BYLAWS

of the

Arizona Legislative District 15

Republican Committee

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ARTICLE I - PREAMBLE

The current Legislative District 15 (LD15) as defined by the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission on January 21, 2022, and approved by the State Legislature includes voters from both Pinal and Maricopa county. It is the desire of many Republicans located in this new district to operate in a unified fashion across county lines; however, current Arizona Revised Statues preclude this. Therefore, these Bylaws are necessarily written exclusively for the Maricopa County portions of Legislative District 15. Should the ARS be changed in such a way as to permit a combination of Pinal and Maricopa Republicans, these Bylaws may be terminated as described in Article XIV, Section C but only for the purpose of replacing them with Bylaws pertaining to a new combined LD.

ARTICLE II - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Arizona Legislative District 15 Republican Committee, hereinafter referred to as the District. The District is affiliated with the Arizona Republican Party (AZGOP) and the Maricopa County Republican Committee (MCRC).

ARTICLE III - OBJECTIVES

The primary objective of the District is to promote a government which protects the inalienable rights endowed to us by our Creator as enumerated in the Declaration of Independence, and to limit government to its proper role as defined in the United States Constitution and Bill of Rights. In pursuance thereof, the objectives of the District shall further be to:

a. Support and elect Republican candidates at all levels who promote Republican ideals.
b. Encourage Republicans who promote Republican ideals to run for elective office.
c. Promote Republican appointments to commissions, committees, and other appointive public offices.
d. Assist in voter registration and promote Republican voter participation in elections.
e. Recruit and educate Precinct Committeemen (PCs) and maintain a permanent Republican Precinct organization.
f. Increase the effectiveness of Republican volunteers in the cause of good government through active political participation.
g. Promote an informed electorate through political education.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERS

Unless otherwise specified in the Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S), the AZGOP bylaws, or the MCRC bylaws, the Membership of the District is subject to the following rules.

SECTION A - QUALIFICATIONS

The Membership of the District consists of the total number of elected and appointed Republican Precinct Committeemen in the District as most recently published by the Maricopa County Recorder, or as published by the MCRC Chairman (or designee) and residing in the Precinct from which elected or appointed.

Elected and appointed PCs possess all rights of Membership, except that only elected PCs may:

1. Vote at District Statutory Organizational Meetings.
2. Serve as District Chair.
3. Vote for nominees to fill vacancies in the State Legislature.

SECTION B - DUTIES

In addition to those duties prescribed by the A.R.S, the AZGOP bylaws and the MCRC bylaws, the duties of the Members of the District shall be to:

1. Support the Objectives of the District.
2. Inform and serve registered Republicans in their Precincts.
3. Campaign on behalf of Republican candidates.
4. Carry nominating petitions.
5. Distribute signs and campaign literature for candidates.
6. Participate in Get Out The Vote (GOTV) and Election Day activities.
7. Help develop, maintain, and support a permanent Republican Precinct organization.
8. Regularly attend meetings of the District and the MCRC.
9. Help recruit and train new volunteers for the Republican Party.
10. Assist the Republican Party in voter registration.
11. Refrain from endorsing or otherwise supporting political candidates who oppose the Objectives of the District.
12. Participate in initial and refresher training on district bylaws, the US and AZ Constitutions and Roberts Rules of Order using and observing said rules in their actions in both district and county meetings.

SECTION C - TERM OF OFFICE

Unless otherwise specified in the A.R.S., the term of office of a PC is two years and begins on October 1 after the primary election at which the PC was elected and continues through September 30 after the following primary election at which PCs are elected. A delay in taking the oath of office does not affect the start of the term.

SECTION D - CONTACT INFORMATION

The District shall maintain a contact list of all Members of the District, including email addresses and telephone numbers for each Member.

1. Members shall provide contact information, including an email address and telephone number if available, to the District.
2. The District shall utilize Member contact information solely for District business.
3. A contact list of the Members in a Precinct, including email addresses and telephone numbers, shall be provided to any Member of that Precinct, for District business only, within seven days of request.
4. The email addresses and/or telephone numbers of Members who do not permit the release of their contact information must so notify the District in writing. The restricted information for these Members shall be excluded from the list provided in the previous paragraph.
5. Members who do not maintain a valid email address with the District must request in writing that the District send meeting notices via postal mail.

ARTICLE V - SUBDIVISIONS

SECTION A - PRECINCTS

The District is divided into Precincts as specified by the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors.

SECTION B - ZONES

For administration purposes, the District may be divided into Zones, each a collection of Precincts. Each Zone shall be led by a Vice Chair or other Officer(s) as assigned by the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall adjust the number and boundaries of the Zones to achieve the most effective organization.

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS

SECTION A - DISTRICT OFFICERS

The Elected Officers of the District shall be: Chair, First Vice Chair, Second Vice Chair, Third Vice Chair, Fourth Vice Chair, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer. The offices of Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary may be combined under one person by majority vote of the district. These Officers shall constitute the Executive Board.

SECTION B - DISTRICT OFFICER QUALIFICATIONS

Qualifications for District Officers are as follows.

1. The District Chair shall be an elected PC residing within the districtwho, at the time of their election to the board, shall have been sworn in no fewer than 1 year previously. Other Officers may be elected or appointed PCs who, at the time of their election to the board, shall have been sworn in no fewer than 6 months previously.

All District elected Officers shall be PCs of the District continuously residing in the district.

2. If an Officer moves to a different Precinct within the District and is appointed a PC in his new Precinct within 60 days, he shall continue to hold his District office.
3. No Member may hold more than one elected office at a time, except that the offices of Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary may be filled by the same person. If one person acts both as Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary, that person has only one vote, and counts as only one Officer for purpose of quorum.

