

## Fifth Congressional District Bylaws

### Revision History

Prior to June 17, 2017, the district committee bylaws had not been revised since February 1999.

Bylaw revisions adopted by the district committee on June 17, 2017 were as follows:

- 1) Within **Article II Membership and Voting Rights**, **Article III Officers and Their Election**, (old) **Article VI Standing and Special Committees**, (old) **Article VII Finances**, (old) **Article VIII Proxies**, (old) **Article IX Quorum**, (old) **Article X Absences** and (old) **Article XI Amendments**, references to Articles and Sections of the State Party Plan were deleted. These references appeared in parentheses at the end of the aforementioned Articles.

Background: The State Party General Counsel observed that our district bylaws included references to the State Party Plan in several Articles. The General Counsel referenced the National Parliamentary publication regarding applicable bylaws of a parent or superior organization. "Some bylaws include applicable provisions of the bylaws of a superior or parent body. While RONR approves of the practice (RONR, p. 56, II. 31-34), caution should be exercised. If the superior provision is worded differently in the inferior bylaws, confusion can result because the superior bylaws will prevail, not the wording of the inferior bylaws... [A]ny attempt to restate or paraphrase the [superior] bylaws could lead to confusion, particularly if the [superior] bylaws were amended before the [inferior] bylaws were amended to conform. Just as the motion to suspend the Rules does not require mention of the specific rules to be suspended (RONR, p. 262, II, 1-2), a general reference to the superior bylaws should be sufficient to alert the reader to an overriding provision, without quoting or giving a specific reference to the article and section of the superior bylaws." John R. Berg, PRP, "Leave it Out of the Bylaws" National Parliamentary, vol. 78, no. 2, pp. 18-19.

- 2) **Article II Membership and Voting Rights:** The district committee agreed to add language stating when members of the State Central Committee are elected. This additional language appears as #3 within Article II.
- 3) A *new* **Article VI** was added entitled "**District Committee Zones and Zone Vice-Chairmen**". Zones and zone vice-chairmen have been in place for several years; however, there was no mention of zones and zone vice-chairmen in the current bylaws. State Party General Counsel recommended that our district committee consider attaching a resolution which designates the units within each of the three zones. The resolution, also, was adopted.
- 4) With the addition of a *new* Article VI, other Articles were renumbered as follows: The old Article VI became Article VII, the old Article VII became Article VIII, the old Article VIII became Article IX, the old Article IX became Article X, the old Article X became Article XI and the old Article XI became Article XIII. A *new* Article XII was added.

- 5) The *new Article XII Vacancies in the Fifth Congressional District Delegation to the National Convention* was added. This language was added to address any vacancy occurring in the 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional district delegation to the national convention. Background: In 2016, an individual was elected at the district convention to attend the Republican National Convention. The individual did not attend the national convention.