

Wimberley Area Republicans By-laws

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Article I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Wimberley Area Republicans, hereinafter referred to as the WAR.

Article II – MEETINGS

Meetings will be conducted according to the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised and shall be the parliamentary authority governing all meetings and any committee or subcommittee of the WAR.

Article III – OBJECTIVES

- To promote an informed independent, conservative Republican organization
- To be membership directed
- To educate and foster an independent conservative viewpoint
- To work for the election of the Republican Party's nominees
- To influence public policy in Hays County and the State of Texas beginning at the grass roots level.

Article IV – POLICIES

Section 1. Candidate Endorsement: The WAR shall not publicly endorse any candidate for public office in contested Republican primaries, runoff elections and special elections and/or non-partisan elections when more than one Republican is in the race.

Section 2. Working for a Candidate: Individual members of the WAR may work for any candidate of their choice in contested Republican primaries, but may not use their affiliation with the WAR in support of those candidates.

Section 3. Candidate Endorsement Exemptions: This article pertains only to contests between Republican candidates for public office. If a member of the WAR is a candidate, or their spouse is a candidate, he or she may not use their affiliation with the WAR in any endorsements.

Section 4. Public Statements & Resolutions: The WAR shall not issue statements or pass resolutions on issues in the name of the organization without a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the WAR Board.

Section 5. Lobbying: There shall be no lobbying with legislators using the name of the WAR without the express permission of a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the WAR Board.

Section 6. Fiscal Year: The fiscal year of this club shall be from January 1 through December 31.

ARTICLE V – MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

Section 1. Anyone who believes in the philosophy of the Republican Party and its conservative values shall be eligible for membership. The WAR Board reserves the right to refuse membership to anyone it has reason to believe will not adhere to these values.

Section 2. Members shall pay dues annually. Membership must be current to vote.

ARTICLE VI – DUES

Section 1. Annual dues shall be set by the WAR Board.

Section 2. Dues shall be payable on December 1 and shall become delinquent on January 16.

ARTICLE VII – OFFICERS, AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 1. Officers: The President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, and Membership shall be elected by a majority of voting members present. The Past President is not an elected position but will remain an advisory member of the board for one year following the completion of their Presidential term.

Program Chair and Web Administrator shall be appointed by the officers. Family members or individuals in a personal relationship may not serve on the Board at the same time.

Section 2. Term of Office: The term of office shall be for two years, staggered. President, Second Vice President, Secretary and Membership shall be elected in the odd years for one two- year term or until their successor is elected. First Vice President, Treasurer and Parliamentarian shall be elected in the even years for one two-year term or until their successor elected. An elected officer may serve only one consecutive term. If appointed by the Board to fill a vacancy, that officer may serve the unexpired term of the vacancy and seek the office during the regular election, plus one successive term. Officer resignations must be submitted in writing to the President. The President shall notify the members of the WAR Board no later than five (5) days after said resignation.

Section 3. Duties of Officers:

A. President shall:

1. Preside at all WAR meetings.
2. Appoint all committee Chairs with the approval of the WAR Board. Removal of any committee chairs/members must be approved by a majority of the WAR Board.
3. Sign checks in an emergency and by vote of the WAR Board if the Treasurer is unable to do so.
4. Be an ex-officio member of all committees.

B. First Vice President shall:

1. Perform the duties of the President whenever the President is absent or otherwise unable to serve.
2. Perform other duties as assigned by the WAR Board.

C. Second Vice President shall:

1. Perform the Sergeant-at-arms duties at all meetings.
2. Perform other duties as assigned by the WAR Board.

D. Secretary shall:

1. Maintain a record of all WAR membership meetings and Board meetings.
2. Prepare all WAR correspondence and distribute electronically.
3. Serve as custodian of the permanent records and manage mail/emails for the WAR.

E. Treasurer shall:

1. Receive and be the custodian of all WAR funds; record and deposit all monies received and pay all bills in a timely manner.
2. Submit a monthly report of income and expenses to the WAR Board.

F. Past President shall:

1. Be an advisor to the WAR Board and perform duties as assigned by the WAR Board during the first year following completion of their Presidential term.

G. Parliamentarian shall:

1. Attend all required meetings.
2. Be fully knowledgeable of the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.
3. Provide effective meeting management.
4. Advise the President, committee, or subcommittee chairperson during the meeting as needed.
5. Make sure the WAR By-Laws are followed.
6. Shall be the custodian of the WAR By Laws.

H. Membership shall:

1. Serve as Chair of the Membership Committee and help recruit new members for the WAR.
2. Send renewal notices and billings to the members. All monies and applications will be sent to the Treasurer.
3. Retain all membership records for a period of two years.

I. Program Chair shall:

1. Serve as Chair of the Program Committee and is responsible for setting programs for the WAR meetings.

J. Web Administrator shall:

1. Update and maintain website, adding features as needed and keeping information current.

Section 4. Delivery of Records: Within 30 days of retiring from office, all officers and all committee chairs shall deliver all records, files, and properties of the WAR to their successors.

Article VIII – WAR BOARD

Section 1. The WAR Board shall consist of the officers listed in Article VII, Section 1.

Section 2. Duties of the WAR Board:

- A. The transaction of any necessary business between regular meetings. Board business meetings may be conducted via electronic platforms, such as Zoom. Business conducted electronically will be considered official board meetings.
- B. Make recommendations as to the policies for the WAR.
- C. Serve as advisors to the President.
- D. Direct disbursement of WAR funds.
- E. Approve vacancies that occur between elections by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the WAR Board present with the exception of a vacancy in the Presidency, in which case the First Vice -

President shall temporarily assume the office of President until a special election is held by the membership to elect a new President.

Section 3. A quorum for a meeting of the WAR Board shall be a “majority” of the WAR Board.

ARTICLE IX – NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. Eligibility: Only members whose dues are current are eligible to hold an office in the WAR.

Section 2. Nominations: The nominations for officers shall be conducted during the September membership meeting. Nominations may be made from the floor with the agreement of the person nominated.

Section 3. Elections: Elections of the WAR Officers shall be held during the October membership meeting and take office January 1.

ARTICLE X – WAR LOGO: The Wimberley Area Republicans official logo may not be used without the written permission of the WAR Board. It is understood the WAR Board may use it in any official capacity.

ARTICLE XI – AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the active members present at any regular WAR meeting, provided notice of the proposed amendment has been given in writing, to all members at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting or provided that notice of the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting. Any member may submit amendments to the Board in writing sixty (60) days prior to the presentation at a membership meeting.

ARTICLE XII – DISSOLUTION

Section 1. The WAR may be dissolved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of active members present at any meeting if notice of the dissolution has been submitted in writing at the previous meeting and/or notification has been sent to all members of the WAR thirty (30) days in advance. In the event of dissolution, the WAR Board shall, after payment of all liabilities, distribute any remaining assets to the Hays County Republican Party. None of the assets shall be distributed to any member or officer of the organizations.

Section 2. Any officer or member may be removed or censured by two-thirds (2/3) of the majority of the members present at any meeting.

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