SECTION C - DISTRICT OFFICER DUTIES

District Officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws, the bylaws of the MCRC, and by the adopted parliamentary authority.

Subsection 1. Chair

a. Organize the District for effective and continuous work on behalf of the Republican Party and its candidates.
b. Cooperate with the MCRC chair and attend all Executive Guidance Committee meetings or send a designee pursuant to these bylaws.
c. Keep Members of the District organization informed of the activities of the District, County, and State Committees.
d. Appoint non-elective Officers and Committee chairs and Members as otherwise specified in these Bylaws, and be an ex-officio member of all committees, unless excluded by these Bylaws.
e. Appoint all committee chairs, except the chairmanship of the nominating committee, with the advice and consent of the Executive Board.
f. Assist and support the organization of Republican clubs within the District.
g. Preside at District and Executive Board meetings.
h. Represent the District in an official capacity, serve as the recognized leader of the Republican Party in the District, and coordinate the district-wide activities of the Republican Party.
i. Direct, redistribute, or reassign elected Officer duties in cooperation with the Executive Board.
j. Assign and control access to the financial account(s) of the district through the authorized Banking Institution the district utilizes.
k. Appoint Precinct Captains when no Captain is elected by the PCs.
l. In cooperation with Precinct Captains, make nominations to fill PC vacancies for appointment by the MCRC.
m. In cooperation with the County chair, nominate elected or appointed PCs to fill vacant State Committeeman (SC) positions.

Subsection 2. First Vice Chair

a. Coordinate meeting programs, schedule and recruit speakers, schedule meeting venues.
b. Provide Executive Board oversight of the Get Out The Vote Standing Committee.
c. Provide Executive Board oversight of the Voter Registration and Community Outreach Standing Committee.

d. Serve as Zone Leader for one of the district geographical Zones.
e. In the absence of the Chair, the First Vice Chair shall
    1. Preside at District and Executive Board meetings.
    2. Substitute for the Chair at County meetings, including EGC meetings.
    3. Perform duties of the Chair that cannot wait for the return of the Chair.
f. Perform additional duties as assigned by the District Chair and the Executive Board.

Subsection 3. Second Vice Chair

a. Lead membership and recruitment efforts for the District, including overseeing recruitment and training of PCs in collaboration with other District Officers and Precinct Captains.
b. Lead/organize district platform education topics.
c. Provide Executive Board oversight of the Precinct Committeemen Recruitment and Education Standing Committee.
d. Provide Executive Board oversight of the Programs and Events Standing Committee.
e. Coordinate Precinct Committeeman petition drives prior to primary election filing.
f. Serve as Zone Leader for one of the District geographical Zones.
g. In the absence of the Chair and the First Vice Chair, the Second Vice Chair shall
    1. Preside at District and Executive Board meetings.
    2. Substitute for the Chair at County meetings, including EGC meetings.
    3. Perform the duties of the District Chair that cannot wait for the return of the Chair.
h. Perform additional duties as assigned by the District Chair and the Executive Board.

Subsection 4. Third Vice Chair

a. Provide Executive Board oversight of the Legislative Liaison Standing Committee.
b. Lead and coordinate fundraising events.
c. Provide Executive Board oversight of the Fundraising Standing Committee.
d. Serve as Zone Leader for one of the District geographical Zones.
e. In the absence of the Chair, the First Vice Chair and the Second Vice Chair, the Third Vice Chair shall
    1. Preside at District and Executive Board meetings.
    2. Substitute for the Chair at County meetings, including EGC meetings.
    3. Perform the duties of the District Chair that cannot wait for the return of the Chair.
f. Perform additional duties as assigned by the District Chair and the Executive Board.

Subsection 5. Fourth Vice Chair

a. Maintain the District website and coordinate District social media efforts.
b. Coordinate and operate audio-visual equipment at District meetings.
c. Sort voter data and create walking lists.
d. Serve as Zone Leader for one of the District geographical Zones.
e. In the absence of the Chair, the First Vice Chair, the Second Vice Chair and the Third Vice Chair, the Fourth Vice Chair shall
    1. Preside at District and Executive Board meetings.
    2. Substitute for the Chair at County meetings, including EGC meetings.
    3. Perform the duties of the District Chair that cannot wait for the return of the Chair.
f. Perform additional duties as assigned by the District Chair or Executive Board.

Subsection 6. Recording Secretary

a. Take and maintain records of minutes of all meetings of the District and the Executive Board.
b. Determine whether quorum has been met for District meetings and maintain attendance records.
c. Assist the Credentials & Tally Committee in determining quorum for elections.
d. Preserve all permanent District records and properly transfer these records upon leaving office.
e. Maintain the official copy of these Bylaws.
f. Perform other duties incidental to the office and as may be assigned by the District Chair or Executive Board.

Subsection 7. Corresponding Secretary

a. Conduct such correspondence and communications as may be requested by the Chair and Executive Board.
b. Communicate notices of District meetings to each Precinct Committeeman no later than seven (7) days prior to such meeting.
c. Communicate notices of special meetings as defined in these Bylaws.
d. Maintain a complete and up-to-date roster of the District Officers, Precinct Captains, Precinct Committeemen, State Committeemen and elected officials.
e. Provide Member contact information as provided for elsewhere in these bylaws.
f. Perform other duties incidental to the office and as may be assigned by the District Chair or Executive Board.

