

**BY LAWS OF THE
DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF CHIPPEWA
COUNTY**

Article I – Organization

Sec. 1 – The elected officers of the Democratic Party of Chippewa County shall include a chairperson, a first vice-chairperson, a second vice-chairperson, a secretary, and a treasurer. Such officers shall be elected for a term of two years commencing with the election of officers for terms beginning January 1.

Sec. 2 – Nomination for county Party office may be made by a Nominating Committee or from the floor by a member. Nomination must have prior consent of the nominee. Failure to obtain such prior consent shall invalidate the election of a person so nominated. The nominee should be present or submit a written statement of willingness to accept the position if elected. If a Nominating Committee is used the members will be chosen by the Executive Committee and announced one month prior to the election.

Sec. 3 – Election of a county Party officer shall require a majority of those members present and voting. If two or more candidates are nominated for an office, election shall be by secret ballot.

Sec. 4 – The chairperson shall be the presiding officer at all meetings and shall act as administrative head of the organization.

Sec. 5 – The chairperson shall have the power to appoint special project or committee chairpersons, with the consent of the Executive Committee. Such special chairpersons shall serve until the project or assignment is completed, or the county chairperson's term of office expires. Approval of committee actions shall be required unless otherwise specified by the membership.

Sec. 6 – In the absence or incapacitation of the chairperson, the remaining officers in descending order shall be responsible for the executive direction of the Democratic Party of Chippewa County. Descending order is Chairperson, first Vice-Chairperson, second Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer.

Sec. 7 – The secretary shall maintain records of the organization, all correspondence, issue meeting notices, keep a record of all memberships both alphabetically and by ward, and respond to correspondence.

Sec. 8 – The treasurer shall be the custodian of the funds of the organization, shall make financial reports in writing at each county meeting, and shall expend funds only in accordance with the directives of either the Executive Committee or the majority vote of the members. The treasurer shall also keep a record of all paid memberships. The treasurer's books shall be submitted regularly to an auditor or to an auditing committee appointed by the chairperson.

Sec. 9 – Officers shall serve without remuneration except for reimbursement of out of pocket expenses. Telephone bills and mileage shall be reimbursed as decided annually by the Executive Committee.

Article II – Executive Committee

Sec. 1 - The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected officers.

Sec. 2 – The chairperson of the Democratic Party of Chippewa County shall be the chairperson of the Executive Committee. Remaining party members in descending order shall call for and/or preside at Executive Committee meetings in the absence or incapacitation of the chairperson.

Sec. 3- The Executive Committee may meet regularly and hold special meetings. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held following adequate notice to the members of the Executive Committee. A quorum of the Executive Committee shall be three members of the Committee. A decision by a majority of the members at a meeting shall be final, provided there is a quorum.

Article III – Dues and Finance

Sec.1 – Membership dues shall be determined by the Constitution of the Democratic Party of Wisconsin for any calendar year.

Sec. 2 – Membership dues will be sent to the Democratic Party of Wisconsin for processing and the County Party’s share shall be returned to the County.

Sec. 3 – Funds for the Democratic Party of Chippewa County may be solicited/earned from sources other than membership dues.

Article IV – Meetings

Sec. 1 – Meetings shall be held once per month unless otherwise agreed upon by the members of the Executive Committee. Members shall be notified in advance of a meeting. The chairperson may schedule a meeting in the event the Executive Committee does not so act and a meeting has not been set by the members.

Sec. 2 – The meeting for the election of officers and other business shall be held no earlier than November 1 or later than December 31. Notice of this election must be given at least ten (10) days in advance by the secretary of the county party to the headquarters of the Democratic Party of Wisconsin, to the chairpersons of the Third and Seventh Congressional District Democratic Party, and to the membership of the Democratic Party of Chippewa County through the Party newsletter.

Sec. 3 – Five (5) members shall constitute a quorum of the Democratic Party of Chippewa County at a meeting of its members.

Article V – Endorsement

The Democratic Party of Chippewa County shall not endorse nor support any candidate for elective office in any primary election unless the Democratic Party of Chippewa County recommends an endorsement because of unusual circumstances to the DPW Administrative Committee and the Administrative Committee approves said recommendation.

Article VI – Amendments

The By Laws may be amended only at a regularly called meeting by two-thirds vote of all members present. Amendments to By Laws shall be presented in writing at a regular meeting and voted on at the following meeting.