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MCRC 2022 Bylaws Committee
Final Report

The Committee on Bylaws submits the attached bylaw amendments for consideration at the upcoming MCRC Mandatory Meeting. Five files are attached:

FinalReport.pdf - Bylaw Amendments referred to MCRC Mandatory Meeting, all four pages
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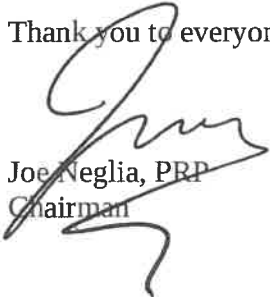
In summary, the Committee considered 39 bylaw amendment proposals, 35 of which were submitted by MCRC membership, 4 of which were initiated by the Committee on Bylaws, and 11 of which are hereby moved forward for consideration by the MCRC.

The following PCs served at one or both in-person meetings of this committee:

Cathy Schwanke, John Cain, Ayden Young, Jose Borrajero, Denis Brimhall, Lawrence Hudson, Shelby Busch, Naomi Kruse, Rich Rutdowski, Brian Kaufman, Kevin Medema, Lawrence Moody, Tracy Ireland, Kathy Petsas, and Timothy Schwartz.

Additionally, the Committee welcomed input from guests who had submitted bylaw amendments. These guests included Kimber Hattendorf, Barbara Medal, and Luke Mosiman.

Thank you to everyone involved, and a special thanks to Dan Grimm for serving as committee Secretary.



Joe Neglia, PRP
Chairman

MCRC Bylaws Committee

Proposal Ref #	MCRC Article #	Section #	Initiated by *	Submitted Late	Withdrawn	Mtg Date	Vote Type			Aye	No	Lost	Adopted	Adopted by LD	Adopted by EGC	Postponed
							Viva Voce	Counted	Roll Call							
15A - Openings	II	2C	P			11/06	√					√				
15B - Vacancies	II	2D	P			11/06	√					√				
15C - Appointment	II	2E	P			11/06	√					√				
15H - PC Qualifications	II	2	P			11/06	√					√				
7A - Duties of PC	II	2	P			11/06	√					√				
7B - Duties of Captain	II	3	P			11/06	√					√				
16E - Appointed Officers	II	2	P			11/06	√					√				
7C - LD Chair Duties	II	4	P			11/06	√					√				
10 - LD Chair Duties	II	4B	P			11/06	√					√				
14 - LD Meeting Call	II	4B	P		√	11/06										
9 - LD Co-Chair	II	4	P			11/06	√					√				
1 - Technology Secretary	III	1,3	P			11/06		√		8	7					√
5 - One Officer per LD	III	1	P			11/06								√		
15E - EGC Officer Vacancy	III	1D	P			11/06	√					√				
19 - Poll Workers	III	3A	P			11/06		√		3	8	√				
16B - Treasurer Training	III	3E6	P			11/06	√						√			
07D - EGC Attendance	III	3E7	P			11/06	√					√				
11 - Treasurer Duties	III	3E6	P			11/06	√					√				
20 - Dir. of Voter Registration	III	4H	P			11/06	√						√			
3 - Verbal Proxies	IV	2D2	P			11/06	√						√			
4 - Proxy Limits	IV	3B	P			11/06	√					√				
6 - Proxy Limits	IV	3	P			11/06								√		
12 - Proxy Limits: MCRC+LD	IV	3	P			11/06	√					√				
15F - Appointed PCs	V	1	P			11/06	√					√				
16C - Technical Correction	VI	4B	P			11/06	√									√
16D - Support Only the GOP	VI	5C	P			11/06	√									√
18 - EGC Attendance	Mult		P			11/06	√					√				
8 - Eliminate Proxies	Mult		P			11/06		√		5	7	√				
13 - Young PC Ambassador	Mult		P			11/06		√		4	8	√				
15D - Officer Requirements	Mult		P			11/06	√					√				
15G - Appointed PC Voting	Mult		P			11/06	√					√				
15 I - Gendered Language	Mult		P			11/06	√					√				
16A - Limit Proxies	Mult		P			11/06	√					√				
17 - Advertising	Mult		P	√		11/06										
EGC Attendance	VI	1A2	P			12/11	√					√				
1 (postponed on 11/06)	III		P			12/11	√					√				
16C (postponed on 11/06)	VI	4B	P			12/11	√						√			
16D (postponed on 11/06)	VI	5C	P			12/11	√						√			
16B (amend prev. adopt.)	III	3E6	P			12/11	√						√			
Paper Ballots	V	6	C			12/11	√						√			
Speeches	V	3	C			12/11	√						√			
Nominations - Initiate	IV	2A	C			12/11	√						√			
Nominations - Deadline	IV	2A7	C			12/11	√						√			