Subsection 8. Treasurer

a. In cooperation with the District Chair and Executive Board, prepare a budget for each calendar year.
b. Provide an updated budget when financial conditions warrant.
c. Disburse funds only upon the order of the District Chair, or in the Chair's absence, the appropriate Vice Chair. Sign all checks approved by the District Chair or appropriate Vice Chair.
d. Establish and maintain a District bank account for which the District Chair and the Treasurer shall be account signers.
e. Maintain custody of all funds of the District and pay all bills upon the authorization of the Chair.
f. Maintain an account of all monies received and disbursed and providing a report at regular meetings, and as requested by the Chair.
g. File all required state and county reports in a timely and accurate manner.
h. Provide a financial status at each monthly meeting of the District.
i. Publish an annual report to the District and such other reports as required by law.
j. Appropriately transfer all records upon leaving office.
k. In cooperation with the District Chair, conduct an orderly transfer of control of the District's bank account and funds and submit a final report upon leaving office.
l. Perform other duties incidental to the office and as may be assigned by the District Chair or Executive Board.

SECTION D - DISTRICT OFFICER TERM

1. Officers shall be elected at the Statutory Organizational Meeting of the District as prescribed by the Arizona Revised Statues.
2. Elected Officers assume their duties upon the adjournment of the meeting at which they are elected, except that for the organizational meeting following Redistricting, when Officers take office immediately upon election.
3. Officers serve (subject to removal and replacement) through the next District Statutory Meeting or until their successors are elected.
4. No Officer is eligible to serve in the same capacity for more than three (3) consecutive terms. Officers elected to serve a partial term exceeding one year shall not be eligible to serve more than two additional terms consecutively following the partial term.

SECTION E - PRECINCT CAPTAINS

Unless otherwise specified in the in the MCRC bylaws, District Precinct Captains shall be selected and governed as follows:

a. Selection
   1. The newly elected PCs in every Precinct with two or more Members shall meet on or after the start of the new term to elect a Captain from among their number.
   2. If the PCs of any Precinct fail to elect a Precinct Captain, the District Chair shall appoint a Member from that Precinct to serve until the Members from that Precinct meet and elect a Precinct Captain.
   3. If there is only one PC elected or appointed, that PC will serve as Captain until such time as there are sufficient PCs to hold an election.

b. Duties
   1. Recruit PCs to fill vacant positions.
   2. Organize PCs within the Precinct.
   3. Recruit Precinct volunteers.
   4. Coordinate Precinct activities, including GOTV activities.
   5. Encourage all Precinct workers to attend District meetings.
   6. Encourage local PCs to participate in election activities at the Precinct polling location (inspector, judge, clerk, marshal, observer, or challenger).
   7. Provide political activity information to Precinct Members not in attendance at district meetings.
   8. Organize the Precinct in the most efficient manner for distribution of campaign literature, collection of nomination petition signatures, and GOTV activity.
   9. Recruit and train PCs and recommend replacements for PC vacancies to the District Chair.

c. Term
   1. The term of office of a Precinct Captain coincides with the term of a PC.

SECTION F - MCRC EXECUTIVE GUIDANCE COUNCIL

In the absence of the District Chair, the First Vice Chair, Second Vice Chair, Third Vice Chair, or Fourth Vice Chair, in that order, shall represent the District at MCRC EGC meetings. In the absence

of those Officers, the District Chair may give his or her proxy to any other District PC to represent the District at MCRC EGC meetings.

SECTION G - EXECUTIVE BOARD

Subsection 1. Composition

The Elected Officers constitute the Executive Board.

Subsection 2. Meetings

a. Notice of a meeting of the Executive board may be called by the District Chair or any two Executive Board members. Notice shall be given to all members of the Executive Board by electronic means at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting, but this requirement may be waived by unanimous consent of all voting members of the Executive Board.
b. Fifty percent (50%) of the elected District Officers constitute a quorum of the Executive Board. If the number of District Officers is below six due to vacancies, a minimum of three elected District Officers constitutes a quorum.
c. Minutes of the meeting shall be taken, and these minutes shall be distributed at the next District meeting or with the notice of the next District meeting.
d. The presider of any Executive Board meeting shall give a report at the next District meeting.
e. No member of the Board may be excluded from any Board meeting.

Subsection 3.Duties

a. The Executive Board supervises the affairs of the District between regular District meetings, fixes the place of District meetings, make recommendations to the District, and performs such other duties as are specified in these bylaws, including but not limited to:
    1. Planning District meetings and activities.
    2. Coordinating the work of committees.
    3. Approving District expenditures.
b. In the event that any member of the Executive Board neglects any duty of the office, the Board may, by majority vote, assign that duty to another Executive Board member.

Subsection 4. Liability Insurance

a. The executive board will research liability insurance, obtain quotes and then the executive board will present findings to the district to let the district and board decide.

SECTION H - APPOINTED OFFICERS

The District Chair may appoint Officers including but not limited to a Parliamentarian, Chaplain, General Counsel, and Sergeant at Arms. Appointees must be District Members, except that the Parliamentarian and General Counsel are not subject to this requirement. Each appointment shall be made with the consent of the Board.

ARTICLE VII - COMMITTEES

The standing and special committees of the District are as listed in this section. The District Chair is ex officio a member of all committees except the Nominating Committee, the Appeals Committee, and any disciplinary committees which may be formed. No member of any committee may be excluded from a meeting of that committee.

SECTION A - STANDING COMMITTEES

The District Chair appoints the chair and members of the Standing Committees, with the approval of the Executive Board. Each Standing Committee will be provided oversight by a member of the Executive Board, who may be a member of the chair of the committee. Standing Committees may be as follows, but not limited to:

1. Legislative Liaison
2. Programs and Events
3. Get Out The Vote (GOTV)
4. Precinct Committeemen Recruitment and Education
5. Voter Registration and Community Outreach
6. Fundraising

SECTION B - SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Subsection 1. Establishment

The Executive Board may establish Special Committees.

