

**BYLAWS OF THE  
BLAINE COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN  
Approved: May 2023**

**ARTICLE I – NAME**

The name of this club shall be The Blaine County Republican Women (BCRW), here after referred to as "Club." This Club is affiliated with the Idaho Federation of Republican Women (IFRW) and with the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW).

**ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of this Club shall be to:

- A. Disseminate information to all members;
- B. Promote an informed electorate through political education and activity;
- C. Foster loyalty to the Republican Party at all levels of government and promote its principles and ideals;
- D. Work for Republican candidates in all elections;
- E. Support the objectives and policies of the Idaho Federation of Republican Women, the National Federation of Republican Women, the Blaine County Republican Central Committee, and the Idaho GOP.

**ARTICLE III – POLICIES**

The Club as a whole and its President shall not publicly endorse any candidate for public office in contested Republican primaries, runoff elections, special elections and/or non-partisan elections when more than one Republican is in the race. No evidence of support shall be issued using the BCRW Club logo or stationery.

- A. Individual members of this organization may work for the candidate of their choice in contested Republican primaries, but not in the name of BCRW.
- B. Neither BCRW nor an individual member shall advocate a split ticket, support a candidate on the opposition ticket, or act against the IFRW and NFRW policies and bylaws.
- C. The Club shall not affiliate with any political organization which is not officially recognized as working in concert with the IFRW, NFRW and the Republican National Committee.

## ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

### Section 1 – Active Membership

- A. Membership is open to any registered Republican woman who believes in the philosophy of the Republican Party and supports the objectives and policies of the BCRW. However, an obligation of membership is loyalty to the Federation, to the Republican Party and to Republican candidates.
- B. A member in good standing shall be a member who has paid the required dues for the current calendar year.

### Section 2 – Associate Membership

- A. Any registered Republican woman who is an active member of another Federation Republican Women's club and who supports the objective of BCRW shall be eligible to become an Associate Member upon payment of required annual dues.
- B. Associate members cannot hold office, vote, or be counted for the purpose of determining the number of delegates to national or state federation meetings or conventions. Associate women may serve on Club committees.
- C. Republican men may be associate members but cannot make motions, hold office, have a voice or a vote, or be counted for the purpose of determining the number of active members.
- D. Associate dues remain with the Club. Associate members are not reported to the IFRW or the NFRW.

### Section 3 – Dues

- A. The fiscal year of this organization shall be from January 1 through December 31.
- B. The amount of membership dues shall be set by a majority of the Board of Directors and may be changed by same as deemed necessary. Dues shall be billed on November 1 and payable prior to January 31 and shall be delinquent February 1.

## ARTICLE V – OFFICERS AND DUTIES

### Section 1 – Elected officers

The elected officers of this Club shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

### Section 2 – Eligibility

Each elected officer shall be an active member in good standing.

### Section 3 – Vacancy

A vacancy in the office of President shall be filled by the Vice President. All other vacancies in elected office shall be filled by election of the Executive Committee at the first meeting following the creation of the vacancy.

### Section 4 – Election

The officers shall be elected at the November meeting and shall serve a term of two years, or until their successors are elected.

### Section 5 – Duties of the Officers

#### A. The President shall:

- a. Call and preside at all meeting of the Club, the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee.
- b. Appoint chairmen of standing committees and special committees, except the Nominating committee, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.
- c. Represent BCRW at all times or designate someone as representative/proxy in her absence or inability to do so.
- d. Co-sign checks as one of the authorized signatories, namely President and/or Treasurer.
- e. Represent the Club in all Republican Party activities.
- f. Accept the resignation by written letter or email of any member wanting to resign from a position, chairmanship, or the Club.
- g. Call meetings of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors; or upon the request of three members of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors; or upon the request of three members of the Executive Committee and/or five members of the Board of Directors.

#### B. The Vice President shall:

- a. Perform the duties of the President in her absence.
- b. In the case of a vacancy in the office of the President, the Vice President shall automatically become President until the next election meeting.
- c. Perform such other duties as are assigned by the President, the Board of Directors or the Club.
- d. Serve as Program chairman.

#### C. The Secretary shall:

- a. Keep the minutes of all meetings of the Club and Executive Committee.
- b. Keep a current inventory of Club property.
- c. Prepare Club correspondence in coordination with President.
- d. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President, the Executive Committee or the Club.

e. Maintain all Club records and historical items.

D. The Treasurer shall:

- a. Serve as custodian of all Club funds and deposit them in a bank approved by the Executive Committee.
- b. Co-sign checks as one of the two authorized signatures, namely President and Treasurer.
- c. Disburse funds as directed by the Executive Committee or the membership.
- d. Bring written financial report(s) to regular Club and Executive Committee meetings.
- e. Submit dues, annual service fees, and reports to IFRW as required.
- f. Submit the financial records to the Executive Committee for an annual review to be completed by the first meeting of the fiscal year.
- g. Perform other duties as assigned by the President, the Executive Committee or the Club.
- h. Comply with all state elections and reporting requirements.
- i. Keep an accurate record of membership

## SECTION VI – APPOINTED OFFICERS AND CHAIRS

The President may appoint, with the approval of the Board of Directors, a Parliamentarian and any other positions required to conduct the business of the Club.

A. The Parliamentarian shall:

- a. Serve as counsel and give advice on parliamentary procedures.
- b. Be familiar with the bylaws and standing rules of the Club.

## ARTICLE VII – COMMITTEES

### Section 1 – Committees, standing or special

These committees shall be appointed by the President as the Executive Board shall deem necessary to carry out the work of the Club. They shall include Bylaws, Campaign, Fundraising, Legislative, Membership Program (Speakers), Public Relations, Caring for America, Social Club, Nominating and such others as the board may deem necessary.

### Section 2 – Nominating

A nominating committee of three members shall be appointed at the September regular meeting. The nominating committee shall present a list of nominees for each office at the November meeting. Further nominations may be made from the floor

## ARTICLE VIII – MEETINGS

### Section 1 – REGULAR MEETINGS

A minimum of five (5) regular meetings shall be held during the Club year. These meetings shall be held as decided by the Executive Committee, and at least fourteen (14) days notice shall be given to all members for regular meetings. Dark months are July, August, and December.

### Section 2 – ANNUAL MEETING

The November meeting will be designated as the Annual Meeting.

### Section 3 – NOTICE

Notice for all meetings may be mailed or sent electronically.

## ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS

The Bylaws may be amended by two thirds (2/3) vote at any regular meeting provided the proposed amendment has been presented in writing at the previous meeting.