

Lewis County Republican Party Bylaws
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ARTICLE I:
NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Lewis County Republican Central Committee, hereinafter referred to as the Central Committee. The trade name of the organization shall be the Lewis County Republican Party or LCRP.

ARTICLE II:
PURPOSE

The purpose of the Central Committee shall be:

1. To promote the election of Republicans to public office;
2. To attract voters and workers to the Republican Party;
3. To lead, contribute, and participate in the establishment of a Republican Party organization that is an effective vehicle for setting public policy;
4. To fulfill those functions mandated by state law, and;
5. To plan, organize, administer, and finance the Central Committee's operations to accomplish the approved purposes.

ARTICLE III:
CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Section 3.1 – Membership

The Central Committee shall consist of:

1. Those Republican Precinct Committee Officers (hereinafter referred to as PCOs) elected by a majority vote of the electors in their respective precincts at the last primary election and certified by the Lewis County Auditor as provided by law;
2. Those Republican PCOs appointed by the Central Committee Chair, and
3. The Six (6) Executive Board Officers, elected by the duly elected PCOs shall have a vote in general membership meetings of the central committee.

Section 3.2 – Duties

The Central Committee shall:

1. Elect the Central Committee Chair and Vice-Chair (one of whom will be male and the other female per RCW 29A.80.030), State Committeeman and Committeewoman, Secretary, and Treasurer.
2. Assist in the timely accomplishment of the annual political, fundraising, and budget plans;

3. Fill vacancies on the ticket for single-county office, as specified in RCW 29.18.150 (caused by no filing) and RCW 29.18.160 (caused by death or disqualification of candidate);
4. Approve resolutions;
5. Participate in filling vacancies in any partisan county elective office as provided in Article II, Section 15 of the Washington State Constitution, by the following procedure:
 - A) A meeting of the Central Committee shall be called by the Central Committee Chair within thirty (30) days of the vacancy to nominate three (3) persons, one of whom shall be appointed to the vacant position by the Lewis County Board of County Commissioners;
 - B) All nominees for county commissioner must be of the same county commissioner district and political party as the person vacating the office. All nominees for other county offices must be of the same county and political party.
 - C) Selection of nominees shall be by the vote of the PCOs elected at the last primary before the last general election or appointed sixty (60) days prior to the occurrence of the vacancy. No proxies will be allowed;
 - D) Any proceeding undertaken pursuant to this section shall be conducted in accordance with the meeting rules set forth in Article VIII of these Bylaws;
6. Participate in filling vacancies for joint senator or joint representative as provided in Article II, Section 15 of the Washington State Constitution and Article 11A-D of the Republican State Committee of Washington Bylaws, per the following procedure:
 - A) By agreement of the Chairs, of the respective county Central Committees, of the Counties involved, a meeting of the 19th or 20th District PCOs will be held for the selection of three (3) names to be submitted to the State Central Committee;
 - B) Selection of names will be by PCOs elected at the last primary election before the last general election or appointed sixty (60) days prior to the occurrence of the vacancy;
7. Be called into session by the Central Committee Chair or pursuant to the provisions set forth in Section 4.2(6) of these Bylaws; and
8. Take such other actions as are provided for in these Bylaws or in state laws.

Section 3.3 – Endorsement of Candidates and Financial Contribution to Campaigns by the following procedure:

- A. Primary Election Endorsements:
 1. There will be no endorsement of candidates in a Primary Election, unless the Executive

Board votes to call a meeting of the Central Committee to suspend the Rules to consider endorsements.

2. At the discretion of the Chair, a committee may be appointed to vet any candidates filing for office in the Primary Election. This committee will report their recommendations to the Central Committee by the July Central Committee meeting.
3. A quorum of the Central Committee can, by a 2/3 vote, waive this rule and, subsequently endorse a candidate, The agenda for endorsement meetings shall follow the agendas outlined in Section 7.1,- Other Central Committee Meetings.

B. General Election Endorsements:

1. The Central Committee shall have the responsibility of considering the endorsement in General Elections of any candidate for elected office. Endorsements of any given candidate shall take place during a called meeting of the Central Committee, no later than September 30 of the year of the election in which endorsements are to be given. Such call shall be given no less than ten (10) days in advance of the vote and include the notice that an endorsement vote will be taken.