Subsection 2. Scope and Duration

The scope of each Special Committee is limited to its specific purpose and duration as stated in the resolution or motion establishing the committee.

Subsection 3. Membership

Unless otherwise stated in the resolution or motion establishing the committee:

a. The District Chair appoints the chair and members of the committee.
b. The committee shall be composed solely of District Members.

SECTION C - NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Subsection 1. Membership

a. A Nominating Committee of three (3) members shall be elected at the regular meeting preceding the Statutory Organizational meeting, and whenever any District election is to be held. Nominations for members of this Committee shall be made from the floor. The three (3) receiving the highest number of votes shall constitute the committee.
b. The Nominating Committee shall elect their own Chair.
c. The District Chair may not be a member of the Nominating Committee.

Subsection 2. Duties

Manage the nomination of Officers, SCs, state convention delegates and any other elections as may occur.

a. The Nominating Committee shall:
    1. Recruit qualified candidates for all elective positions.
    2. Verify eligibility of candidates.
    3. Apprise the candidates of the duties of the corresponding office.
    4. Secure a commitment from each candidate to fulfill the obligations of the office if elected.
    5. Nominate all those eligible and desiring to serve.
    6. Submit the name of at least one nominee for each office.
    7. Not nominate a PC for more than one office simultaneously.
    8. Present the nominations received in written form suitable for use as a ballot.
b. The committee shall submit the name of at least one (1) nominee for each office with the Statutory Organizational Meeting call, having obtained the consent of the nominee to serve if elected. All those eligible and desirous to serve must be nominated.
c. Election to the Nominating Committee does not preclude the right to run for office.
d. The Nominating Committee may not nominate one of its members for office.

Subsection 3. Term

a. The Nominating Committee serves through the election for which it was formed.
b. No member of the Nominating Committee shall serve consecutive terms on this committee.

Subsection 4. Nominations from Floor

Additional nominations for all elected Officers shall be permitted from the floor at all meetings where elections are held.

SECTION D - CREDENTIALS & TALLY COMMITTEE

Subsection 1. Duties

The Credentials & Tally (C&T) Committee shall oversee all aspects of District elections. Duties include:

a. Duplicate or otherwise prepare the ballots.
b. Prepare an alphabetical list of all valid electors for the meeting.
c. Conduct the verification and sign-in of eligible PCs.
d. Distribute corresponding credential tags if used.
e. Certify the number of eligible votes at the close of registration.
f. Handle ballot distribution and pickup during voting.
g. Tally by hand or machine count, certify the results.
h. Report the voting results to the District Chair for announcement.

Subsection 2. Selection

a. The C&T Committee shall be appointed by the District Chair from PCs who have not been nominated for any elective position, if possible. The committee members shall select one of their number as chair.
b. If additional C&T Committee members are required to expedite an election related task due to the number of ballots to be processed, the District Chair may select supplementary members at the time of the election.
c. C&T members shall not be close relatives of any candidates in the election.
d. In any election, each candidate may designate one person as an observer at the time the ballots are counted.

Subsection 3. Term

The C&T Committee serves for the period through the following Primary Election or until a successor is elected. Vacancies occurring between elections are filled by Executive Board appointment.

Subsection 4. Redistricting

The MCRC shall coordinate C&T activities during the organizational meeting immediately following Redistricting.

SECTION E - APPEALS COMMITTEE

Subsection 1. Purpose

The Appeals Committee investigates, deliberates, and reports to the District upon issues of concern regarding alleged violations of District rules and procedures.

Subsection 2. Formation and Term

This committee is formed only upon request of the District Chair, of a majority of the Executive Board or at the written request of ten percent (10%) of the elected or appointed PCs in the District. The committee is disbanded after the District votes on the committee's recommendations.

Subsection 3. Composition

One member is appointed by each elected District Officer. These committee members will elect a committee chair from among their number. Neither the District Chair nor the principals involved in the issue may serve on this committee.

Subsection 4. Duties

1. Convene within 14 days of receipt of a written and signed letter of concern submitted to any Executive Board member by one or more District Members.
2. Research and investigate concerns brought by Members regarding rules and procedures.
3. During the course of investigation, provide the defendant(s) with notice of the charge(s) and allow for a defense to be provided.
4. Conduct Committee deliberations in executive session only.

5. Make recommendations to the District Membership on the issue of concern. Recommendations must be approved by the Committee by a majority vote.
6. Report Member concerns and committee recommendations to the District Membership for adjudication at a regular meeting.
7. Committee recommendations may include any one or more of: revocation of Member's right to make motions, speak in debate, vote, or hold District office.
8. Defendant shall be provided with at least ten (10) day notice of any District meeting at which deliberations may be held, and the Committee recommendations which will be considered.
9. District deliberations shall be held in executive session.

Subsection 5. Disciplinary Action

1. Any disciplinary action imposed by the District requires a 2/3 vote of the PCs present in person or by proxy and voting.
2. Committee recommendations for disciplinary action to be submitted for the District's vote may be changed by a majority of the PCs present in person or by proxy and voting.

Subsection 6. Confidentiality

Issues submitted anonymously shall not be considered by this committee. Actions taken by the committee made in executive session, other than those that would expose the District to charges of libel, shall not be subject to the confidentiality requirements of executive session.

ARTICLE VIII - MEETINGS

SECTION A - CONDUCT OF DISTRICT MEETINGS

Subsection 1. Frequency

Regular District meetings shall occur at least ten times during even numbered years and at least six times during odd numbered years.

