

BY-LAWS

DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF CALVERT COUNTY

The following articles shall serve as the Constitution and By-Laws of the Democratic Central Committee of Calvert County and shall be known as the committee's By-Laws.

ARTICLE I - Name

- 1.1 The name of the elected Democratic Party officials in Calvert County, Maryland, (*the "County"*) shall be the "Democratic Central Committee of Calvert County" (*"Central Committee"*). The Central Committee shall represent the Maryland Democratic Party within the County and shall perform such functions required by the laws of the State of Maryland, the Charter and By-Laws of the Democratic Party of the United States, and the Constitution and By-Laws of the Maryland Democratic Party.
- 1.1 When the provisions of these By-Laws conflict with the laws of the United States or the State of Maryland, the Charter or By-Laws of the Democratic Party of the United States, or the Constitution and By-Laws of the Maryland Democratic Party, these By-Laws shall not control. All other provisions of these By-Laws shall remain in full force and effect.

ARTICLE II – Responsibility

It shall be the duty and responsibility of each member of the Central Committee to promote the interests of the National Democratic Party (the "*National Party*"), the Maryland Democratic Party (the "*State Party*"), and the Calvert County Democratic Party.

- 2.1 The Central Committee shall represent the State Party within the County and perform such functions as required by the laws of the State of Maryland, the Charter and By-Laws of the National Party, and the Constitution and By-Laws of the State Party.
- 2.2 The Central Committee shall promote the interests of the Democratic Party and its candidates over those of the opposing political parties and candidates.
- 2.3 The Central Committee shall:
 - 2.3.1 Present names of candidates as required by law to the Governor for appointment.
 - 2.3.2 Make recommendations regarding various political appointments to the Governor, to Federal officials, and to local officials.
 - 2.3.3 Raise funds for the local Democratic Party and the State Party.
 - 2.3.4 Cooperate with the State Party in all matters relating to the Democratic Party of Maryland.
 - 2.3.5 Be responsible for promoting election campaigns and all facets thereof in cooperation with the Democratic Party candidates.
 - 2.3.5.1 Support all candidates in a Democratic primary without endorsement of any one or group of candidates.
 - 2.3.5.2 Support all Democratic candidates in a general election.
- 2.4 The Central Committee shall keep a current copy of its By-Laws on file with the State Party and elsewhere as required by law.

ARTICLE III - Membership

- 3.1 The composition of the elected members of the Calvert County Democratic Central Committee is established by §4-203 (d) of the Election Law Article of the Annotated Code of the State of Maryland.
- 3.2 Elected members shall serve a term of four years, or until their successors qualify.
- 3.3 When required by the laws of the State of Maryland, the Charter and By-Laws of the National Party, or the Constitution and By-Laws of the State Party to add gender-balance members to the Central Committee, the Central Committee may appoint the minimum number of additional members to achieve required gender balance. Such appointed members shall be proposed to the State Party to become members of the State Central Committee. Such appointed members shall be voting members of the Central Committee of Calvert County and are subject to all provisions of these By-Laws. The term of gender-balance members shall run from the date of appointment and shall expire at the end of the term of the current Central Committee.
- 3.4 Associate Members - The Central Committee may appoint no more than five associate members of the Central Committee subject to the following provisions:
 - 3.4.1 Associate members shall be, at the time of appointment and throughout their term of appointment, registered to vote as a Democrat in Calvert County.
 - 3.4.2 Associate member nominees shall be appointed based on majority vote of all Central Committee members.
 - 3.4.2.1 The term of associate members shall run from the date of appointment and shall expire at the end of the term of the current Central Committee.
 - 3.4.2.2 Associate members are not members of the State Central Committee. Associate members serve at the pleasure of the Central Committee and may be removed by majority vote of all Central Committee members. A vote to remove an associate member is final and may not be appealed; any other provision of these By-Laws regarding a Central Committee member's right of appeal shall be deemed inapplicable to associate members.
 - 3.4.2.3 Except as otherwise provided herein, associate members are subject to the provisions of the Charter and By-Laws of the National Party, the Constitution and By-Laws of the State Party, and these By-Laws.
 - 3.4.3 Associate members may vote on any matter relating to Central Committee administration, activities and expenditures, and may be a member of any standing committee. Associate members shall not vote on any matter relating to filling vacancies in elective offices (e.g. Congressional, General Assembly, County Government, Central Committee, etc), appointing gender-balance members, electing officers to, or removing officers from, any Central Committee office, removing non-associate members from the Central Committee, or on any other matter reserved by law, the Constitution and By-Laws of the State Party, or these By-Laws, to members of the State Central Committee. Any dispute regarding the right of an associate member to vote on a matter shall be decided by the Chair of the Central Committee after consultation with the members of the Committee, and with the State Party as necessary. The decision of the Chair shall be final with no right of appeal.