2. Procedure:

A) To be considered for endorsement, a candidate must be nominated for endorsement by a Central Committee member who will have the option to be able to speak to their nomination for three minutes. The nomination must be seconded by another Central Committee member. Alternatively, the Central Committee, at its discretion, may waive this nominating procedure, and accept all Republican Candidates as nominated.

B) In the case of a contested election, where there is more than one Republican competing, the Central Committee shall not make any endorsement or financial donation.

C) In the case of a contested election where there is only one Republican competing, the party can make an endorsement upon a vote of two thirds of the members present at the meeting.

D) In the case of a non-contested election, the Central Committee can make an endorsement upon a vote of two thirds of the members present at the meeting.

E) The results of the voting, including number of votes cast and the percentage received, will be made public at the meeting, after all votes are tallied.

3. Effect of Endorsement.

Any endorsed candidate may use the endorsement as part of his or her campaign. Once an endorsement is given by the Central Committee, it cannot be withdrawn,

except by a two thirds majority vote of the Central Committee at a specially called Central Committee meeting, as per subsection 1 of this section.

4. Financing of Campaigns

A) The Central Committee may, at its discretion, opt to spend money from the Central Committee treasury to assist endorsed candidates with their campaigns. If the Central Committee opts to assist in financing endorsed candidate's campaigns, it shall be done on an equal basis, with money provided to each candidate's campaign within 48 hours after the meeting in which candidates are endorsed. Previous donations cannot dictate the amount allocated.

B) In the event a Republican candidate is running unopposed in the general election, it will be the general policy of the Central Committee not to provide any financial contribution to that candidate. However, should special circumstances arise, then the Central Committee may waive this policy with a two thirds vote.

C) The Central Committee will not provide financial support from the Central Committee Treasury for State Legislative races, for statewide races, or for Federal Office.

ARTICLE IV: **EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Section 4.1 – Officers and Members

The Executive Board shall consist of: The six (6) officers elected by the Central Committee at its organization meeting, as voting members of the Executive Board; and three (3) Field Directors (one from each Commissioner District), as non-voting members.

Section 4.2 – Powers and Duties

The Executive Board shall:

1. Do all things proper and necessary to promote the welfare and success of the Republican Party;
2. Supervise the timely accomplishment of the political, fundraising, and budget plans;
3. Advise and assist the Central Committee Chair in carrying on such political campaigns as the committee may determine, and as the committee otherwise deems necessary;
4. Meet monthly, or on some regular basis as determined by the Executive Board, with the attendance of each Executive Board member expected at every meeting unless excused;
5. Be called into session, as shall the Central Committee, by the authority and signature of either (1) four members of the Executive Board or (2) a majority

of the Central Committee whenever they deem a meeting of the said Executive Board or Central Committee to be necessary or proper; PROVIDED, however, that:

(A) A written request must be delivered to the Central Committee Chair's address of record stating the purpose of the meeting and the agenda, and requesting the Central Committee Chair to call such a meeting, and

(B) The Chair fails to place proper notice to the appropriate body in the mail by the end of business of the fifth day after receipt of said request if by hand delivery, or the seventh business day after the request is postmarked if mailed, both not including the day of mailing or delivery;

6. Upon a vacancy among the Executive Board officers other than the Chair, call a meeting of the Central Committee within sixty (60) days of receipt of written notification of resignation or announcement to the Executive Board for the purpose of holding an election to fill the vacant position;

7. Apportion the delegates from the precinct caucuses to the County Convention in an equitable manner, as directed in the State Republican Precinct Caucus Rules;

8. Apportion the delegates to the State Convention from Lewis County in an equitable manner. Delegations shall be elected from each Commissioner District and each district's share of the county delegates to the state convention shall be apportioned on a uniform basis on either registered voter information or the most recent general election Republican vote, and alternate delegates will be apportioned in the same manner;

9. Adopt resolutions;

10. Appoint an auditing committee consisting of three volunteer members, one of whom is at least an experienced bookkeeper, to conduct an audit in accordance with standards established by the Executive Board;

11. Approve signature authorization for Central Committee checks, each check requiring the signature of the Treasurer, and any check in the amount of \$1,000.00 or more requiring the co-signature of one other officer;

12. Issue the call to the convention, postmarked no later than ten (10) days prior to the County Convention, to every delegate and alternate elected at the precinct caucus; and

13. Call the biennial organization meeting after certification of the general election and prior to the second Saturday of the following January (RCW 29.42.030).

