

(As Amended, April 2021)

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

OF

The Rural Lorain County Democratic Precinct Association (RLCDPA)

(Established April 2021)

ARTICLE 1 – NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1. Name

The name of this organization shall be Rural Lorain County Democratic Precinct Association.

Section 2. Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to provide a means by which residents of the townships, villages and unincorporated areas of Lorain County can organize through precinct committee persons to promote and develop the principles of the Democratic Party, to elect/recruit democratic candidates for public office, to improve the administration of government, and to work for the good of all citizens. In pursuing its purpose, this organization may also cooperate with the National, State, and County Democratic Committees, and pursue other programs of benefit to the community.

Section 3. Amendments

This Constitution and By-Laws of the Rural Lorain County Democratic Precinct Association may be amended by a 60% vote of those present and voting at any monthly meeting of the Rural Lorain County Democratic Precinct Association, provided notice of such amendment(s) shall have been sent to the members by the Rural Lorain County Democratic Precinct Association at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting at which the amendment(s) are to be considered.

ARTICLE 2 – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Qualifications

Any person who is a precinct committee person or resident Democrat in a Lorain County Township, Village, or unincorporated area and who agrees with the purpose of the organization.

ARTICLE 3 – OFFICERS, THEIR TERMS AND DUTIES

Section 1. Qualification, Terms, and Duties

The Officers of this organization shall be President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary to be elected at the Election Meeting.

All Officers shall hold office for one year from the date of their election or until their successors are duly elected.

The duties of all Officers shall be those specified in this Constitution or the By-Laws and those usually pertaining to such offices.

Section 2. Disqualification

Proceedings for the removal of any Officer may be initiated by written petition, addressed to the Board and signed by a minimum of ten (10) percent of the Voting Members, proposing the recall of an officer. The Board shall thereupon present the petition at a Special Meeting of the organization called upon notice, in the same manner as permitted for the notice of a membership meeting, of not fewer than ten (10) or more than fifteen (15) days. If the petition is approved by two-thirds (2/3) of the Voting Members present and voting at said meeting, the petition is approved.

ARTICLE 7 – MEETINGS

Section 1. Quorum; Treatment of Remote Voting Members

At membership meetings, a quorum shall consist of ten percent (50 %) of all Voting Members. No member shall vote by proxy. Meetings and voting can all be conducted via phone and video.

Section 2. Frequency

There shall be at least six (6) regular meetings of the organization each year.

Section 3. Notice

Notice of any membership meeting shall be sent to each Voting Member at least two (2) weeks in advance of such meeting. Notice of meetings, including membership meetings, special meetings, and election meetings, must be given by e-mail, and may also be given by US mail or phone.

ARTICLE 8 – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Robert's Rules of Order Revised shall be the Parliamentary authority for this organization in all cases in which they are applicable, so long as such Rules are not inconsistent with this Constitution.

In considering parliamentary questions not provided for by this Constitution and the By-laws, the Vice President of Internal Affairs shall be empowered to rule.

ARTICLE 9 - REVIEW OF EFFECTIVENESS

Section 1. Frequency

The effectiveness of the organization will be reviewed every 6 months to determine if we are being as effective as possible as one organization. Should it be deemed in the future that we would be more effective as smaller organizations once precinct positions are filled, then members will vote with quorum to split either into North and South or East and West Associations.

ARTICLE 10 - Remain In Effect

This Constitution and By-Laws of the Rural Lorain County Democratic Precinct Association shall remain in effect until changed by a vote of the Rural Lorain County Democratic Precinct Association as provided herein.