



# PARTY COMMITTEES

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## STRUCTURE & PURPOSES

# THREE COMMITTEE LEVELS

**According to the Michigan Campaign Finance Act, there are three categories of Political Party Committees registered in Michigan.**

- State Central Committee (authorized by the National Committee)
- Congressional District Committees (authorized by the State Central Committee)
- County Executive Committees (authorized by the State Central Committee)

Each Political Party Committee is required to file campaign finance statements with Michigan's Bureau of Elections - each has a separate bank account and a Treasurer.

**Do you need a refresher on how Political Parties are structured in Michigan?**

Take the **Political Parties: Origins, Platforms & Structures Course** at [moveitchristian.com](https://www.moveitchristian.com) with exercises that help you identify your party representation.

# COMMITTEE BYLAWS

**Each Political Party Committee should adopt its own set of bylaws.** These are the committee's basic rules relating to itself.

Bylaws (a) describe the group's purpose, (b) spell out the qualifications and method of selection of members, (c) provide for officers, committees and meetings (including the quorum), (d) may set up an executive board or board of directors and (e) designate the parliamentary authority.

Bylaws include provisions for their own amendment that require previous notice of proposed amendments and at least a two-thirds vote for them to be adopted. When adopting or amending bylaws, and to view sample bylaws, consult Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, Chapter XVIII.

Review bylaws adopted by various Party Committees in Michigan at [moveitchristian.com/resources](https://www.moveitchristian.com/resources).

# COMMITTEE RULES OF ORDER

The regulation of the conduct of business in meetings is the function of rules of order, which are found in the parliamentary authority designated in the bylaws and in any special rules of order adopted by the committee.

Most, if not all, Political Party Committees in Michigan use Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised as their parliamentary authority.

**Do you want to become familiar with Robert's Rules of Order?** Take the **Robert's Rules of Order (Six Lessons) Course** at [moveitchristian.com](http://moveitchristian.com) to learn these rules and be comfortable using them to conduct business.

# COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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# COUNTY PARTY COMMITTEE

The **County Executive Committee** is the official Political Party Committee for the county as authorized by the State Central Committee to the Michigan Bureau of Elections. This committee is subject to the Michigan Campaign Finance Act and has its own bylaws and rules of order. *Learn more about the election of a County Executive Committee in the **County Conventions Course** at [moveitchristian.com](http://moveitchristian.com).*

MCL 168.599, Section 4: "...within 45 days after January 1 of each odd numbered year, **the executive committee shall select a county committee for the party, which committee shall consist of not less than 2 members from each township and 2 members from each ward of each city in the county, or shall consist of at least 2 members from each election precinct in the county, as the executive committee may determine.** The committee shall have the right to appoint officers which in its judgment are proper to carry out the purposes of the committee, and shall have power to fill a vacancy which may occur in the membership of the committee or in any of its offices. Between meetings of the county committee the executive committee shall have all of the powers and perform all of the duties of the county committee, including the filling of vacancies in nominations as prescribed by law. The term of service of a county committee shall continue for 2 years and until the selection of its successor."

# PRIMARY PURPOSES

- 1 Promote the Party Platform**
- 2 Engage the Community**
- 3 Recruit, Train & Support Candidates**
- 4 Raise Funds**
- 5 Organize & Host Conventions**
- 6 Handle Specific Election-Related Operations**

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# PROTECT THE U.S. CONSTITUTION & PROMOTE THE PARTY PLATFORM

Party platforms should be rooted in the U.S. Constitution and moral absolutes.

Conform to the Constitution's original meaning

The unborn child has a fundamental right to life which cannot be infringed

The family is the foundation of society, and the cornerstone of the family is natural marriage, the union of one man and one woman

Display the Ten Commandments publicly as a reflection of our history and our country's Judeo-Christian heritage

**The U.S. Constitution and moral absolutes detailed in the Ten Commandments are what members of all political parties must unite around and use as the measure for internal party accountability, electability and governance.**

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## ENGAGE THE COMMUNITY

Exemplify and promote the core values of the party platform and the U.S. Constitution within the community.

The party must build and maintain a positive and trustworthy presence in the community, including but not limited to:

- participation in community events such as parades, shows and conferences
- engagement with faith-based organizations
- direct outreach to every demographic, especially the youth
- active involvement in community service events
- timely press releases and other communications regarding events or issues affecting the community



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## RECRUIT, TRAIN & SUPPORT CANDIDATES

Party candidates and elected officials must exemplify and promote the core values of the party platform and the U.S. Constitution.

Review the **Candidate Recruitment & Support Course** at [moveitchristian.com](https://www.moveitchristian.com) to learn more.

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## RAISE FUNDS

Yes, you do need money to operate a political party and win elections.

Review the **Party Fundraising Course** at [moveitchristian.com](http://moveitchristian.com) to learn more.

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## ORGANIZE & HOST CONVENTIONS

**Political Party Committees are responsible for organizing and hosting delegate conventions.**

In major political parties (Democrats and Republicans),

- State Central Committee hosts THREE conventions each two-year term
- Congressional District Committees host ONE convention each two-year term
- County Executive Committees host FOUR conventions each two-year term

Review the **Convention Prep Course** at [moveitchristian.com](http://moveitchristian.com) to learn more.

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## HANDLE SPECIFIC ELECTION-RELATED OPERATIONS

**The State Central Committee and County Executive Committees of major political parties (Democrats and Republicans) each have responsibilities relating to specific election operations.**

- Precinct delegate apportionment
- Submitting nominees to serve on County or State Board of Canvassers
- Recruiting and training election inspectors and poll challengers for the party
- Fighting for election integrity with every tool at their disposal

Review the **Party Involvement in Election Operations Course** at [moveitchristian.com](https://www.moveitchristian.com) to learn more.