14. Appoint three (3) representatives each for the 19th and 20th Legislative District Republican Committees to represent Lewis County interests before the committees. Such representatives shall not be incumbent legislators or candidates for a legislative district seat.

Section 4.3 Restrictions on Executive Board Members during county wide elections.

1. No member of the Executive Board shall use their position to publicly promote or endorse any candidate for a partisan elected position during the primary or general elections
2. Any Executive Board member who chooses to run for a partisan office, other than PCO, shall resign their position on the Executive Board.
3. Any violation of this rule by an Executive Board member is subject to sanction or removal from the Board.

ARTICLE V:
POWERS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND FIELD DIRECTORS

Section 5.1 – Central Committee Chair; The Central Committee Chair shall:

1. Serve as Chair of the Central Committee and of the Executive Board, and preside at all of their meetings;
2. Vote to break any tie votes of the executive board or general membership at meetings of the Central Committee or Executive Board.
3. Be responsible for the proper functioning of all officers and committees of the Central Committee to the end that its programs and policies are successfully administered and its business properly conducted;
4. Appoint a Chair of the Central Committee Finance Committee and Budget Committee;
5. Have the power to appoint PCOs where vacancies occur; PROVIDED, however, that no appointments may be made between the primary election and the adjournment of the Central Committee's organization meeting, and all appointments are subject to approval by the Executive Board. If an eligible candidate for PCO requests an appointment in writing, an appointment to said position of that, or such other qualified candidate as the Chair may determine, must be made within thirty (30) days of said request. No elected PCOs may be removed from office by the Chair or the Executive Board;
6. Be authorized and empowered to create from the Republican electors of Lewis County, committees – for purposes such as an event or GOP sanctioned affair – as the Chair may deem advisable and to appoint the chair thereof;
7. Have the power to appoint or remove any appointive officer or committee, and to fill all appointive vacancies of same. (See Section 5.1(4) – Finance & Budget Committees)
8. Call the Central Committee or the Executive Board into session pursuant to the procedure set forth in Section 7.1 and Section 7.2 of the Bylaws;
9. Arrange and provide for a Republican County Convention in accordance with any call received from the State Chair, and fix the time and place for such meeting;

10. Within forty-five (45) days of receiving the call to the State Convention, appoint a Platform and Resolution Committee composed of one member from each Commissioner District and two at-large members, and shall prepare a proposed County Platform for consideration at the County Convention;
11. Appoint a Rules and Order of Business Committee no less than thirty (30) days prior to the County Convention, composed of one member from each Commissioner District to:
 - A) Review (and modify, if necessary) the proposed Rules and Order of Business for the County Convention as herein contained, and to propose same for adoption by the County Convention, and
 - B) Publish and make available to delegates and alternates a proposed Convention agenda;
12. Appoint a Credentials Committee, composed of one member from each Commissioner District to consider complaints and challenges from the Precinct Caucuses, at least thirty (30) days prior to the County Convention;
13. Solicit and receive funds on behalf of the Central Committee, either personally or through appointed representatives, and shall ensure that said funds are transmitted to the Treasurer on a timely basis, and
14. Appoint a chair for the next annual Lincoln Day Dinner no later than the first meeting in January of each year.

Section 5.2 – Central Committee Vice-Chair; The Central Committee Vice-Chair shall:

1. Consult and work in close cooperation with the Central Committee Chair;
2. Promote party organization and act as a liaison officer between other Republican groups in the county and the Central Committee;
3. Coordinate the efforts of the Field Directors;
4. Preside at all meetings of the Central Committee and the Executive Board in the absence of the Central Committee Chair;
5. Exercise all the powers and perform all the duties of the Central Committee Chair during any temporary absence, sickness, or other inability of the Central Committee Chair to act, and;
6. Within thirty (30) days of a vacancy of the Central Committee Chair, call a meeting of the Central Committee to fill such vacancy.

Section 5.3 – State Committeeman and State Committeewoman; The State Committeeman and State Committeewoman shall:

1. Be the representatives of the Lewis County Republicans on the Republican State Committee;
2. Exercise and perform such powers and duties as usually pertain to those officers;
3. Report fully to the Executive Board upon the activities of the Republican State

Committee, and

4. Arrange for a member of the Central Committee (PCO or Executive Board member) to represent him or her, through a proxy executed in writing, at each State Committee meeting for which he or she must be absent, and arrange so that no person will cast more than one vote.