Subsection 2. Notice

a. Meeting notice shall be issued for any District meeting at which business may be conducted.
b. The meeting notice shall be sent no earlier than 28 days and:
    1. No later than ten days prior to the meeting if an election is to be held.
    2. No later than seven days prior to the meeting if no election is to be held.
    3. To District PCs as recorded and published by the Maricopa County Recorder's Office via:
        a. Email to all District PCs who have provided an email address in writing to the District Secretary.
        b. U.S. Mail to all District PCs who have not provided an email address to the District Secretary and who have requested in writing that the District send meeting notices via U.S. Mail.
c. The meeting notice shall include:
    1. The date, time, and place of the meeting.

2. The agenda.
3. Business that requires previous notice, such as proposed Bylaw amendments, if any.
4. For meetings at which elections will be held, the additional meeting notice requirements specified in the Elections section of these bylaws.

d. The above procedures satisfy meeting notice requirements. The District is under no obligation to provide other notice to PCs who have neither provided an email address to the District Corresponding Secretary nor requested in writing that they be sent notices via U.S. Mail.

Subsection 3. Quorum

a. A quorum shall be present for the transaction of any business at any District meeting.
b. In quorum calculations, District Membership is defined as the total of elected and appointed PCs, except that at the Organizational Meeting and State Legislator nomination election meetings, only elected PCs may be counted.
c. In defining a quorum, validated proxies (per Subsection 7 below) shall be included in the count.
d. The quorum for transaction of business at District meetings is:
    1. Organizational Meeting: 15% of elected PCs only.
    2. Meetings where elections are held or where amendments to the Bylaws are considered: 15%.
    3. Regular or special meeting other than the Organizational Meeting: 15%.
    4. Quadrennial State Convention Delegates election meeting: 15%.
    5. For State Legislature nominee election meetings (per Article VIII, Section E below), the quorum is 15% of elected PCs only.
e. For Executive Board meetings, a quorum is 50% of the elected Officers.

Subsection 4. Agenda

The Chair and the Board shall collaboratively develop the agenda for each District meeting. Each District meeting agenda shall include a New Business heading under which Members may make motions for consideration by District Membership.

Subsection 5. Virtual Meetings

Meetings of the District may be conducted by electronic devices or technologies (a) when so directed by the Board; or (b) in the case of special meetings, when so directed by those calling the special meeting. Conduct of Virtual Meetings shall be specified by the Executive Board and communicated to the Members in the meeting notice.

Subsection 6. Accommodations

Individuals with disabilities covered under the Americans with Disabilities Act must request special accommodation a reasonable amount of time prior to the start of the meeting.

Subsection 7. Proxies

a. PCs eligible to vote at a District meeting where proxies are allowed may give their Proxy to a registered Republican living and registered in the same Precinct as the giver. Proxies may not be transferred to a third party.
b. No proxy carrier may carry more than three proxies.

c. Proxies are valid solely on the date of the meeting for which they are created.
d. The proxy shall:
    1. Conform to the specification contained in the MCRC bylaws.
    2. Be signed by the giver within 30 days of the meeting at which it is to be used.
    3. Be attested to by a notary public or by two witnesses, not including the proxy carrier or the proxy giver.
e. At any meeting at which proxies are used:
    1. Proxies shall be submitted upon registration.
    2. The C&T Committee will issue each PC voter a ballot for himself and for the number of proxies he or she carries.
    3. The C&T committee shall certify the presence of a quorum before any business may be conducted.
    4. Members present by proxy count towards the quorum.

Subsection 8. Recording

No audio or video recording is allowed during any District meeting.

SECTION B - STATUTORY ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Subsection 1. Object

District Members shall convene in a Statutory Organizational Meeting for the purpose of electing Officers and State Committeemen. Other business may be conducted.

Subsection 2. Date

Unless otherwise required by the A.R.S, this meeting shall be held no earlier than the second Saturday following the general election and no later than the first Saturday of the following December.

Subsection 3. Notice

The Organizational meeting notice shall additionally include:

a. The list of Officers to be elected.
b. The number of State Committeemen to be elected.
c. That any elected PC desiring to run for any District office, for SC, or both, shall submit his or her name, and the title of the office or offices sought, in writing, to the chair of the Nominating Committee by the deadline stated in the call.
d. The name, address, email address and phone number of the Nominating Committee chair.
e. A list of announced District Officer and SC candidates seeking election at the meeting.

SECTION C - EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

The Executive Board shall meet a minimum of the same number of times as stated for Regular District meetings.

SECTION D - SPECIAL MEETINGS

Subsection 1. Special District Meetings

Special District meetings may be called by

a. The District Chair,
b. The Executive Board, or
c. Upon the written request to the Executive Board of ten percent (10%) of the District Membership.

Subsection 2. Precinct Captain Meetings

The chairman shall call a special meeting of the Precinct Captains at the written request of at least twenty percent (20%) of the Precinct Captains.

Subsection 3. Purpose

The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the Notice, which shall be sent at least ten (10) days before the meeting. No business other than that stated in the Notice may be transacted at any special meeting.

ARTICLE IX - ELECTIONS

SECTION A - DISTRICT OFFICER ELECTIONS

Subsection 1. Notice

In addition to other meeting notice requirements specified in these bylaws, the meeting notice for any meeting at which an election may be held shall include:

a. A list of all elective positions available for nomination and election at that meeting,
b. A list of any qualified and announced candidates for any elective position at that meeting.

Subsection 2. Agenda

At meetings in which an election is to be held, the election takes precedence over all other business.

