



Constitution for the Oliver Morton Society

Article I. Name

The name of the organization shall be the Oliver Morton Society.

Article II. Objectives

The objectives of the Club shall be:

1. To develop and maintain a county-wide Young Republican organization.
2. To bring young people into the Republican Party, to provide an opportunity for political expression and recognition, to train political workers, and to provide a practical means by which they may contribute in the development and betterment of the Republican Party as a service to the United States of America, the State of Indiana and its political subdivisions.
3. To support the principles, objectives, and platform of the Republican Party and to work for the election of all duly nominated Republican candidates.

Article III. Membership

Section 1: Active. Any person who is at least eighteen years of age but not over forty years of age, is a resident of Monroe County, Indiana, and is a registered Republican voter is eligible for active membership in the Club.

Section 2.: Associate. Any resident of Monroe County, Indiana not meeting the requirements of active member status may be an Associate member and shall have all the rights and privileges of active members except that he or she shall may not vote or hold office.

Section 3: Honorary. Honorary members shall be those persons so designated by a two-thirds vote of those members present at any regular meeting of the Club.

Section 4. Dues. Dues for active and associate members shall be determined annually by the executive committee.

Section 5. Expulsion. The membership may, by a two-thirds vote of those members present at a regular meeting, expel from the Club any member for any act or conduct deemed unfriendly or hostile to the best interests of the Club; provided that the Executive Committee has reviewed such proposed action and has made a recommendation, and that such member has been notified by certified mail of the recommendation of the Executive Committee at least one week prior to the meeting, and that such member has had the right to present a defense, either by himself/herself or through a representative. Notice of the charges against the member and recommendation of the Executive Committee must be included in the call of the meeting, and must be received by the membership at least 72 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

Article IV. Officers

Section 1. Designation. The officers of this Club shall be President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. All officers shall hold office from the annual meeting until their successors take office. Officers shall serve without compensation and must be active members in good standing of the Club.

Section 2. Vacancies. A vacancy in an elective office shall be filled by an election by the membership if more than six months of the unexpired term remain. If fewer than six months remain, the vacancy shall be filled by an election of the Executive Committee.

Article V. Powers/Duties

Section 1. President. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and Executive Committee, appoint committee chairs and committee members, supervise the activities of the Club, and perform all other duties incidental to the office.

Section 2. Vice President. The Vice President shall, in absence of the President, perform the duties of the President, and shall perform such other duties as designated by the President.

Section 3. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall collect and pay out all Club funds as directed by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall deposit such funds in a depository designated by the Executive Committee and shall keep accounts thereof open at all times to inspection. The Treasurer shall render accounts of the transactions and of the financial condition of the Club at each regular meeting and shall submit an annual written report at the January meeting. The Treasurer shall be bonded for such sum as may be required by the Executive Committee, the cost of such bond to be borne by the Club. The Treasurer shall be a member of the Finance Committee and perform such other duties as assigned by the President.

Section 4. Secretary. The Secretary shall be responsible for taking minutes at all Club meetings and Executive Committee meetings. The Secretary shall also be responsible for

the mailing of all announcements and notices and the handling of all other secretarial work as assigned by the President.

Article VI. Executive Committee

Section 1. Duties. The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected offices of the Club, the immediate past President, and the chairs of the standing committees, and shall be responsible for the management of all Club activities, subject to the approval of the membership.

Section 2. Meetings. Executive Committee meetings shall be held at such times and places as the Committee shall decide, and each Committee member shall receive at least three days notice from the President unless said notice is waived by a majority of the Committee members. A majority of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

Section 3. Attendance. Any member of the Executive Committee who misses three consecutive meetings of the Committee, and does not show cause within 15 days, shall be considered to have resigned from his or her office.

Article VII. Meetings

Section 1. Regular. The Executive Committee shall set the date and time for each monthly meeting. Notice of the meeting shall be given to the general membership at least 24 hours in advance of each meeting.

Section 2. Special. Special meetings of the Club shall be held at any time by the President, or the Executive Committee or by signed petition of ten per cent of the active members. Written notice must be given the membership of the Club at least 72 hours in advance of such special meeting. Such written notice shall contain a summary of the matters to be considered and only such matters shall be discussed.

Section 3. Annual. The annual meeting of the Club shall be the regular meeting in May of each year.

Section 4. Quorum. A quorum shall consist of twenty percent of the active membership.

Article VIII. Elections

Section 1. Annual. The election of officers shall be held at the annual meeting in May and officers-elect shall take office at that meeting.

Section 2. Nominations. At the regular meeting in November the President shall appoint two Executive Committee members and the Club membership shall elect two non-committee members to serve with the President as the nominating committee. The nominating committee shall submit a report of their nominations at the December meeting and the report will place in nomination the names of one or more candidates for each office. Nominations may also be made from the floor at that meeting or at the annual meeting.

Section 3. Ballots. Voting in all contested races shall be by secret ballot. No proxies shall be allowed. Fifty percent plus one of the votes cast shall constitute a majority for election. If a majority is not obtained on the first ballot, the two candidates receiving the most votes will be the candidates in a runoff election.

Article IX. Committees

Section 1. Standing. The President shall appoint members of the committees. The Standing Committees shall be as follows: finance, membership, social, and events.

Section 2. Special. The President, with the approval of the Executive Committee, shall establish all such special committees as deemed necessary.

Article X. Candidate Endorsement

Section 1. Endorsement. Neither the Club nor the Executive Committee, nor any officers in their official capacities shall in any way endorse or oppose the candidacy of any Republican in the primary election.

Section 2. Penalty. Violation of this article shall constitute grounds for a vote of censure and/or removal from office by the Club membership following the voting and notification procedures of Article III.

Article XI. State Affiliation

Section 1. Affiliation. This Club is a member of the Indiana Federation of Young Republicans, and shall be subject to the Constitution and by-laws of said Federation.

Section 2. Convention. The Executive Committee shall nominate the delegates and alternates to the state convention and they shall be elected by a majority vote of the members present at the regular meeting one month prior to the Convention.

Article XII. Parliamentary Authority

Section 1. Authority. The rules contained in "Robert's Rules of Order, Revised" shall govern all proceedings except when inconsistent with this Constitution.

Article XIII. Amendments

Section 1. Submission. A proposed amendment to this Constitution shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary at any regular meeting, at which time it shall be read to the members. It shall be voted upon at the next regular meeting.

Section 2. Notice. Written notice of the next regular meeting sent to all members shall contain notice of the proposed amendment to be voted upon.

Section 3. Vote. An amendment to this Constitution shall pass if receiving 2/3 vote of those members voting at any regular meeting.

This Constitution is hereby adopted this 5 day of June, 2007.