

## Summary of Changes to LD12 Bylaws 2024

Proposed bylaw amendments must be made in accordance with the following Legislative District 12 Republican Committee bylaws:

### ARTICLE VII: DISTRICT MEETINGS

#### Section 1. Conduct of Meetings

##### A. Notice

1. Meeting notice must be issued for any District meeting at which business may be conducted.
2. The meeting notice must be sent no sooner than 28 days and:
  - a. No later than ten (10) days prior to the meeting if an election is to be held;
  - b. No later than seven (7) days prior to the meeting if no election is to be held;
  - c. To District PCs as recorded and published by the Maricopa County Recorder's Office via:
    - i. Email to all District PCs who have provided an email address in writing to the District Secretary;
    - ii. U.S. Mail to all District PCs who have not provided an email address to the District Secretary.
3. The meeting notice must include:
  - a. The date, time, and place of the meeting;
  - b. The agenda;
  - c. Business that requires previous notice, such as proposed Bylaw amendments, if any;
  - d. For meetings at which elections will be held, the additional meeting notice requirements specified in the Elections section of these bylaws;
  - e. For meeting which will be held virtually, the additional meeting notice requirements specified in the District Standing Rules for Virtual Meetings.
4. The above procedures satisfy meeting notice requirements. If an email address is not provided by a PC, then the PC must pay a mailing fee of either the actual annual mailing cost or a minimum of \$10 per year, whichever is greater.

### ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the District by a two-thirds vote, either present or by proxy, provided that the amendment has been submitted to the members in writing at the previous regular meeting and has been included in the meeting notice no later than ten (10) days prior to the meeting at which the amendment is to be voted upon. Any bylaw amendment achieving ratification will become effective upon adjournment of the meeting at which ratification occurs.

Please reference the attached document titled, LD12 Proposed Bylaws Amendments – August 13, 2024 – FINAL.

The proposed bylaw amendments presented here were reviewed and submitted by members of the LD12 Bylaws Committee of 2024. Members of the committee were appointed July 14, 2024 to provide balanced representation of each LD12 area:

Greg Dutton (Stellar Precinct, Chandler), Chair

Janice Doran (Reserve Precinct, Phoenix West), Registered Nurse and data analyst by profession

Nancy Durband (Windmere Precinct, Phoenix East), Captain of Windmere and Adoptive Captain of Wildwood

Carol Getz (Corbell Precinct, Tempe), Chair of the LD12 Credentials and Tally (C&T) Committee

Stephen Walker (Del Rio Precinct, Chandler), attorney by profession

In addition, as an advisor, we had Joe Neglia, Professional Registered Parliamentarian for the MCRC review the proposed amendments and provide recommendations at our July 24, 2024 committee meeting. Joe is the author of the original bylaws template introduced to the MCRC in November 2021 that LD12 and many other districts adopted after redistricting. (LD12 adopted Neglia's template on March 17, 2022.)

These proposed amendments to the Legislative District 12 Republican Committee bylaws are categorized as either *Technical* or *Substantive*. Technical amendments do not substantially change the meaning or substance of the article but are intended to provide clarity or to correct punctuation or grammar. Technical amendments may be voted on together in one vote (by Consent Agenda, per Roberts Rules of Order) but Substantive changes must be voted on individually.

Many of the proposed amendments were originally reviewed and submitted by members of the LD12 Bylaws Committee of 2022 established by the previous LD12 Chair but have not yet been put to vote. Other proposed amendments are from input gathered during and after the most recent bylaws adopted on December 12, 2023.

All technical changes are highlighted in the referenced document as follows:

All *changes* are presented in red underline font.

All *deletions* are in ~~strikethrough~~ font.

All highlights and sidebar comments will be removed from the final published document.

## TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS

Except where otherwise noted, technical amendments presented on the following pages were submitted by members of the LD12 Bylaws Committee of 2024. All technical amendments may be voted on in a single Consent Agenda motion (all at once) at the September 10, 2024 District Meeting.

**ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVE, F.** – Removed “*the*”

**ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVE, H.** – Added “;*and*”

**ARTICLE III: MEMBERS, Section 4. Vacancy, A. Definition.**

Change: (Grammar) “*Vacancy also occurs*” to “*Vacancies also occur*”

**ARTICLE V: OFFICERS, Section 1. Elected Officers, A. Qualifications, 3. If an officer moves...**

Change: (Typo) Corrected “*district*” to “*precinct*”

Submitted by: Carm Barna (Pinto)

**ARTICLE V: OFFICERS, Section 1. Elected Officers, G. Duties of Elected Officers, 1. Chair, i.**

Change: (Punctuation) Capitalized “*Chair*”

**ARTICLE VI: COMMITTEES, Section 2. Appeals Committee, C. Duties, 7. Defendant must be provided...**

Change: (Grammar, Punctuation) added “*a*” and hyphenated “*ten-day*”

**ARTICLE VII: DISTRICT MEETINGS, Section 1. Conduct of Meetings, A. Notice, 3. The meeting notice must include:, e.**

Change: (Typo) “*For meeting...*” is made plural “*For meetings...*”

**ARTICLE VII: DISTRICT MEETINGS, Section 2. Organizational Meeting, A. District members must...**

Change: (Abbreviation) “SCs” is spelled out, “*State Committeemen (SC)*” since this is the first occurrence.

**ARTICLE VIII: ELECTIONS, Section 3. Conduct of Elections, E. Campaigning**

Change: (Typo/Word missing) Added “*running*”.

**ARTICLE VIII: ELECTIONS**, Section 5. State Committeemen, E. Reporting, 2.

Change: (Correction) “*State Convention Delegates*” is corrected to “*State Committeemen*”

Submitted by Carm Barna on 2/4/2024. Joe Neglia confirmed and agreed on 7/24/2024.

**ARTICLE VIII: ELECTIONS**, Section 6. Quadrennial Convention Delegates, A. Notice, 4. Instructions providing...

Change: (Grammar/Word choice) The word “*resident*” is changed to “*residing*”

Change: (Punctuation) Removed the word “*and*”.

**ARTICLE VIII: ELECTIONS**, Section 6. Quadrennial Convention Delegates, E. Alternates

Change: (Typo) Removed hyphen and space from “*elec- ted*”

**ARTICLE XIV: STANDING RULES**, Section 2. Debate, 3. After a voting member has spoken...

Change: (Clarification) “*...until everyone else has...*” is changed to “*...until all other members have...*”

Recommended by Joe Neglia on 7/24/2024 to clarify that we do not include guests in debate.

**ARTICLE XIV: STANDING RULES**, Section 6. Virtual Meetings, B. Rules for Meeting via Electronic Means, 10. Motions

Change: (Typo/Misspelling) “*desgineed*” is corrected to “*designee*”

## SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENTS

Except where otherwise noted, the substantive amendments presented on the following pages were reviewed and submitted by members of the LD12 Bylaws Committee of 2024. All substantive amendments are presented in **highlighted yellow with red underlined font** in the referenced document.

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### ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVE

**Proposed Amendment:** Add paragraph I:

**I. Promote the Republican Party platform, values, and candidates to “Unaffiliated” (UAF) or “Party Not Designated” (PND) voters.**

**Rationale:** Adding this item to our Objective puts proper focus on an increasingly important segment of our voter base. Republican voters are not the majority in LD12. The voter base of LD12 is divided in thirds: Republican, Democrat, and Unaffiliated. To win elections, we must do everything possible to reach unaffiliated voters, especially high propensity voters who request a Republican ballot during primary elections, not by shifting left, but by repeatedly informing them of our values and principles, and our candidates.

### ARTICLE III: MEMBERS, SECTION 1. QUALIFICATIONS

**Proposed Amendment:** Amend paragraph to replace “*Recorder*” with “*Republican Committee*”:

The membership of the District consists of the total number of elected and appointed Republican Precinct Committeemen in the District as most recently **published approved** by the Maricopa County **Recorder Republican Committee** and residing in the Precinct from which elected or appointed.