Subsection 3. Credentialing

a. Only duly elected Precinct Committeemen of record as of the Statutory Organizational meeting present in person or by proxy after call to order may vote at such meeting.
b. Precinct Committeemen appointed to fill vacancies may vote at special elections called between Statutory Organizational Meetings or at the Statutory Organizational Meeting resulting from Redistricting.
c. Eligible PCs shall present a photo ID with an address that matches the District roll as published by the Maricopa County Recorder's Office. In the event the address on the Photo ID does not match the rolls, a Photo ID presented with two forms of identification indicating the residence address (such as utility bills) may be accepted.

d. The C&T Committee will certify the number of eligible votes as of the call to order and determine the presence of a quorum. The committee shall present its report for adoption by the Membership.

Subsection 4. Presiding Officer

The District Chair shall preside over the election, except that if the District Chair is running for re-election in a contested election, the First Vice Chair shall conduct the election.

Subsection 5. Nominations

a. Upon adoption of the credentials report, the nominating committee will present its report to those Members present.
b. All PCs who have notified the Nominating Committee, by the deadline stated in the meeting notice of their intent to run, and who are qualified to serve, shall appear on the ballot.
c. Nominations for all elective offices shall be permitted from the floor at all meetings where elections are held. Nominations from the floor will be entertained immediately prior to the vote for each respective office.
d. Floor nominees must be present in person and express their eligibility and willingness to serve in the office for which they are nominated.
e. A PC may be nominated for no more than one District office at a time.

Subsection 6. Speeches

Each candidate may give a campaign speech not exceeding three (3) minutes.

Subsection 7. Campaigning

All candidates for election may conduct campaigning activities, including posting wall signs (if not prohibited by the facility then being used), and distributing campaign literature.

Subsection 8. Ballots

a. Voting for elective offices will be made by ballot except where only one nominee is being considered for an office, in which case election may be by acclamation.
b. Multiple elections may be combined onto a single ballot at the discretion of the C&T Committee.
c. The ballot for all elections shall contain, in alphabetical order for each office, the names of all qualified and announced candidates.
d. The ballot shall include space for floor-nominated candidates and write-ins.

Subsection 9. Voting

a. Upon adoption of the nominating committee's report, voting will proceed for the following offices:
    1. Chair
    2. First Vice-Chair
    3. Second Vice-Chair
    4. Third Vice-Chair
    5. Fourth Vice-Chair
    6. Recording Secretary

7. Corresponding Secretary
8. Treasurer

b. Those in line with completed ballots at the close of polls shall be allowed to vote.
c. The C&T Committee shall count the ballots at the close of the polls.
d. In a contested election each candidate may designate one person as an observer at the time the ballots are counted.
e. Electronic voting is prohibited except during virtual meetings.

Subsection 10. Election

Election will be determined by the candidate receiving the majority of the votes cast for each office except should there be more than two (2) candidates for any office, and no one receives a majority of votes cast, the two (2) receiving the most votes will be matched in a runoff election immediately. Should any such run-off election result in a tie, the winner will be decided by the toss of a coin.

Subsection 11. Recount

If the vote count differs between candidates by one percent (1%) or less of ballots cast, the losing candidate may ask for a recount of the ballots.

Subsection 12. Announcement of Results

Final results shall be announced as soon as they are available, but in any event before the meeting is adjourned.

Subsection 13. Election Certification

Election results shall be certified by the chair of the C&T Committee. The newly elected District Chair shall certify the election results to the chair of the MCRC within seven days following the elections. Itemized recording of the vote tally shall be entered into the minutes of the meeting.

SECTION B - PRECINCT CAPTAINS

Within sixty (60) days after the Organizational Meeting, the Precinct Committeemen, at the direction of the District Chairman, shall elect, from among their number, a Precinct Captain. If there are any Precincts in which this has not been completed, the District Chairman will appoint a Precinct Captain for each of those Precincts from among the Precinct Committeemen serving in said Precincts.

SECTION C - STATE COMMITTEEMEN

Subsection 1. Date

Members of the State Committee, referred to as State Committeemen (SC), shall be elected at the Statutory Organizational Meeting.

Subsection 2. Nomination

a. SCs are elected from a ballot alphabetically listing the names of all elected District PCs who have submitted in writing to the Nominating Committee, their desire to serve as SCs by the deadline specified in the meeting call.
b. Nominations from the floor are permitted.

c. SC candidates nominated through the Nominations Committee need not be present but those desiring to be nominated from the floor must be present in person.

Subsection 3. Speeches

Nominating and seconding speeches are not allowed for the office of SC.

Subsection 4. Election

Unless otherwise specified in the A.R.S:

a. The District may elect one SC for every three PCs elected in the immediately preceding Primary Election.
b. If the number of SC candidates is less than the quota, then all SC candidates may be elected by acclamation.
c. Election is determined by the candidates receiving the largest number of votes until the District quota is filled, and an equal number of alternates are elected.
d. Ties will be decided by chance by the toss of a coin.

Subsection 5. Vacancy

In case of vacancy in a SC position, the District Chair shall advise appointment of alternates in order starting with the alternate with the highest number of votes, and not consent to any appointment out of this order.

Subsection 6. Reporting

a. A list of SCs and alternates, in the order of number of votes received, will be announced to the District Membership prior to the adjournment of the meeting at which the election was held, and shall be included in the meeting minutes along with the vote tally.
b. The District Chair shall certify the election results of State Convention Delegates and Alternates to the chair of the AZGOP and to the chair of the MCRC at least ten days prior to the MCRC Statutory Organizational Meeting.