- 3.5 Members of the Central Committee at all times conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the Maryland Public Ethics law as set forth in Title 15 of the State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland governing the ethical conduct of public officials to assure that they shall at all times conduct themselves in a manner that reflects credibility upon the office that they serve, shall not use their office to gain special privileges and benefits, and shall refrain from action in their official capacities affected by personal interests.
- 3.6 Members may be disqualified for office, and may be removed as a member upon conviction of a felony, or by openly supporting or endorsing a candidate for public office of another political party or a non-affiliated candidate who is opposed by a Democratic candidate for the same office, or for malfeasance of office. A member so reported to the Central Committee shall be immediately removed from office unless the member appeals to the State Party under its By-Laws.
- 3.7 A member of the Central Committee may be considered to have resigned by virtue of his or her failure to participate in the activities and affairs of the Democratic Party at the local or state level.
- 3.7.1 Failure to participate shall be defined as failure to attend a majority of the general meetings of the Central Committee during a one-year period.
- 3.7.2 If the Secretary determines that any Central Committee member has failed to meet the Central Committee's attendance rule, the Secretary shall immediately so report to the Credentials Committee. If the Credentials Committee agrees with the Secretary's determination, it shall recommend that a member so reported be removed as a member of the Central Committee at the next general meeting of the Central Committee. If the Central Committee concurs, the member shall be removed immediately unless the member appeals to the State Party under its By-Laws.
- 3.8 In the event of the death, resignation, removal, or disqualification of an elected member of the Central Committee, said vacancy shall be filled by the remaining elected members at a general meeting held within forty-five (45) days after the vacancy shall occur. The Central Committee shall ensure that reasonable public notice is given concerning the vacancy, the procedure for filling the vacancy, and the qualification and requirements for candidates to fill the vacancy. In the event the Central Committee fails to fill the vacancy in the allotted time, the Chair of the Maryland Democratic Party may appoint a successor subject to the approval of the Executive Committee of the State Party.
- 3.9 Whenever the term "elected member(s)" is used in these by-laws, that term shall include those members appointed to fill vacancies in accordance with section 3.8.

ARTICLE IV - Officers

- 4.1 The members of the Central Committee shall elect their own officers, which shall be: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. Officers must be members of the State Central Committee, except for the Treasurer.
- 4.2 The votes of a majority of the elected and gender-balance members of the Central Committee shall be required to elect each officer.
- 4.3 The officers shall serve for a term of one year or until a successor is elected.
- 4.4 The election of officers shall be held each year in the month of the primary election that elected the Central Committee.

- 4.5 Officers may be removed during their term upon vote of the majority of the elected and gender-balance members of the Central Committee.

ARTICLE V - Committees

- 5.1 The Central Committee by majority vote of its members may establish such standing committees as may be deemed necessary to promote the principles and objectives of the Democratic Party. The Chairman of each such standing committee shall be appointed by the Central Committee from among the registered Democratic voters in the County. Such committees may include, by way of example and not of limitation, finance, issues and legislation, public relations, rules, and voter registration and education.
- 5.2 There shall be an Executive Committee of the Central Committee, comprised of the officers of the Central Committee, who shall be voting members, and such non-voting representative and members as shall be provided for in these By-Laws.
 - 5.2.1 The Executive Committee shall have the power to conduct the business and supervise the affairs of the Central Committee between meetings of the Central Committee, except that it may not amend the Central Committee's By-Laws, remove officers or members of the Central Committee, elect officers of the Central Committee, or adopt budget revisions.
 - 5.2.2 The Chair may appoint, with the consent of the Executive Committee, non-voting members of the Executive Committee to serve as representatives of the countywide Democratic constituencies or organizations, such as, by way of example and not of limitation, the county's democratic clubs.
 - 5.2.3 Minutes of all meetings of the Executive Committee shall be available to any member of the Central Committee and shall be filed with the appropriate official of the State Party.
- 5.3 The Credentials Committee shall be chaired by the Vice-Chair of the Central Committee and be comprised of the Vice-Chair and three other elected and/or gender-balance members of the Central Committee appointed by the Chair from separate election districts. The Credentials Committee shall have the responsibility of certifying the qualifications of all members of the Central Committee and of reviewing petitions for removal of members.
- 5.4 The chairman may appoint such temporary committees as are deemed necessary.

