

# **Republican Party of Milwaukee County By-Laws**

## **1. Branch Clubs**

The Branch Clubs within the Milwaukee County Republican Party shall be defined as follows:

### **1.1 Milwaukee North**

The Milwaukee North Branch is composed of those areas of the City of Milwaukee in Milwaukee County lying north of Interstate Highways 94 and 7-94, comprising all of Aldermanic Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, and 15; and Wards 37, 37, 120, 121, 124, -127, and 275 280 of Aldermanic District 10.

### **1.2 Milwaukee South**

The Milwaukee South Branch is composed of those areas of the City of Milwaukee lying south of Interstate Highways 94 and 7-94, comprising all of Aldermanic Districts 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, Wards 288 and 289 of Aldermanic District 10 and the municipalities of Cudahy, South Milwaukee and Saint Francis.

### **1.3 North Shore**

The North Shore Branch is composed of the municipalities of Bayside, Brown Deer, Glendale, Fox Point, River Hills, Shorewood, and Whitefish Bay.

### **1.4 Southwest Suburban**

The Southwest Suburban Branch is composed of the municipalities of Franklin, Greendale, Greenfield, Oak Creek and Hales Corners

### **1.5 Wauwatosa**

The Wauwatosa Branch is composed of the municipality of Wauwatosa.

### **1.6 West Allis-West Milwaukee**

The West Allis-West Milwaukee Branch is composed of the municipalities of West Allis and West Milwaukee.

## 1.7 Changes to Branch Boundaries

Changes to branch boundaries will be considered and adopted under Section 6 of these By-Laws. All proposals for changes shall come from the branch(es) from whom the territory of the new Branch is coming or from the branches affected if it is simply a boundary change without the creation of a new branch.

## 2. Dues

The annual dues for this organization shall be detailed in the table below. Members shall belong to, and have voting rights in, the branch wherein they reside, unless the member selects another branch when joining or renewing their membership. In addition, the account of the branch shall be credited with the branch credit from the table below. If the amount of a branch credit is a number with cents, then it must be rounded up or down to the nearest \$0.50 or each amount divisible by three. The county party keeps two-thirds of the membership dues and one-third goes to the respective branch if designated.

<b>Membership Type</b>	<b>Annual Amount</b>	<b>Biennial Amount</b>	<b>Branch Credit</b>
Individual	\$20.00	\$36.00	One Third
Family	\$30.00	\$57.00	One Third
Student	\$10.00	\$18.00	One Third
Senior	\$15.00	\$27.00	One Third
Senior Family	\$25.00	\$45.00	One Third

A family membership shall consist of a person's spouse and their children or wards who are 21 years old or under. An individual paying for senior membership or senior family membership must be 65 years old or older. An individual paying a student membership must be a full-time student at a high school, college, or university.

Honorary memberships in this organization may be granted by the Executive Committee upon a two-thirds vote thereof. Branches do not receive a branch credit for these honorary memberships and they shall not be entitled to vote at meetings or caucuses of this organization or its branches. Donors who are not residents of Milwaukee County are not allowed to vote at any county caucus or meeting. Non-resident donors shall not be elected to the Executive Committee and they shall not be appointed to serve on the Executive Committee or any other committee. Individuals who reside in Milwaukee County, but are under the age of 18, shall not vote at any county caucus or meeting. Those under 18 shall not be elected to the Executive Committee.

### **3. Branch Club Finance**

Branch Clubs shall receive a branch credit, as set forth in section 2, from each paid membership in the RPMC.

The amounts credited to each branch shall be held in the account of the RPMC and a separate accounting shall be kept of the funds credited to and expended by each branch. Each branch shall have the authority to expend, at their discretion and consistent with state election law, the amounts credited to them.

In addition to the amounts received from the membership credit, branches may raise other funds either through direct solicitations or events. All revenues and expenses of these activities shall be recorded through the RPMC treasury, consistent with state election law. All net revenue from such activities shall be credited to the branch.

The RPMC Executive Committee may not require or prohibit branch expenses unless they are illegal under state election law or exceed available funds. Expenses in excess of amounts available require approval of the RPMC Executive Committee from RPMC designated funds. The Treasurer will pay branch expenses after approval by the branch and submission of receipts or invoices and completion of a reimbursement request form as currently in use. Expenses that are within the amount that the branch has available do not require approval of the RPMC Executive Committee.

#### **4. Finance**

Between RPMC Executive Committee meetings, expenditures may be approved for payment by a minimum of three of the five officers of this organization, after notification to all members of the committee, and subsequent disclosure of those officers who voted for these expenditures at the time they are approved with the following limit. No single expenditure in excess of \$250.00 shall be made to any single vendor without such approval, and no total amounts in excess of \$500 may be made between meetings of the RPMC Executive Committee. No such expenditures by the officers shall cause the balance in the RPMC treasury independent of branch funds to fall below \$5,000.00. Additionally, all such expenditures shall be reported to the Executive Committee at its next meeting as part of the Treasurer's Report.

A review of the accounts of the RPMC by the officers shall be performed prior to the biennial caucus election of a Treasurer, with a written report of such review submitted to the caucus. This provision does not prohibit or impede the ability of the RPMC Executive Committee to perform a review at any time it deems necessary to do so.

A treasurer's report shall be required at each RPMC executive committee meeting. Such report shall be written and shall include: the beginning balance, the income between the executive committee meetings, the expenses between executive committee meetings, and the ending balance.

#### **5. Voting**

For the purpose of voting at Executive Board meetings, proxies shall be allowed for Branch Chairs. Proxies for Branch Chairs shall be appointed in writing, by e-mail or fax and shall be made from the officers of that Branch.

#### **6. Amendment**

Amendments to these by-laws may be made by majority vote at any two consecutive RPMC Executive Committee meetings called under the Constitution of this organization provided that the specific amendment(s) was/were included in a written notice sent a minimum of 14 calendar days prior to the next RPMC

Executive Committee meeting. Amendments to Section 1 that change Branch boundaries shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote.