

**BY-LAWS**  
**MORRIS COUNTY DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE, INC.**  
As Amended Effective June 15, 2010

**ARTICLE I:**  
**NAME**

This organization shall be known and called the Morris County Democratic Committee, Inc. The slogan filed and otherwise used by this organization shall also be Morris County Democratic Committee, Inc.

**ARTICLE II:**  
**PURPOSE AND POWERS**

- (A) The Morris County Democratic Committee, Inc. is the organization of elected representatives of the Democratic Party of the County of Morris organized and functioning pursuant to and in furtherance of the Statutes of the State of New Jersey specifically but not limited to N.J.S.A. Title 19.
- (B) The purpose of the Morris County Democratic Committee, Inc. is to foster and promote the views and candidates of the Morris County Democratic Party. The Morris County Democratic Committee, Inc. is authorized to use such other powers and perform duties consistent with its purpose and applicable Statutes of the State of New Jersey as well as the Rules, Regulations and Guidelines of the New Jersey Democratic State Committee.

**ARTICLE III:**  
**MEMBERSHIP**

- (A) The members of the Morris County Democratic Committee, Inc. shall consist of those persons duly elected to the Morris County Democratic Committee, Inc in accordance with N.J.S.A. Title 19.
- (B) The term “delegate” shall mean who has been issued credentials and/or voting authority by the Credentials Committee in accordance with the procedure adopted by the Credentials Committee and in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey.
- (C) Nothing herein shall conflict with the Constitution and Laws of the United States of America, the Constitution and Laws of the State of New Jersey, the Constitution and By-Laws of the New Jersey State Democratic Committee and the Constitution of the Morris County Democratic Committee, Inc.
- (D) A vacancy shall exist in any district if after the primary election no candidate has been duly elected, an elected member has resigned, or a member can no longer serve as a County Committee member. In such case the municipal committee is authorized to fill such vacancy as set forth in the N.J.S.A 19:5-2 provided that such person is a registered Democrat within the municipality. The Municipal Chair shall notify the County Chair, in writing, of the name and address of individual filling the vacancy.

**ARTICLE IV:  
MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS AND CONVENTION**

**(A) PLACE OF MEETINGS**

Meetings of members of the Morris County Democratic Committee, Inc. shall be held at such place within the County of Morris as may be designated by the Officers of the Morris County Democratic Committee, Inc. and stated in a notice of meeting to be mailed via U.S. Mail or forwarded by e-mail and posted on the website of the Morris County Democratic Committee, Inc.

The term meeting shall include the bi-annual convention and any special meetings.

The terms “convention” and “meeting” are to be regarded as synonyms.

**(B) BI-ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING CONVENTION**

The bi-annual meeting of the members of the Morris County Democratic Committee, Inc. shall be in conformance with N.J.S.A Title 19.

**(C) SPECIAL MEETINGS**

1. Special meetings of the Morris County Democratic Committee, Inc. may be convened by the Chairperson. A special meeting must be called by the Chairperson upon the request of a majority of municipalities with organized Democratic Committees.
2. Notice of the proposed meeting shall be mailed or e-mailed and posted on the website of the Morris County Democratic Committee, Inc. at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting date. Only items appearing on the agenda may be acted upon at such special meeting.

**(D) DEBATE AT CONVENTIONS OR MEETINGS**

1. Only delegates may address the meeting, except that (1) officers of the County Committee who are not delegates may address the Convention; and (11) nominated candidates who wish to address the Convention during nomination for the office which they are running may do so at that time.
2. There shall be no debate on nominations except as specified in Section E. On all other questions, debate may proceed with each speaker being limited to three (3) minutes. Any speaker may reserve any unused time for one (1) rebuttal, which shall occur after all persons who have addressed the Convention have spoken.
3. Except as specified in Section E, Nominations, debates on any question shall be limited one half (1/2) hour. The expiration of such time period shall act as an automatic motion to call the question.
4. All meetings of the Morris County Democratic Committee, Inc. shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order most recent edition.