Section 5.4 – Secretary; The Secretary shall:

1. Be the secretary of the Central Committee, Executive Board and Finance Committee;
2. Keep complete and accurate minutes of all proceedings of all meetings of the Central Committee, Executive Board, and Finance Committee and complete signed records of all actions taken;
3. Maintain current master copies of the Central Committee Bylaws, County Platform, and any other writings that the Central Committee Chair directs to be held;
4. Promptly make available to any member of the Central Committee who so requests a copy of such specified document; and
5. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Central Committee Chair.

Section 5.5 – Treasurer;

1. Be the custodian of all funds of the Central Committee;
2. Keep an accurate record of all receipts and disburse all funds;
3. Deposit all Central Committee funds received in the Lewis County Central Committee Account in a federally insured financial institution;
4. Execute and sign all checks drawn on a Central Committee account, and have any check in the amount of \$1,000 or more co-signed by one other Executive Board member;
5. Make the books available to the Auditing Committee for an annual audit, or as requested by the Executive Board;
6. Comply with all Public Disclosure Commission requirements;
7. Make a treasurer's report at each Central Committee meeting;
8. Make no expenditures outside the budget, nor transfer from one item in the budget to another, without prior approval of the Executive Board; and
9. Serve on the Finance Committee.

Section 5.6 – Field Directors; The three (3) Field Directors shall:

1. Be residents of their respective Commissioner Districts, but need not be the PCOs;
2. Be appointed by Central Committee Chair within thirty (30) days of the organization meeting;
3. Be responsible for organizing and training the PCOs in their respective

districts, and

4. Act under the direction of the Central Committee Vice-Chair.

ARTICLE VI: **ELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICERS**

Section 6.1 – Nomination and election of officers:

1. All nominations and balloting shall be conducted one office at a time
2. In the event more than two (2) candidates shall be placed into nomination for any office, the members present shall vote upon all said nominees. If one (1) candidate receives a majority of all votes cast, that candidate shall be declared elected. If no candidate receives a majority of all votes cast, the two (2) receiving the highest number of votes shall then become the nominees to be voted upon for the office to be filled. The members shall then vote upon the two (2) persons so nominated, and the one (1) receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected.
2. All voting shall be done by written ballot, except when there is only one candidate for the office. In this case, voting will be conducted by voice vote.

Section 6.2 – Terms of office:

1. The term for appointive positions shall begin at the time of appointment and continue to the next organization meeting.
2. The term of elective officers shall begin upon election, and continue through the election of their respective positions at the next organization meeting; therefore, the incoming officers shall assume conduct of the organization meeting as they are elected.
3. The elected term of office shall be for two years.

Section 6.3 – Recall of officers:

1. After proper notice provided to an elected officer of the Central Committee, the Central Committee shall have the authority to recall the elected officer upon motion, second and vote by written ballot of the greater of two-thirds (2/3) of the voting members then present or a majority of all eligible members. Proxy votes shall not be cast in such a vote.
2. Such motion, second and vote shall be conducted under the following procedure: If the officer subject to removal is present at the meeting at which such motion is made, he shall be advised of the basis for the motion and provided an opportunity to respond before the voting members. If the officer subject to recall is not then present or if less than a majority is present, the motion shall be tabled

until the next scheduled meeting at which a majority of the membership is present. Not less than ten (10) days prior to such meeting, the subject officer shall be provided with a written copy of the motion made to recall him from office which shall include all basis relied upon in making the motion, and notification of the date, place and time at which said motion shall be considered and voted upon. The subject officer shall then be allowed an opportunity to respond to the motion before the vote is cast. Any resulting vacancy shall be filled by election at the same meeting. Within five (5) days after a vote to recall an officer has been passed, the Chair shall mail written notification of such recall to the subject officer.

Section 6.4 – Vacancies:

1. Any vacancy occurring in an elective office shall be filled only by election in the manner described in Section 6.1 at a properly called meeting of the Central Committee.