**Rationale:** The party appoints its members; the county government merely records those appointments. Basing our credentials on a county government report makes us vulnerable to maladministration by that government. See ARS 16-821, paragraph B. “*If a vacancy exists, the vacancy shall be filled by the board of supervisors **from a list of names submitted by the county chairman** of the appropriate political party.*”

**Submitted by:** Lawrence Hudson (PC Waggoner, and MCRC Treasurer)

**ARTICLE III: MEMBERS**, Section 2. Duties, K.

**Proposed Amendment:** Append paragraph K to resolve conflicting text:

K. Provide no endorsement or support to non-Republican candidates or political parties **in any election in which there is a Republican candidate for that office.**

**Rationale:** To be consistent with ARTICLE X: OTHER ACTIVITIES, Section 1. Endorsements, B. General Elections: No member of the District may provide financial support or declare public support, approval, or endorsement for a non-Republican candidate **in any election in which there is a Republican candidate for that office.**

**ARTICLE V: OFFICERS**, Section 1. Elected Officers, G. Duties of Elected Officers, 5. Fourth Vice Chair

**Proposed Amendment:** Append paragraph c:

Fourth Vice Chair to maintain records of all usernames and passwords for domain-, email- and web-hosting administrator accounts, technical support accounts, and all social media accounts for the District, **and to provide all records to the Chair and the District Secretary.**

**Rationale:** The Fourth Vice Chair is primarily responsible for our website, DNS hosting, and jointly responsible for email. These are critical district accounts that, if access to these accounts is lost, the very identity and public presence of the district is at risk. The LD12 Board, under the previous Chair, passed a motion in 2022 for all board members to provide backups of all logon credentials for all LD-related accounts to the District Secretary. This amendment is to simply codify that decision in the bylaws.

**ARTICLE VII: DISTRICT MEETINGS**, Section 1. Conduct of Meetings,  
F. Proxies, paragraph 3.

**Proposed Amendment:** Amend paragraph 3 to change *three* to *one*:

No proxy carrier may carry more than ~~three proxies~~ **one proxy**.

**Rationale:** After the MCRC reduced proxies to ONE, attendance at the January 13, 2024 MCRC Mandatory Meeting set a record high of 2,535 (1,886 in person plus 649 by proxy.) While many districts in Maricopa County have reduced their proxies to ONE or ZERO, LD12 is one of only four districts that still allow three. (Five districts have adopted ZERO proxies; seven districts have adopted ONE proxy; only three districts allow TWO proxies.) In a district that allows three proxies, just three people can control every decision for a precinct of twelve. Reducing proxies to ONE will increase attendance, participation, and active involvement. In addition, since proxies may be carried by any registered Republican in the same precinct, this means someone who is not actively involved and who has no direct voting rights could carry three proxies and cast votes. Joe Neglia strongly agrees this proposed amendment is an improvement but advised it would be better if it were ZERO. See below for proxies allowed by LD, verified as of June 15, 2024:

MCRC – 1

LD2 - 0	LD14 - 3
LD3 - 0	LD15 - 3
LD4 - 0	LD22 - 0
LD5 - 2	LD23 - 1
LD8 - 2	LD24 - No bylaws on website
LD9 - 1	LD25 - 1
LD10 - 2	LD26 - 0
LD11 - 1	LD27 - 3
LD12 - 3	LD28 - 1
LD13 - 1	LD29 - 1

**Corresponding Amendment:** If the above substantive amendment is adopted, paragraph 6. item c. will also be amended in the same motion:

c. The C&T Committee will issue each PC voter a ballot for himself and for the ~~number of proxies~~ **proxy** he carries. The C&T committee must certify the presence of a quorum before any business may be conducted;

**ARTICLE VIII: ELECTIONS**, Section 6. Quadrennial Convention Delegates,  
A. Notice, 4. Instructions providing... and 5. The name, phone number...

**Proposed Amendment:** Add the word “*District*” before “*Nominating Committee*”  
in both paragraphs 4 and 5.

**Rationale:** Adding “District” eliminates any ambiguity regarding whether  
“Nominating Committee” refers to the District’s nominating committee or the  
AZGOP’s nominating committee. Joe Neglia confirmed the DISTRICT Nominating  
Committee approves all candidates for its State Delegate (and Alternates) election.  
The AZGOP caused confusion by insisting that the districts submit their candidates  
for State Delegate (and Alternates) on the AZGOP web page before our District  
Quadrennial election.