* "P" = initiated by PC, "C" = initiated by Bylaws Committee

1. One MCRC Officer per LD	Article III – Officers Section 1 – Elected Officers Subsection A - Composition
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Amend Art. III.1.A by adding "No more than one of these officers shall be from the same legislative district."

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
A. Composition The elected officers shall be a MCRC Chairman, First Vice-Chairman, Second Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer, who are elected at the Statutory Organizational Meeting; and five Members-at-Large who are elected at the Mandatory Meeting.	A. Composition The elected officers shall be a MCRC Chairman, First Vice-Chairman, Second Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer, who are elected at the Statutory Organizational Meeting; and five Members-at-Large who are elected at the Mandatory Meeting. <u>No more than one of these officers shall be from the same legislative district.</u>	A. Composition The elected officers shall be a MCRC Chairman, First Vice-Chairman, Second Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer, who are elected at the Statutory Organizational Meeting; and five Members-at-Large who are elected at the Mandatory Meeting. No more than one of these officers shall be from the same legislative district.

Rationale: The elected officers of the MCRC are supposed to have the best interests of the entire county in mind. That is hard for others to understand how it is when slates of candidates from the same LD are put forth. Having the majority of elected officers, as well as appointed positions, coming from only 1 or 2 of the LDs is not equal representation and is detrimental to good governance. APPROVED by the LD4 Republican Committee by unanimous vote at the regularly scheduled meeting of June 9, 2021.

2. Treasurer Training	Article III – Officers, Section 3 – Duties of Elected Officers Subsection E - MCRC Treasurer
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Amend Art. III.3.E by adding new paragraph 6 to read as follows:

6. Provide training to District Treasurers in the legal and regulatory aspects of their duties, within 60 days following a change in incumbency of the District Treasurer.

Rationale: The legal and regulatory aspects of District finances can be complex; all District Treasurers should be trained in this area.

3. New Appointed Position: Director of Voter Registration	Article III – Officers, Section 4 – Duties of Appointed Officers
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Amend Art III.4 by adding new subsection H to read as follows:

H. Director of Voter Registration

Work under the direction of the MCRC Chairman to maximize Republican Voter Registration in Maricopa County.

1. To track, follow and report on Republican Voter Registration statistics in Maricopa County
2. To encourage the formation of Voter Registration Committees in each LD
3. To facilitate the training of PCs on how to register voters.

Rationale: Voter Registration needs to be strengthened as one of the core activities of PCs in Maricopa County. Our Bylaws currently do not specifically address this as a county responsibility. This proposal strengthens that position.

4. Nominating Committee, Insufficient Candidates

**Article IV – Nominations & Elections,
Section 2 – Nominations and Election of MCRC Officers,
Subsection A - Nominations of MCRC Elected Officers, Paragraph 6.**

Amend Art. IV.2.A.6 by substituting the following paragraph: "The nominating committee may only initiate nominations for any elected position of the MCRC for which an insufficient number of eligible candidates self-nominated before the deadline."

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
The nominating committee may nominate more than one candidate for each office and those candidates shall appear on a ballot.	The nominating committee may nominate more than one candidate for each office and those candidates shall appear on a ballot. <u>The nominating committee may only initiate nominations for any elected position of the MCRC for which an insufficient number of eligible candidates self-nominated before the deadline.</u>	The nominating committee may only initiate nominations for any elected position of the MCRC for which an insufficient number of eligible candidates self-nominated before the deadline.

Rationale: Corrects an ambiguity that currently exists in the MCRC bylaws.