(E) NOMINATIONS

1. Nominations for the Temporary Chairperson and Officers of the County Committee shall be made by any delegate.
2. Candidates for the Office of the Permanent Chairperson must provide a written notice by certified mail or personal delivery to the County Chairperson, Executive Director and Secretary to be received least fifteen (15) days prior to the convention so that their names and the names of their proposed slate of officers can be included in the notice of meeting.
3. Each candidate for Temporary Chairperson, Permanent Chairperson and Permanent Vice Chairperson shall be allocated ten (10) minutes to present his or her candidacy in any method selected by him or her which may include:
  - (a) Nominating speech;
  - (b) Seconding speeches; and/or
  - (c) Remarks to the Convention by the candidate.
4. Nominations for all other offices shall proceed in the same manner as above described, except that the time allocated to each candidate shall be five (5) minutes.
5. After all nominations for the office being considered by the Convention are made; the Temporary Chairperson shall entertain a motion to close nominations for that office. The motion to close nominations requires a “second” and “affirmative vote” of a majority of delegates present and voting.

(F) VOTING

- (1.) Only delegates may vote.
- (2.) Each delegate shall be entitled to one (1) vote, in person. No form of proxy shall be allowed.
- (3.) Municipalities shall vote in alphabetical order as announced by the Temporary Chairperson or the Chairperson.
- (4.) Prior to the commencement of voting on any question(s) before the Convention and the commencement of voting on each ballot for each office, the Credentials Committee shall certify to the Convention the number of delegates for each municipality registered and eligible to vote on such question or ballot. That certification shall be sealed and no further delegates may be added to that number until the conclusion of the vote on that question or ballot.
- (5.) Voting on questions, Temporary Chairperson and uncontested Officers shall be by “voice vote.” Voting for Chairperson and other officers where more than one candidate is nominated shall be by secret ballot in a manner and location that protects the anonymity of the person’s vote as required by N.J.S.A. 19:13-20
- (6.) Prior to the commencement of elections, the Temporary Chairperson shall appoint a Committee of Inspectors of Election consisting of a representative of each candidate nominated for office. From that group one (1) shall be elected as Temporary Committee Chair by lot. The Committee of Inspectors of Elections shall supervise the election process, tally the results of each ballot, report to the Convention the results of each ballot and certify to the Convention the election of the various officers.

(G) ELECTION

(1.) In order to be elected, a successful candidate must receive a simple majority vote of those delegates present and voting.

(2.) In the event no candidate receives the required majority vote at the conclusion of a particular ballot, the person presiding shall order another ballot.

(3.) In the event that after two (2) ballots no candidate for the office in question has attained the required majority vote, the name of the candidate with the least number of votes shall be eliminated from the ballot and such person's candidacy deemed withdrawn. The third ballot shall then proceed only with the remaining candidates. This procedure shall be followed for each successive ballot until only two (2) candidates for the office in question remain on the ballot, at which time voting will continue until one (1) of those two (2) candidates receives the required majority vote in accordance N.J.S.A. 19:13-20 a(4).

(H) QUORUM

(1.) The presence, in person, of eighty-five (85) members of the Morris County Democratic Committee, Inc. representing at least one-third (1/3) of the Municipalities with organized Municipal County Democratic Committees shall constitute a quorum of all meetings of the Morris County Democratic Committee, Inc.

(2.) For meetings of the Morris County Democratic Committee, Inc. which are called to take action in regard to a particular state or federal legislative or election district, which is less than the entire County of Morris, a quorum shall be constituted by the attendance of at least thirty-five (35) individuals representing at least one-third (1/3) of the organized Municipalities within the relevant state or federal legislative district.

(3.) For meetings concerning state or federal legislative districts, which include portions of other counties, the Bylaws of the County Democratic Committee, Inc. of the county containing the greatest number of municipalities shall Control said meeting.

(4.) For purposes of this section, if a Municipality is unrepresented by any duly elected individual member, then the Municipality shall not count toward calculation of the quorum.

(I) VOTING

Morris County Democratic Committee, Inc. members must vote in person and no form of unit rule or proxy shall be allowed.

## **ARTICLE V: OFFICERS**

### **(A) TITLES**

The officers of the Morris County Democratic Committee, Inc. shall be a Chairperson, a Vice Chairperson, and an Executive Director, Secretary, Treasurer, and a Sergeant-at-Arms.

### **(B) ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

(1.) The election of officers shall take place at the bi-annual organizational meeting by of the Morris County Democratic Committee, Inc. The officers shall serve for a term of two (2) years until the election and qualification of their successors. The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson shall be of opposite genders. Other officers should also reflect equal representation of opposite genders to the extent possible.

