

# **THE MID-ALABAMA REPUBLICAN CLUB BYLAWS**

## **ARTICLE I NAME OF CLUB**

The name of the club shall be the **Mid-Alabama Republican Club**, hereinafter referred to as the “Club”.

## **ARTICLE II PURPOSE OF CLUB**

The Club will meet regularly to encourage the broadest possible participation in the Republican Party, support the policies of the Alabama Republican Party, inform members on political issues, and provide a platform for Republican candidates to speak to voters.

## **ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP AND ELIGIBILITY**

Membership in the Club is open to any person in the area who is interested in good fellowship and good government.

## **ARTICLE IV ORGANIZATION OF CLUB**

The Club shall consist of Officers, a Board of Directors (hereinafter referred to as the “Board”), and the general membership.

## **ARTICLE V OFFICERS**

The Club shall have four officers, who shall also be members of the Board: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

### **Section 1. Eligibility:**

Only Republicans who are registered to vote in the mid-Alabama area may serve as officers of the Club. It is not necessary for the officers to be members of the State Executive Committee.

### **Section 2. Term of Office:**

The term of office for all four officers shall be for two years, beginning January 1 of even-number years. An officer may not serve more than one term in succession in the same office, unless no other member accepts the nomination for

that office.

**Section 3. Nominations:**

The Board shall appoint a nominating committee consisting of at least three and no more than five current board members to propose a slate of officers and board members in October of odd-number years.

A sample ballot containing the names of the persons nominated shall be distributed electronically to the members with notice of the election meeting at least two weeks in advance of the election meeting. Nominations shall also be accepted from the floor during an election so long as the Secretary has been notified at least seven days before the election.

**Section 4. Elections:**

Officers shall be elected by members present and voting during the meeting in November of odd-number years. The new term of office shall begin January 1 after the election meeting.

**Section 5. Filling of Vacancies:**

Should the President be unable to complete the term of office, the vacancy shall be filled by the Vice President to serve the remainder of the term.

In the event of the above succession, a new Vice President shall be elected within thirty days by the Board to serve the remainder of the term.

Should the Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer be unable to complete the term of office, a replacement shall be elected within thirty days by the Board to serve the remainder of the term.

**Section 6. Duties:**

**Duties of the President shall include, but are not limited to the following:**

- a. Call and preside at the regular club meetings, special meetings, and meetings of the Board.
- b. Plan and coordinate Club meetings.
- c. Serve as spokesperson for the Club.
- d. Co-Sign checks with the Treasurer.
- e. Send notices of Board meetings and general meetings.

**Duties of the Vice President shall include, but not be limited to the following:**

- a. Serve in the absence of the President.
- b. Assist the President, Secretary and the Treasurer in carrying out their duties.

**The duties of the Secretary shall include, but not be limited to the following:**

- a. Record the minutes of Board meetings and the general membership meetings where business is conducted.
- b. Provide sign-in sheets and name tags at Club meetings.
- c. Maintain the contact list for communications.

**Duties of the Treasurer shall include, but not be limited to the following:**

- a. Deposit contributions.
- b. Write checks for expenditures.
- c. Reconcile and monitor the bank statement monthly.
- d. Provide report of revenue and expenses at monthly Board meetings.
- e. Present bank statements and financial records for the Board's inspection at the close of each calendar year.

**ARTICLE VI**  
**OTHER BOARD MEMBERS**

The Club shall have a minimum of six (6) and a maximum of twelve (12) At-Large Board members.

**Section 1. Eligibility:**

Only Republicans who are registered to vote in the mid-Alabama area may serve on the Board. It is not necessary for Board members to be members of the State Executive Committee.

**Section 2. Term of Office:**

The term of office for each of the At-Large Board members shall be two years. Such Board members may not serve more than two terms in succession.

**Section 3. Nominations:**

The Board shall appoint a nominating committee consisting of five (5) current board members to propose a slate of officers and board members. A sample ballot containing the names of the persons nominated shall be distributed electronically to the members with the notice of the election meeting at least two weeks in advance of the election meeting. Nominations shall also be accepted from the floor during the meetings when elections are held so long as the Secretary has been notified at least seven days before the election.

**Section 4. Election:**

Board members shall be elected by majority of the members present and voting at the election meeting. The new term of office shall begin in January following the election meeting.

**Section 5. Filling Vacancies:**

Should a Board member be unable to complete the term of office, the Board shall elect within thirty (30) days someone to fill the vacancy.

**ARTICLE VII**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board shall consist of Officers, at-large Board Members and the immediate past President.