SECTION D - QUADRENNIAL CONVENTION DELEGATES

Upon the call of the Republican National Committee (RNC), the District shall convene to elect delegates and alternates to the State Convention.

Subsection 1. Notice

In addition to the meeting notice requirements for election meetings specified in these bylaws, the call letter for the meeting where quadrennial convention delegates will be elected shall be publicly posted and shall include:

a. The place, date, and time of the State Convention.
b. The number of Delegates and Alternates to be elected.
c. Instructions providing that any District PC, or Registered Republican, resident in the District and desiring to be a candidate for Delegate to the State Convention shall submit his or her name in writing to the Nominating Committee by the deadline stated in the call.

d. The name, phone number, and address of the Nominating Committee members to whom the notice of candidacy may be submitted.

Subsection 2. Date

a. The meeting to elect the District's State Quadrennial Convention Delegates shall be held at the first regular District Meeting that follows official Convention notification from the AZGOP and that provides sufficient time to provide the required meeting notice.
b. If time constraints of the State Convention date prevent holding this election at a regular meeting, a special meeting for this election may be held.

Subsection 3. Campaigning

Nominating and seconding speeches are not allowed for Quadrennial Convention Delegate candidates.

Subsection 4. Election

a. Delegates and Alternates to State Convention shall be elected by plurality vote from a written ballot listing the names of all registered Republicans residing within the District who have placed their name into nomination. In addition, space will be provided on the ballot for qualified candidates nominated from the floor.
b. Delegates and Alternates are elected in the order of the number of votes received from highest number of votes earned to lowest.
c. Pursuant to the rules of the RNC, there shall be no proxies at any District meeting or convention held for the purpose of electing or selecting delegates to the national convention.
d. Ties will be decided by chance by the toss of a coin.

Subsection 5. Alternates

Alternates are those candidates receiving the next highest number of votes below the elected Delegates. Alternates serve according to priority determined by number of votes received.

Subsection 6. Reporting

a. State Quadrennial Convention Delegate Election results shall be certified and signed by the chair of the C&T Committee.
b. The District Chair shall certify the election results of State Quadrennial Convention Delegates and Alternates to the chair of the AZGOP within three days following the election.

SECTION E - STATE LEGISLATOR NOMINEES

If a vacancy occurs in the State Legislature and the seat was held by a Republican Party Member of the District, the District shall recommend candidates to fill the vacancy in accordance with the A.R.S.

ARTICLE X - VACANCIES

SECTION A - DEFINITION

Vacancy is caused by reasons including:

1. Death.
2. Insanity, when judicially determined.
3. Failure to maintain registration as a Republican.
4. Resignation.
5. Removal from office.
6. Ceasing to be a PC residing in the District.
7. Moving from the Precinct in which elected or appointed to another Precinct within the District. This creates a vacancy for the position of PC but not for the position of SC or of an Officer.
8. Absence from the state beyond a period of three consecutive months.
9. Ceasing to discharge the duties of office for a period of three consecutive months.
10. When less than a full quota of PCs is elected at the primary election.
11. Failure of a person to be elected or appointed to the office.

SECTION B - PRECINCT COMMITTEEMEN

Pursuant to the process described in the MCRC bylaws, the District Chair and the Precinct Captain are charged jointly with recommending appointments to the MCRC to fill PC vacancies.

SECTION C - STATE COMMITTEEMEN

Pursuant to the process described in the MCRC bylaws, the District Chair is charged with recommending appointments to the MCRC to fill SC vacancies.

SECTION D - DISTRICT CHAIR

Vacancies in the office of District Chair shall be announced within five calendar days via email. The vacancy shall be filled by election at the meeting immediately following the meeting after which the vacancy was announced , except when such vacancy occurs within a sixty (60) day one (1) year period prior to a Statutory Organizational Meeting. Vacancies and elections to fill the vacancies will be announced to all Precinct Committeemen at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting at which said elections will be held. Proxies are allowed and must be carried by a Registered Republican from the same Precinct.

Subsection 1. Announcement

Any board vacancy will be announced within five calendar days via email along with any interim replacement for that office.

SECTION E - EXECUTIVE BOARD

Subsection 1. Appointment

In the case of a vacancy in an elective office of the District Committee, other than District Chairman, such a vacancy shall be filled by a majority vote of the District Committee at a regular scheduled meeting at which a quorum is present. Notice of such election shall be mailed at least ten (10) days prior to such a meeting. For the purposes of elections at a District Meeting, Nominating Committee members of a Legislative District, shall include all registered Republicans of their Legislative District, who are PCs in their District, who have submitted their names and other required information on time, as determined by the Nominating Committee of the District, and in accordance with District rules and bylaws, on any ballot to be used to Elect Legislative District officers.

Subsection 2. Multiple Vacancies

If Executive Board quorum cannot be achieved due to multiple Officer vacancies, the MCRC chair may appoint pro tempore officers from the District membership to fill the vacancies for the sole purpose of, and for only such time as necessary, for the District to elect permanent replacements.

ARTICLE XI - REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

SECTION A - DISTRICT CHAIR

The District Chair may be removed in accordance with the MCRC bylaws.

SECTION B - DISTRICT OFFICERS

Subsection 1. Removal by District

An Officer, other than the District Chair, may be removed at any time by a majority vote of those Precinct Committeemen present, or represented by proxy and voting at any meeting, provided notice of the proposed removal has been given to all Members at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting at which the removal is to be voted upon.

Subsection 2. Removal for Absences

An Officer, other than the District Chair, who is not present at three or more consecutive Executive Board meetings during a term may be removed by a majority vote at a District meeting, provided notice of the proposed removal has been given to all Members at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting at which the removal is to be voted upon. The Officer to be removed shall be notified in writing no later than ten (10) days prior to the meeting at which the vote will be held.

