

# **Republican Club of Greater Largo, Inc.**

## **By-laws**

### **ARTICLE I- NAME**

The name of the club shall be the Republican Club of Greater Largo, Inc. hereinafter referred to as the Club.

### **ARTICLE II- OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of the Club shall be:

- (a) To attract members into, and involve them in the Republican Party and subsequently provide them with a practical means of Republican Party participation, leadership training and political involvement, at all levels of government.
- (b) To support the principles, objectives, and platform of the Republican Party and to help secure the election of all duly nominated Republican candidates in the general election and registered Republicans in non-partisan elections.
- (c) To support and encourage worthwhile local improvements.
- (d) To support the objectives and policies of the National, State, Congressional and County Committees of the Republican Party and to cooperate with those committees in seeking the election of Republican nominees.
- (e) To engage in and sponsor activities that the Club feels will aid in the political education of the citizens in the community.
- (e) To encourage and stimulate the activity of all people in the affairs of government.
- (f) Advance the principles of the Republican Party, and to promote the Party's programs.
- (g) Solicit funds and pay bills incurred by this organization as may be necessary for and pertinent to the forwarding of the organization's proper enterprises.
- (h) Bring citizens of voting age into the Republican Party.

### **ARTICLE III- MEMBERS**

Section 1, Membership. The Club shall recognize the following two (2) classes of membership:

(a) Active Membership – Active membership shall be open to any registered Republican voter, who resides, conducts a business or serves local government within the boundaries of Central Pinellas County, and who acknowledge support of the principles, objectives and mission of the Club.

(b) Associate Membership – Associate membership shall be open to any other registered Republican voter who does not qualify for Active membership status but who otherwise support the principles, objectives and mission of the Club.

Section 2, Dues. The annual dues for each class of membership shall be fixed by the Board of Directors, payable to the Treasurer upon becoming a member and thereafter on January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

Section 3. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Club shall be May 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **ARTICLE IV- OFFICERS**

Section 1. Officers: The officers of the Club shall be a President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer.

### **ARTICLE V – BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Section 1. The governing body of this club shall be a Board of Directors consisting of twelve members. The Board shall be composed as follows:

There shall be a President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer who shall be elected annually by the Active Members of the Club. Five other Active Members shall be elected annually to be directors of the Club. In addition, the Immediate Past President shall serve as an honorary member of the Board of Directors with full voting powers.

Section 2. The President shall be the presiding officer at all meetings of the Club, and shall be the chief executive officer of the Club, exercising a general supervision of the interest and welfare of the Club. The President shall perform such other duties as ordinarily pertain to this office, and shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. The First Vice-president whose duties shall be to preside at meetings of the club in the absence of the President, and shall serve as the Club's Program Chairman, and shall perform such other duties assigned by the President or the Board of Directors.

Section 4. The Second Vice-President whose duties shall be to preside at meetings of the Club in the absence of the President and the First Vice-President, and shall serve

the Club's Membership Chairman, and shall perform such other duties assigned by the President or the Board of Directors.

Section 5. The Recording Secretary whose duties shall be to keep records of attendance at meetings, record and preserve the minutes of the Club and the Board of Directors, and perform such other duties as pertain to his office. Upon retirement from office, the Recording Secretary shall turn over all minutes, books and records or any other Club property in his/her possession to his/her successor or to the President.

Section 6. The Corresponding Secretary whose duties shall be to keep records of membership and send out notices of meetings of this organization and of the Board of Directors, and to perform such other duties as pertain to his office. Upon retirement from office, the Corresponding Secretary shall turn over all records and correspondence or any other Club property in his/her possession to his/her successor or to the President.

Section 7. The Treasurer whose duties shall be to have custody of all funds, account for the same to the Club at its annual meeting and shall provide the Board of Directors with a financial report at each monthly Board meeting. The Treasurer shall perform such other duties as pertain to the office. Upon his retirement from office, the Treasurer shall turn over to his/her successor, or to the President, all funds, books of account, or any other club property in his/her possession.

Section 8. The President shall appoint a Parliamentarian to rule on all points of order.

Section 9. The President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President and Corresponding Secretary shall be eligible to succeed in office for one additional term. No other elected Officer or Director, except the Treasurer and Recording Secretary, may serve in the same office for more than three consecutive elected one-year terms.

Section 10. Any member of the Board of Directors who misses three consecutive Board meetings thereof without good cause shown shall automatically forfeit the office they hold and their successor or successors shall be appointed by the remaining members of the Board of Directors. Any member of the Board of Directors who misses two consecutive general meetings of the Club shall be notified by the Corresponding Secretary, by registered mail, that he/she is liable to forfeiture of office by reason of missing three successive general meetings.

## **ARTICLE VI – ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

Section 1. Officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the organization in May of each calendar year and shall hold office for a period of one year or until their successors are duly elected and qualified, except that members of the Board of Directors shall be elected as follows:

Three Directors shall be elected during the even numbered years and three Director shall be elected during the odd number years.