ARTICLE VII:
MEETINGS

Section 7.1 – Central Committee Organization Meeting:

1. The Central Committee shall hold an organization meeting every two years for the purpose of electing the Executive Board and adopting Bylaws;
2. The organization meeting shall be held on the second Saturday after the certification of each general election following the primary at which PCOs were elected, OR at such time and place designated by a proper call, but no later than the second Saturday of the following January;
3. Not later than ten (10) days prior to said meeting, the Central Committee Chair shall mail written notice, including the current Bylaws and proposed amendments to each member of the Central Committee designating the time and place of the meeting;
4. The Central Committee Chair shall propose an agenda for the organization meeting containing at a minimum the following:
 - A. Call to Order
 - B. Invocation
 - C. Pledge of Allegiance
 - D. Reading the Call
 - E. Treasurer’s Report
 - F. Roll Call
 - G. Adoption of Agenda & Rules
 - H. Adoption of Bylaws
 - I. Election of Central Committee Chair

- J. Election of Central Committee Vice-Chair
- K. Election of State Committeeman
- L. Election of State Committeewoman
- M. Election of Treasurer
- N. Election of Secretary
- O. Unfinished business
- P. New business
- Q. Adjournment by vote of the majority

Other Central Committee Meetings:

1. A call of the Central Committee shall be made by setting a time and place, then emailing to email address on record or mailing written notice to the last known address of each member not later than twenty (20) days prior to the time for said meeting;
2. Said notice shall state the purpose of calling the meeting, and be signed by the Central Committee Chair or the authorized representative of the members if the procedures authorized by Section 4.2(6) of the Bylaws are followed; and
3. The Chair shall propose an agenda containing at a minimum the following:
 - A. Call to order
 - B. Invocation
 - C. Pledge of Allegiance
 - D. Ascertaining a quorum
 - E. Unfinished business
 - F. New business
 - G. Adjournment

Section 7.2 – Executive Board

1. The Executive Board shall meet monthly, or as otherwise regularly scheduled. Meetings shall be open to attendance by any member of the Central Committee and their guests, but without vote or voice, unless the individual has requested in advance to be placed on the agenda or is recognized by the Chair.
2. The Central Committee Chair shall provide each member of the Central Committee with ten (10) days advance notice of each meeting, whether it is by notice for a single meeting or an established schedule for more than one (1) but fewer than twelve (12) meetings. Any variation in such a schedule will require like notification.
3. The order of business for Executive Board meetings shall be as follows:
 - A. Call to Order, Introductions
 - B. Invocation
 - C. Pledge of Allegiance
 - D. Reading and approval of minutes

- E. Report of State Committeeman and Committeewoman on the State Committee Meeting and activities
- F. Reports of officers, committee chairs, and field directors
- G. Reports of ad hoc committee chairs
- H. Unfinished business
- I. New business
- J. Adjournment

Section 7.3 – County Convention

1. During each even-numbered year, the Central Committee Chair shall arrange and provide for a County Convention to adopt a county platform and elect delegates to the state convention, except when the state committee elects to suspend a state convention in a non-Presidential year. Said convention shall be held at a time in accordance with a call from the Republican State Committee.
2. Delegates and alternates to the county convention shall come from precinct or joint precinct caucuses to be held as directed by the Republican State Committee.
3. The Central Committee Chair shall instruct each PCO that it is their duty to arrange for a caucus location and to call their precinct caucus to order as chair and to proceed in accordance with the call and Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised, most recent edition. Caucuses in unmanned precincts may be called by a temporary chair appointed by the Central Committee Chair.

The Committee on Rules and Order of Business shall propose for adoption, at a minimum, the following rules:

1. No proxy shall be recognized by the convention.
2. On all questions before the convention the vote shall be by “yeas and nays” or standing vote unless a roll call is demanded.
3. All resolutions and platform issues subject to come before this convention must be submitted in writing and referred to the Platform Committee, prior to the opening of the convention, for a report and recommendation thereon before being read on the floor of the convention.
4. The report of the Platform Committee shall be read to the convention in Toto, and the vote may be taken to adopt the report in Toto or section by section.
5. The proponent of any resolution or motion shall be allowed the privilege of the floor for three (3) minutes to support such resolution or motion. The proponent shall further be entitled to two (2) minutes to close the debate, if any, upon such resolution or motion and shall have the privilege of closing such debate notwithstanding the previous question moved or called for; otherwise, no person shall speak on any subject more than once and all speeches shall be limited to three (3) minutes.
6. Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised, most recent edition, shall govern on

any procedure not provided for herein

The Committee on Rules and Order of Business shall propose for adoption the following Order of Business:

1. Call to order by the Central Committee Chair, acting as temporary chair, and conduct opening activities to include, but not limited to, keynote address, introduction of VIPs, and candidate remarks;
2. Resolutions of temporary organization, including but not limited to:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. This convention shall transact no business other than to organize itself until the permanent organization thereof is affected, and
 - B. Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, most recent edition, shall govern on any point of procedure not provided for herein, and
 - C. There shall be constituted the following committees of the convention:
 - 1) Credentials Committee
 - 2) Committee on Rules and Order of Business
 - 3) Platform and Resolutions Committee
3. Appointment of temporary parliamentarian, secretary and sergeant-at-arms by the temporary chair;
 4. Report of Credentials Committee;
 5. Permanent organization of the Convention;
 6. Report on the Rules and Order of Business Committee;
 7. Report on the Platform and Resolutions Committee;
 8. Motions and Resolutions from the floor;
 9. Election of delegates and alternates to the State Convention by Commissioner District;
 10. Reconvene for announcement of election results;
 11. Issues a call for the State Delegates and Alternates to meet immediately following adjournment to receive instruction from the Central Committee Chair on selecting representatives to the state committees;
 12. Miscellaneous business;
 13. Adjournment.

ARTICLE VIII: **MEETING RULES**

Section 8.1 – Quorum:

1. A quorum for Central Committee meetings called for adoption or amendment of Bylaws or election of officers shall be forty (40) percent of the PCOs at the time of the call. At other meetings, twenty (20) percent of the PCOs shall

constitute a quorum.

2. Four voting members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum of the Executive Board.

Section 8.2 – Proxies

1. No proxies shall be recognized by the Central Committee at the organization meeting, or at meetings whose purpose is to nominate a replacement for an elected official. At other meetings of the Central Committee an absent member may be represented by a proxy, provided that said proxy, executed in writing, is held by a Republican who is a registered voter in the same precinct.

2. No proxies will be allowed at any meeting of the Executive Board.

Section 8.3 – Majority: For both the Central Committee and the Executive Board, in order to become the act of the body, propositions must be adopted by a majority of the votes cast, except that:

1. A two-thirds (2/3) majority is required to adopt any motion that:

- A. suspends or modifies a rule of order previously adopted;
- B. prevents the introduction of a question for consideration;
- C. closes, limits, or extends the limits of debate; or
- D. closes nominations or polls, or otherwise limits the freedom of nominating or voting; and

2. A vote of the greater of two-thirds (2/3) of the voting members present or a majority of the eligible members is required to recall an officer.

Section 8.4 – Parliamentary Authority: When not inconsistent with the provisions of these Bylaws, Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised, most recent edition, shall govern all meetings of the Central Committee and the Executive Board.

ARTICLE IX: **FINANCE**

Section 9.1 – Fiscal Year:

The fiscal year for the Central Committee shall be from January 1 to the following December 31 of the same calendar year, both dates inclusive. During the first two (2) months following the biennial organization meeting, expenditures shall be authorized at the level of the prior year’s budget, unless the Central Committee or Executive Board shall otherwise direct.

Section 9.2 – Finance Committee and Budget Committee; The Finance Committee shall:

1. Consist of the Central Committee Treasurer and Secretary, the appointed Finance Committee Chair, and at least three (3) other members of the Finance

Committee Chair's choosing;

2. Solicit and collect funds for the projects of the Central Committee;
3. Review the Budget Committee's preliminary annual budget and submit same, with any modifications, to the Executive Board by January 31 following the organization meeting; and
4. Hold a joint meeting with the Executive Board, where the Executive Board will vote on the proposed budget. A final budget shall be adopted by the Executive Board no later than February 28.

Section 9.3 - The Budget Committee shall:

1. Consist of the Central Committee Treasurer and two other members of the Finance Committee, by appointment of the Central Committee Chair; and
2. Develop a preliminary annual budget by February 1.

ARTICLE X:
AMENDMENT TO BYLAWS

These Bylaws may be amended by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present at any regular or called meeting of the Central Committee. All proposed amendments by a member of the Central Committee shall be submitted to the Central Committee Chair in writing not later than twenty days (20) days prior to convening any meeting of the Central Committee. Copies of the proposed amendments shall be mailed by Central Committee Chair to all Central Committee members not later than ten (10) days before the meeting at which they are to be considered.