTICLE XII  
AMENDMENT, RATIFICATION, SEVERABILITY**

A. This Constitution shall be in full force and effect upon its ratification by a DCRP Convention.

B. The Constitution may be amended by either:

(1) a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members at a County Central Committee meeting if subsequently ratified by a majority vote of the Delegates present at a County Convention; or

(2) a two-thirds (2/3) vote of Delegates present at a County Convention without prior approval of the County Central Committee.

C. For the purposes of amending the DCRP Constitution a quorum of forty percent (40%) of all the County Delegates shall be required to be credentialed and present.

D. A proposed amendment may originate with the Constitution/Bylaws Committee, or may be proposed to that Committee by any County Central Committee member or County Convention Delegate. Proposed amendments must be submitted to the Constitution/Bylaws Committee Chair or the Party Chair not less than ten (10) days prior to the meeting (Central Committee or Convention) where it is to be considered. A proposed amendment must be in writing and be signed by the member submitting it, identified with address and voting precinct. All proposed amendments shall be reviewed first by the Constitution/Bylaws Committee and then by the Executive Committee, both of which may vote to recommend that the Convention delegates approve or reject the amendment.

E. Should any provision of this Constitution or the Bylaws be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions and Bylaws shall remain in full force and effect.

*Adopted April 29, 1995.*

*As Amended April 16, 2016.*

## ***Document History***

Original version written by M. Karlynn Hinman, PhD, JD, C&B Chair and G. Neil Clawson, C&B Vice Chair. Proposed, debated, and passed by the County Central Committee prior to the DCRP Organizing Convention April 1995.

Adopted by the DCRP Organizing Convention April 29, 1995. M. Karlynn Hinman, C&B Chair, G. Neil Clawson, C&B Vice Chair, Anne E. Christensen, Party Chair.

Amended by the DCRP Organizing Convention April 2001. Todd D. Weiler, C&B Chair, G. Neil Clawson, C&B Vice Chair, Candace H. Daly, Party Chair.

Amended by the DCRP Organizing Convention April 2003. Todd D. Weiler, C&B Chair, G. Neil Clawson, C&B Vice Chair, Craig Foster, Party Chair.

Amended by the DCRP Nominating Convention April 2006. Chet Loftus, C&B Chair, G. Neil Clawson, C&B Vice Chair, Todd D. Weiler, Party Chair.

Amended by the DCRP Organizing Convention April 2007. Anne Christensen, C&B Chair, Marilyn Stevens, C&B Vice Chair, Tom Allgood, Party Chair.

Amended by the DCRP Nominating Convention April 12, 2008. Anne Christensen, C&B Chair, Marilyn Stevens, C&B Vice Chair, Ben Horsley, Party Chair.

Amended by the DCRP Organizing Convention April 22, 2011. Anne Christensen, C&B Chair, Marilyn Stevens, C&B Vice Chair, Shirley Bouwhuis, Party Chair.

Amended by the DCRP Organizing Convention May 16, 2015. Don Guymon, C&B Chair, Marilyn Stevens, C&B Vice Chair, Phill Wright, Party Chair.

Amended by the DCRP Nominating Convention April 16, 2016. Mark D. Butler, C&B Chair, Marilyn Stevens, C&B Vice Chair, Robert Anderson, Party Chair.