(2.) In the event a vacancy should occur in the office of Chairperson or a any member of the State Committee through disqualification, death, resignation, or other cause, such vacancy shall be filled by the Morris County Democratic Committee, Inc. at a special meeting called for the purpose within thirty (30) days of such a vacancy.

(3.) In the event a vacancy for any of the above reasons should occur among any of the other officers of the Morris County Democratic Committee, Inc. such vacancy shall be filled by the Executive Board at a special meeting called for that purpose within thirty (30) days of such vacancy.

### **(C) CHAIRPERSON**

The Chairperson shall be the Chief Executive Officer and shall have the general powers and duties of supervision and management usually vested in the office of chairperson or president of an organization. The powers of the Chairperson include, but are not limited to, the discretionary power to bracket certain Democratic candidates for office under the slogan of the Morris County Democratic Committee, Inc. during primary elections or as otherwise permitted by law. The Chairperson is an ex-officio member of all committees. The Chairperson shall have the authority to designate consultants as necessary to assist the party and such other employees as may be needed for the effective operation of this Committee and the conduct of election campaigns.

The Chairperson shall:

1. Preside over all meetings.
2. Call special meetings.
3. Appoint members to various committees.
4. Act as the spokesperson and Chief Executive Officer.
5. Delegate responsibilities to the Vice-Chairperson or other officers as deemed necessary.
6. Uphold the constitution, bylaws, policies, applicable rules and regulations.
7. Provide to all committee members who request copies of the Constitution and By-laws in keeping with N.J.S.A. 19:5-3
8. Be empowered to break tie votes at the municipal and county levels.
9. Ensure compliance with Title 19 of the Laws of the State of New Jersey as most recently amended.

(D) VICE CHAIRPERSON

The Vice Chairperson shall be vested with all the powers and shall perform all duties of the Chairperson in the event of the incapacity or absence of the Chairperson or in the event of a vacancy in the office of the Chairperson. The Vice Chairperson also shall have such other powers and duties as may be assigned by the Chairperson.

(E) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Executive Director shall be responsible for internal and external communications of the day to day administrative duties/operations and functioning of the Morris County Democratic Committee, Inc. and its instrumentalities and such other duties as may be assigned by the Chairperson.

(F) SECRETARY

The Secretary shall act as secretary at all meetings of the Morris County Democratic Committee, Inc. and shall record all votes and minutes of all proceedings.

The Secretary shall:

- (1.) Maintain custody of the official records with the exception of Financial Records;
- (2.) Prepare and distribute notices of meetings to the members, as well as perform other duties as assigned by the Chairperson;
- (3.) Maintain copies of legal documents, the Constitution, Bylaws, Reports, approved minutes of meetings, membership roster, correspondence and other materials.

(G) TREASURER

- (1.) The Treasurer shall maintain financial records of the Morris County Democratic Committee, Inc. The Treasurer shall report as directed by the Chairperson to the Morris County Democratic Committee, Inc. on the financial status of the Morris County Democratic Committee, Inc.
- (2.) The Treasurer shall provide a written financial report to the Morris County Democratic Committee, Inc. at its biannual organizational meeting.
- (3.) The Treasurer shall prepare and file all required statements, disclosures and reports which are required by the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission and shall perform such other similar duties as may be assigned by the Chairperson.

(H) SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

The Sergeant-at-Arms shall maintain decorum at all meetings of the Morris County Democratic Committee, Inc. and shall perform such other duties as may from time to time be requested by the Chairperson.

ARTICLE VI:  
MISCELLANEOUS

(A) ADOPTION AND AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws shall become effective upon a majority vote of a quorum of the delegates in attendance at the June 15, 2010 annual meeting. This document shall supersede the By-laws of the Morris County Democratic Committee, Inc. as amended effective June 10, 2008.

- (1.) These Bylaws may be amended at the bi-annual convention by a majority vote of the delegates constituting a quorum, provided the topic has been listed on the meeting agenda.

Respectfully submitted  
To the Convention by the By-Laws Committee,  
Lewis Candura  
Marshall L. Gates  
Michael O'Brien  
Marianne McConnell  
Mark Heckler  
James Plaisted  
Sarah Dundas  
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Signed: Secretary/Date

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Signed: Chairperson/Date