**Section 1. Oath of Office:**

Before beginning their duties, each Board member shall take the following Oath of Office:

“I do solemnly swear or affirm that I am in accord with the platform of the Republican Party, that I will perform the duties of the office I am about to enter to the best of my ability, and that I will do so in accordance with the Bylaws of the Mid-Alabama Republican Club so help me God.”

**Section 2. Meetings and Quorum:**

The Board shall meet at least one day prior to each regular monthly Club meeting to finalize plans for that meeting and to conduct other Club business. Special meetings of the Board may also be called by the President when he or she considers it necessary, or when requested to do so by a majority of Board members. At least six (6) Board members must be present in order to conduct business.

**Section 3. Committees:**

The Board shall establish and define the duties of committees necessary to conduct the activities of the Club.

**Section 4. Notice of Meetings:**

A notice of Board meetings shall be provided in writing to be delivered by electronic mail at least 24 hours before the meeting or by telephone call to the member at least 12 hours before the meeting.

**Section 5. Control of Meeting Notice/Agenda:**

The Board shall establish the policy for and determine the content of the meeting notices. The Board shall also establish the agenda for the monthly meetings.

**Section 6. Special meetings:**

The business of the Board shall be conducted during regular or special meetings. Virtual meetings require a minimum of nine (9) members of the Board to be contacted and six (6) must vote in the affirmative for approval of any matter being considered.

**ARTICLE VIII**  
**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 1. Membership:**

Membership in the Club is obtained by attending a meeting of the Club and signing the attendance sheet. Membership is open to all persons in the mid-Alabama area who are interested in attending the Club meetings. Since it is the purpose of this Club to encourage broad participation in the Republican Party, Independents and disenchanted (disillusioned) Democrats are also welcome to attend the Club meetings and to participate in general Club activities.

**Section 2. Club Dues:**

There will be no Club dues. However, a collection basket will be passed at each Club meeting to obtain voluntary contributions for use in covering the operating expenses of the Club.

**Section 3. Benefits of Membership:**

Attendance at Club meetings provides membership with an opportunity to become acquainted with many other Republican candidates, elected Republican officials and Republican Party leaders. Members also have the opportunity to learn about Republican activities at the local, state, and federal level.

**Section 4. Control of Mailing List:**

Any mailing list used by the Club shall only be made available to Officers

and those responsible for communicating with the general membership.

## **ARTICLE IX** **REMOVAL FROM OFFICE**

**Section 1. Cause for Removal:**

Any Officer, Board Member or general member may be removed from office and/or the general membership for cause judged not to be in keeping with these By-laws or the objectives of the Club as determined by the Board.

**Section 2. Procedure:**

Any member may file written charges with the Board. Affirmative votes of two-thirds of the Board shall be required for removal. Members that are removed will be excluded from meetings.

## **ARTICLE X** **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

**Section 1. Quorum:**

A quorum of general membership is twenty (20).

**Section 2. Meeting Time and Place:**

The Club shall hold a regular monthly meeting at a time and place determined by the Board.

**Section 3. Meeting Notices:**

Each Club member will be given written notice of meetings, including the date, time, and place. Notices shall be sent by U.S. Mail or electronic mail.

**Section 4. Special Meetings:**

Special meetings of the general membership may be called by the Club President, with the approval of the Board, upon three (3) days written or oral notice to those on any mailing list used by the Club. The President must call a special meeting to be held within fifteen (15) days after receiving a petition signed by six (6) Board members who request a meeting.

**Section 5. Voting:**

Club business, except the election of Officers, Board Members, and revision of the Bylaws (see Section 6 of this Article), shall be conducted by the Board. In

votes by the general membership, five or more members present may move for a secret ballot. Otherwise, votes by the general membership shall be by voice vote, unless a show of hands or a standing vote is called for by the President or requested from the floor.

**Section 6. Political Issues:**

In keeping with the objectives of the Club, the Club will not take a position on political issues, but will defer to the area Executive Committees in such matters.

**Section 7. Speakers:**

Republican Party officials, Republican candidates, elected or appointed Republican officials, and any other speakers of general interest will be invited to speak at Club meetings. The Club will not show partiality among competing Republican candidates during the primary election process.

**ARTICLE XI**  
**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**Section 1. Robert's Rules of Order:**

Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters of procedure not specifically provided for by these Bylaws.

**Section 2. Parliamentarian:**

The President may appoint a Parliamentarian to advise on parliamentary procedure. The Parliamentarian shall serve at the pleasure of the President.

**ARTICLE XII**  
**AMENDMENTS**

**These Bylaws may be amended by the following:**

- a. Approval by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present at a Board meeting, and,
- b. Approval by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting at any general meeting of the Club, and,
- c. Notification to the general membership of the proposed changes, by U.S. Mail or electronically, not more than thirty (30) nor less than four (4) days before the meeting in which the vote is to take place.

