

RPA Rules – Proposed Revisions –July 21, 2018

*Proposed additions to rules are **bold underlined**.

*Proposed deletions to rules are indicated by ~~strikethrough~~

Article II, County Committee Section 2.E – Membership –(Page 15)

If a County Committee member misses three or more regular consecutive meetings without sending a proxy, that member shall be deemed “inactive” and will not count against quorum while the member is inactive. The inactive member may not issue a proxy pursuant to Article 1, Section 9 **and may not serve as a voting member of the County Executive Committee.**

Rationale: If an inactive member is not permitted to be a voting member of a County Committee they should not be permitted to be a voting member of a County Executive Committee.

Article II, County Committee – Section 3.D.1 – Required Standing Committee(s) – (Page 17)

The Chairman shall appoint the membership of all Standing Committees, including the Chairman of each committee, with the approval of the County Committee, within ~~forty-five (45)~~ **sixty (60)** days following the election of Chairman.

Rationale: Forty-five days will normally fall between meetings of the County Committee. Sixty days would normally be the second County Committee meeting following the election of the Chairman which would provide sufficient time to recommended Committee Chairmen and Members to the full committee for approval.

Article II, County Committee – Section 3.D.2.c – Finance Committee – (Page 17)

Proposed expenditures, unless budgeted ~~or recommended by the Finance Committee~~, shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at a meeting of the county Committee. **Recommendations from the Finance Committee for unbudgeted expenditures shall be approved by a majority vote of the County Committee or as otherwise permitted by County Committee rules.**

Rationale: Currently, there is no provision for the approval of recommendations from the Finance Committee. The recommended wording provides an approval process for recommendations from the Finance Committee. Any County Committee may approve rules to provide for an appropriate financial limit for Financial Committee recommended unbudgeted expenditures, without committee approval, based on the financial resources of the County Committee.

Article II, County Committee – Section 3.D.2.d – Finance Committee – (Page 17)

The Finance Committee shall have the authority to adopt prudent and reasonable controls, policies and procedures for the establishment, approval and expenditure of all special funds and bank accounts of the County Committee in compliance with applicable state and federal laws, these and the County Committee local rules. **All county funds shall be held in accounts that bear the County Committee name and signatories on the accounts shall be the County Chairman and County Treasurer.**

Rationale: There have been situations in which county funds were held in the name of an individual. This requirement will assure proper accounting and reporting for county funds.

Article II, County Committee – Section 3.D.3.b – Audit Committee – (Page 18)

The financial books of the County Committee shall be closed at the end of December of even numbered years and reviewed within ~~thirty (30)~~ **sixty (60)** days following the election of County Committee Officers. **The review shall be performed** by a competent person approved by the Executive Committee.

Rationale: Thirty days is insufficient time to accomplish a review of the financial books of the County Committee. Wording added to provide clarification.

Article II, County Committee – Section 10 – (Page 24)

Section 10 – ~~County Committee~~ Local rules of the County Committee.

Rationale: Remove redundant wording.

Article IV, State Committee – Section 1.B- General Procedure – (Page 32)

No member of the State Committee may cast more than one vote on any question before the State Committee even though ~~he~~ **the member** may hold more than one position entitling ~~him to~~ membership on the State Committee.

Rationale: Revise wording to make gender neutral