ARTICLE VI - Meetings

- 6.1 There shall be at least six (6) general meetings of the Central Committee each year. Other general meetings may be called as deemed necessary by the Chair, by an affirmative vote of the Executive Committee, or by request of any three members of the Central Committee. At least two (2) general meetings per year shall be open to the public and all other general meetings shall be attended only by invitation of the Central Committee.
- 6.2 The Central Committee, by majority vote of its elected and gender-balance members, may meet in executive session which shall be closed to the public.
- 6.3 A quorum shall consist of a majority of the elected and gender-balance members of the Central Committee.
- 6.4 The chairman shall be permitted to vote at all meetings and on all questions.
- 6.5 Except as otherwise provided herein, the latest revision of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern conduct of all meetings, except when they shall conflict with the Constitution or By-Laws of the

Maryland Democratic Party, or a resolution duly adopted by the Democratic State Central Committee of Maryland or by the Central Committee carried by a two-thirds majority vote of elected and gender-balance members.

- 6.6 The notice of general meetings shall be made by regular mail, electronic mail or telephone at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the meeting.
- 6.7 The Chair may limit the agenda of any meeting to those submitted to the Chair by a member of the Central Committee at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting.
- 6.8 In accordance with the By-Laws of the State Party, after a primary election selecting new members of the Central Committee, the newly-elected Central Committee shall meet within thirty (30) days after the primary election at a place selected by the chair of the outgoing Central Committee for the purpose of organizing the new committee.

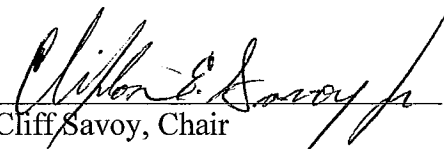
ARTICLE VII – Amendments


These by-laws may be amended by resolution submitted at a general meeting of the Central Committee to be voted on at the next general meeting of the Central Committee by a two-thirds majority vote of the elected and gender-balance members of the Central Committee present and voting.

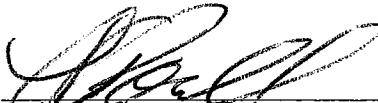
ARTICLE VIII – Adoption

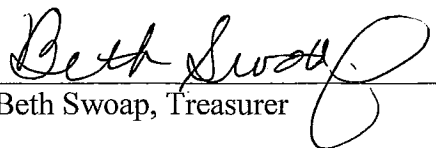
- 8.1 These By-Laws shall become effective immediately following their adoption by a two-thirds majority vote of the elected and gender-balance members of the Central Committee at a general meeting.
- 8.2 Upon adoption, these By-Laws supercede previous Constitutions and By-Laws of the Democratic Central Committee of Calvert County.

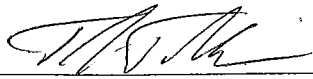
Certified by the elected and gender-balance members of the Democratic Central Committee of Calvert County:


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 Cliff Savoy, Chair

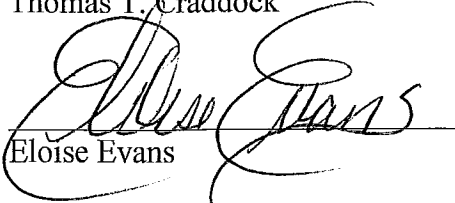

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 Stovy Brown, Vice Chair


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 Tricia Powell, Secretary

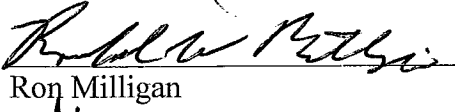

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 Beth Swoap, Treasurer


Thomas T. Craddock

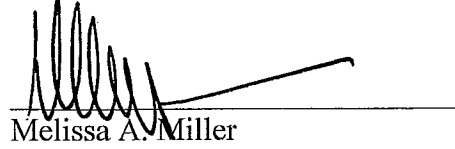
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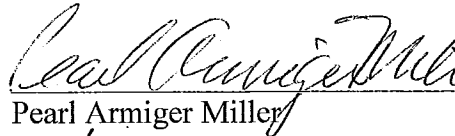
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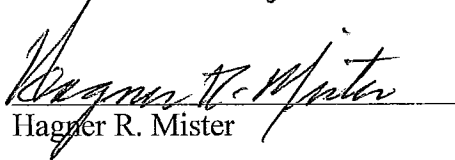
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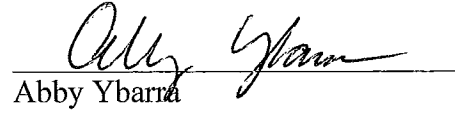
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Pearl Armiger Miller

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Hagner R. Mister

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Abby Ybarra

Date: 1-15-14

Copies of these By-Laws will be recorded at the following:

1. The Secretary of the Calvert County Democratic Central Committee who shall see that it is transferred with other Central Committee records to each new Secretary thereof.
2. Headquarters of the Maryland Democratic Party.