Section 2. Vacancies: A majority of the members present at a duly called meeting shall appoint an eligible member to fill a vacancy in any office for the remainder of the term. However, a vacancy in the Presidency shall be filled by the First Vice-President and the Second Vice-President shall become First Vice-president.

## **ARTICLE VII- MEETING**

Section 1. Regular general meeting of the Club shall be held at the date, time, and location specified, as determined by a majority vote of the Club, or by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. The Club shall hold a minimum of six regular meeting each year.

Section 2. The regular meeting held during the month of May shall be known as the Annual Meeting of the Club, and shall be for, but not limited to, the election of officers.

Section 3. Special meetings of the Club may be called by the President or by the Board of Directors, At least ten days notice must be given and the purpose of the special meeting must be stated in the notice.

Section 4. Only Active Members shall be allowed to vote in meetings of the Club. Pursuant to the Republican Party of Florida Rules of Procedure, proxy voting shall not be allowed in any meeting of the Club.

Section 5. Thirty percent of the Club's membership, classified as Active, shall constitute a quorum.

## **ARTICLE VIII- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Section 1. The officers of the Club shall constitute the Executive Committee of the Board.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Club between regular meetings of the Board of Director. The Executive Committee shall be subject to the orders of the President, and none of its acts shall conflict with action taken by the Club or Board of Directors.

Section 3. Meetings of the Executive Committee may be called by the President as needed and may be conducted telephonically or by other electronic means. The Recording Secretary shall record the minutes of all Executive Committee meetings.

## **ARTICLE IX- COMMITTEES**

Section 1. There shall be appointed by the President, from the membership, the following committee Chairpersons, whose duties are as follows:

a) . Ways and Means: For the purpose of arranging social affairs and raising money.

b). Program: To secure speakers and entertainment at regular meetings. This committee chairman would be the Club's First Vice-President, as per Section 3, Article VII above.

c). Hospitality: To take care of new members and guests, to act as ushers for dinners and meetings.

d). Membership: To constantly plan new ways to interest new members and plan membership drives; to check party affiliation of new members and to make reports to the Board of Directors. This chairman should be the Club's Second Vice-President, as per section 4, Article VII above.

e). Publicity: To see that notices of meetings and affairs of all kinds are given to the newspapers promptly. Get publicity for the Board of Directors meetings, as well as regular meetings during the Club year.

f). Auditing: To be composed of two voting members to audit the Treasurer's books and report at each annual meeting.

g). Nominating Committee: To be composed of five members whose duties shall be to draw up a slate of eligible members as candidates for office in the Club. Said committee shall consist of three members elected by the Board of Directors and two members elected from the general membership. Selection of this committee shall be made at the February meeting. The final report of the Nominating Committee containing a slate shall be presented to the membership at the April meeting. Nominations can be made from the floor at the April meeting for any eligible and active member of the Club one year or more, upon verification of eligibility by the Treasurer. Nominees must be present at the meeting or submit written acceptance. Any nominee for President shall be a current or past director of the club.

h). Other Committees: The President may appoint such further committees, as he deems necessary to carry out the purpose and object of the Republican Club of Greater Largo.

i). The President shall be an ex officio member of all committees.

## **ARTICLE X- ENDORSEMENTS & INTRA-PARTY DIFFERENCES**

Pursuant to the Republican Party of Florida Rules of Procedure, no chartered club or organization using the name Republican shall participate in intra-party differences, nor shall it, as an organization, seek to influence the nomination or election of any Republican over another Republican unless the County Executive Committee has endorsed one Republican over another. Then the Club may seek to influence the election of the candidate endorsed by the County Executive Committee. Chartered clubs shall not entertain motions to adopt platform positions on issues or endorse candidates except that they may entertain such motions to take the same position or endorse the same candidate as the County Executive Committee has taken. Under no circumstances shall a chartered club invite a non-Republican to be a guest speaker at a club meeting or function

without prior approval of the County Republican Executive Board. The Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida shall be the authority with respect to internal disputes referred by any Club or member of a Club chartered under this rule.

#### ARTICLE XI- PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in "Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised" shall govern the Club in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws, the Republican Party of Florida Constitution, the Republican Party of Florida Rule Procedure, and any special rules of order the Club may adopt.

The President shall appoint a Club Parliamentarian.

The Board of Directors may appoint, by majority vote, a legal advisor to the Board and Club, who shall a member of the Florida Bar and an active member of the Club.

#### ARTICLE XII- AMEDEMMENTS TO BYLAWS

These bylaws may be amended on the recommendation of the Board of Directors and approved at any regular meeting of the Club by a majority vote of those present, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting.

Adopted by the Board of Directors at a regular meeting of the Board on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2011 and ratified by the members at a regular meeting of the members on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

President     **/S/ J. CASEY COX**  
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Recording Secretary **/S/ Antoinette L. Wolff**  
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