5. Nominating Committee, Petitions

**Article IV – Nominations & Elections,
Section 2 – MCRC Officers,
Subsection A - Nominations of MCRC Elected Officers, Paragraph 7.**

Amend Art. IV.2.A.7 by striking "at least fourteen (14) days prior to the MCRC Meeting", and adding "no later than 7 days after nominating committee meeting."

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
The name of any candidate seeking a county elective office, who was not nominated through the nominating committee, will be placed on the ballot if petitions representing five percent (5%) of the elected county PCs are submitted to the MCRC Chairman at least fourteen (14) days prior to the MCRC Meeting.	The name of any candidate seeking a county elective office, who was not nominated through the nominating committee, will be placed on the ballot if petitions representing five percent (5%) of the elected county PCs are submitted to the MCRC Chairman at least fourteen (14) days prior to the MCRC Meeting <u>no later than 7 days after nominating committee meeting.</u>	The name of any candidate seeking a county elective office, who was not nominated through the nominating committee, will be placed on the ballot if petitions representing five percent (5%) of the elected county PCs are submitted to the MCRC Chairman no later than 7 days after nominating committee meeting.

Rationale: Allows candidates not nominated by the committee to self-nominate via petition.

6. Elimination of Verbal Proxies

**Article IV – Nominations and Elections,
Section 2 – Nominations and Elections of MCRC Officers
Subsection D – Manner of Voting**

Amend Art. IV.2.D by striking out paragraph 2.

~~2. After registration at meeting, votes may be cast by registrant or may be passed on by verbal proxy to other voting members of the body using a form pre-printed on their voting credentials that they receive when registering at Credentials and Tally. Proxies thus created at the meeting may not be re-proxied to a third party.~~

Rationale: Verbal proxies are created by members who are already present at the meeting. These members have not missed the meeting because they are sick or because they have a long way to travel. These members are already present; the verbal proxy just allows them to leave early.

Additionally, this bylaw violates A.R.S. 16-828(A)(2) and 16-828(C) which state (emphasis added):

2. No proxy shall be given by a member of the county committee for use at a meeting of the committee except to a qualified elector of the **precinct** where the member resides.

C. Every proxy shall be attested by a notary public or two witnesses.

7. Limit Proxies	Article IV – Nominations and Elections, Section 3 – Proxies Subsections A, B, and (new) D.
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Amend Art. IV.3 by striking out "appointed in the manner provided by the ARS," striking out "registered Republican" and inserting "precinct committeeman", and adding new subsection "D. No precinct committeeman shall carry more than three (3) proxies."

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
A. At all meetings of the MCRC, members shall be entitled to vote in person or by proxy appointed in the manner provided by the ARS. B. The proxy must be carried by a registered Republican currently residing in the same Precinct, and must be signed by a Notary or two (2) witnesses other than the proxy carrier and the PC.	A. At all meetings of the MCRC, members shall be entitled to vote in person or by proxy. appointed in the manner provided by the ARS. B. The proxy must be carried by a registered Republican <u>precinct committeeman</u> currently residing in the same Precinct, and must be signed by a Notary or two (2) witnesses other than the proxy carrier and the PC. ... <u>D. No precinct committeeman shall carry more than three (3) proxies.</u>	A. At all meetings of the MCRC, members shall be entitled to vote in person or by proxy. B. The proxy must be carried by a precinct committeeman currently residing in the same Precinct, and must be signed by a Notary or two (2) witnesses other than the proxy carrier and the PC. ... D. No precinct committeeman shall carry more than three (3) proxies.

Rationale: It makes absolutely no sense whatsoever to allow a non-precinct committeeman to attend and cast votes in an election with precinct committeemen. They are unknowledgeable of the candidates and issues of the county. There is absolutely no rationale that is justified in allowing one precinct committeeman to carry 100+ proxies. That is akin to ballot harvesting and stuffing the ballot box. That is also one of the reasons that the election process takes a very long time to conclude. APPROVED by the LD4 Republican Committee by unanimous vote at the regularly scheduled meeting of June 9, 2021.