SECTION C - PRECINCT CAPTAIN

A majority of the PCs of the Precinct may call a meeting for the purpose of removing the Precinct Captain. The quorum is fifty percent (50%) of the elected and appointed PCs in the Precinct. At such meeting,

a. The District Chair shall preside or appoint a presider. The presider must not be a Member of that Precinct.
b. The Captain of that Precinct may be removed by majority vote and a new Captain elected.

SECTION D - STATE COMMITTEEMEN

A State Committeeman (SC) may be removed from office at any meeting of the District by a majority vote, provided that a notice of the proposed removal is sent no later than ten days prior to the meeting and an announcement of the proposed removal was made at the previous District meeting.

ARTICLE XII - ENDORSEMENTS

SECTION A - PRIMARY ELECTIONS

Subsection 1. Endorsement by District Officers

In a contested Republican primary election, no elected Officer of the District may claim to speak on behalf of the Executive Board, Board, or the District in support of a candidate in the Republican Primary Election unless authorized to do so by a 2/3 vote at a regular District meeting.

Subsection 2. Endorsements by the District

Any position the District may take regarding candidates in any Republican primary election requires a 2/3 vote.

Subsection 3. Endorsements by PCs

Any restriction concerning endorsements of candidates in Republican primary elections by Officers or by the District shall not apply to individual PCs.

SECTION B - GENERAL ELECTIONS

No Member of the District may provide financial support or declare public support, approval, or endorsement for a non-Republican candidate in any election in which there is a Republican candidate for that office, unless that Republican candidate has been censured by this District, the MCRC, or the AZGOP.

ARTICLE XIII - DISTRICT FUNDS

SECTION A - ACCOUNTS

A District bank account shall be established for which the District Chair and the Treasurer shall be account signers.

SECTION B - INCOME

All funds obtained by the District shall be deposited in the District account within seven (7) business days of receipt of said funds.

SECTION C - EXPENDITURES

Disbursement of any and all funds shall require signatures of two (2) members of the Executive Board. Expenditures over $300 must be pre-approved by the Executive Board. All expenditures require receipts.

SECTION D - AUDIT

At the end of each year an audit shall be made of the books and records by an Audit Committee of at least three (3) Precinct Committeemen from the District who did not serve on the Executive Board during the previous 12 months. They shall be appointed by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE XIV - GENERAL

SECTION A - GOVERNING RULES

These Bylaws shall conform to and incorporate by reference the National, State, and County Bylaws, and Arizona Revised Statutes. If there is any conflict with the National, State or County Bylaws the Arizona Revised Statutes take precedence.

SECTION B - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Subsection 1. Governance

Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, latest printing, shall govern this organization in all matters of procedure not covered in these Bylaws.

Subsection 2. Suspension

These Bylaws may be suspended with at least seventy-five percent (75%) vote of those present in person or by proxy and voting at a regularly scheduled monthly district meeting as defined in Article IV for the duration of that meeting.

SECTION C - ADOPTION & TERMINATION

These Bylaws shall take effect immediately upon a majority vote of the PCs present in person or by proxy and voting at the initial organizational meeting following Redistricting.

These Bylaws shall be terminated upon the formal adoption by the State Legislature of new Legislative Districts resulting from Redistricting.

Given that LD15 is composed of Republicans located in both Maricopa and Pinal Counties, and given that current statues in ARS preclude a combined LD that includes both counties, these

Bylaws may be terminated by a majority vote of the PCs present, in person, or by proxy, and voting at a Special Meeting called for the purpose of considering new Bylaws for new combined LD15 from both counties, when ARS are modified to permit this action.

SECTION D - AMENDMENT

The following rules govern amendment of these Bylaws.

a. These Bylaws may be amended by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Precinct Committeemen present in person or by proxy and who cast ballots.
b. Amendments may be introduced at any regular meeting of the District. The proposed amendment shall be distributed to the Precinct Committeemen by email at least ten (10) days prior to the next meeting.
c. Consideration of the amendment will be at the next regular meeting of the District following introduction of the amendment.
d. Any amendment that fails may not be reintroduced for at least six (6) months.
e. Any amendment achieving ratification will become effective upon adjournment of the meeting at which it was ratified.

SECTION E - SEVERABILITY

If any of the terms or provisions of these Bylaws are held to be partially or wholly invalid or unenforceable for any reason whatsoever, such holding shall not affect, alter, modify, or impair any of the other terms or provisions of such documents or the remaining portions of any terms or provisions held to be partially invalid or unenforceable.

SECTION F - RECORDS

Subsection 1. Maintenance

All District Officers, elected and appointed, shall maintain records specific to their activities in their office.

Subsection 2. Transfer

Officers shall transfer these records, as well as any records which may have been transferred from prior Officers to a District Member designated by the District Chair within seven (7) days of leaving office. If the office of the Chair is vacant and no other Officer has assumed the duties of the Chair pursuant to these Bylaws, the vacating Officer shall transfer the records to the MCRC chair or designee within fourteen (14) days.

Subsection 3. Retention

Records shall be retained until the District is formally dissolved upon Redistricting. At that point records shall be offered to the MCRC for archiving. If the MCRC declines to archive the records, they shall be destroyed and not further retained.

Subsection 4. Election Data Preservation

Election ballots and raw electronic voting data shall be preserved for a period of no less than fourteen (14) days following an election and made available for audit upon written request of twenty (20) District PCs or by the Executive Board. Any audit shall be conducted at a Board meeting and be open to all District PCs.