8. Limit Guest Speeches	Article V – Meetings, Section 3 – Agenda
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Amend Art. V.3 by adding "Speeches of guests and dignitaries, if any, must be given after the adjournment of the business meeting, or at times that do not delay the items of business," and by striking out subsection 5 and renumbering the remaining subsections.

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
The following items of business shall be conducted at all Statutory Organizational and Mandatory Meetings in the order as determined by the MCRC Chairman	The following items of business shall be conducted at all Statutory Organizational and Mandatory Meetings in the order as determined by the MCRC Chairman. Speeches of guests and dignitaries, if any, must be given after the adjournment of the business meeting, or at times that do not delay the items of business.	The following items of business shall be conducted at all Statutory Organizational and Mandatory Meetings in the order as determined by the MCRC Chairman. Speeches of guests and dignitaries, if any, must be given after the adjournment of the business meeting, or at times that do not delay the items of business.
5. Speeches	5. Speeches	

Rationale: 1000 PC's should not be forced to accommodate the schedules of two or three dignitaries. Let's get our business done first. If dignitaries want to speak to us, they should be willing to wait.

9. Paper Ballots	Article V – Meetings
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Amend Art. V by inserting new Section 6 to read as follows:

- Section 6 - Voting
- a) All MCRC Elections shall be conducted by paper ballot, except that electronic voting may be allowed for specific in-person and virtual meetings by a prior roll-call vote of the EGC, with a 2/3 vote required in support of electronic voting.
 - b) The ballots may be tabulated using electronic equipment provided that the equipment is not connected to the Internet during tabulation.
 - c) Submission and tabulation of ballots shall be in open view for any member to observe and monitored by at least two PCs to confirm that the number of ballots cast does not exceed the authorized number for any PC.

- d) All ballots which are not distributed to PCs in the credentialing process shall be placed in open view for the body's observation.

Rationale: There is a widespread desire for the use of paper ballots to support election integrity and to provide an audit trail. The EGC may specify electronic voting during emergencies or when otherwise necessary.

10. Technical Correction **Article VI – Executive Guidance Committee
Section 4 – Voting, Subsection B**

Amend Art. VI.4.B by inserting "or" after "person", and striking out "or by their District's Executive Board Representative as defined herein."

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
Members of the EGC may vote in person, by written proxy, or by their District's Executive Board Representative as defined herein. The District Chairman is the voting member of each District. In his absence, the Chairman's proxy will then vote in his stead. Should no proxy be given or present, voting privileges then would be extended to that district's First Vice-Chairman, and in the First Vice-Chairman's absence, then the Second Vice-Chairman will be extended voting privileges.	Members of the EGC may vote in person, <u>or</u> by written proxy. or by their District's Executive Board Representative as defined herein. The District Chairman is the voting member of each District. In his absence, the Chairman's proxy will then vote in his stead. Should no proxy be given or present, voting privileges then would be extended to that district's First Vice-Chairman, and in the First Vice-Chairman's absence, then the Second Vice-Chairman will be extended voting privileges.	Members of the EGC may vote in person, or by written proxy. The District Chairman is the voting member of each District. In his absence, the Chairman's proxy will then vote in his stead. Should no proxy be given or present, voting privileges then would be extended to that district's First Vice-Chairman, and in the First Vice-Chairman's absence, then the Second Vice-Chairman will be extended voting privileges.

Rationale: Cleanup of wording.

11. Support Only the GOP **Article VI – Executive Guidance Committee
Section 5 – Elections Neutrality,
(new) Subsection C: New Political Parties**

Amend Art. VI.5 by inserting new subsection C to read as follows:

No member of the MCRC shall sign the organizing petition for, or publicly support the formation of, or provide a financial contribution to, a different political party. Should a MCRC member provide such support, that MCRC member will lose their voting privileges, including proxies, for the rest of their term, provided:

1. The member is provided written notice mailed via certified US mail to the member's last known address,
2. The member is provided an opportunity to defend themselves at the next EGC meeting but not less than 10 days after notification,
3. The EGC by majority vote removed the member's voting rights.

Rationale: Add removal from the MCRC anyone who signs the organizing petition of a different political party, whether or not that party is ultimately formed. Similar wording to VI.5.B.