

Saturday, January 2, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

Among the first requirements for an organization to qualify as a political party in any state is to have a defined set of by-laws covering how we propose to conduct our party's business. Our proposed by-laws for

The American Patriot Party of the United States

are as follows:

Mission: To serve the interest of the American People in adherence with the Constitution of the United States.

Purpose: To provide a political forum for all Americans to come together to solve today's problems while working for a better tomorrow.

We believe that America's greatest days are yet to come. Providing leadership in the 21st Century is an arduous task, but it one that we can and must meet. A deep commitment to the core values that helped establish America as the country others look to is essential. The American Patriot Party of the United States (TAPPUS) will work with all Americans to achieve results consistent with our Constitution and Declaration of Independence by safeguarding our heritage, employing the rule of law.

We will actively seek, encourage and promote any American, without discrimination, in their political aspirations by providing an open and transparent system of nominating and supporting candidates representing the TAPPUS party. Our party platform will openly and freely permit any American to become a member of TAPP and work for the party's goals.

The principal of a citizen serving his fellow citizens by government service, then returning to private life, was prescribed by our nation's founders. We endorse this principal and will actively support term limits for federal and state-wide elected officials. This ideal fosters more citizens and continues to welcome new ideas into the party, thus growing the TAPPUS party and the leaders of tomorrow.

Parliamentary Rules: Robert's Rules of Order: Newly Revised ("Robert's Rules of Order") shall be the source of order and other procedural points governing all meetings of the The TAPPUS National Committee and its committees, so long as they are pertinent to the conduct of the meeting.

Executive Committee: shall be comprised of five (5) Directors with responsibility to create and implement policy for TAPPUS. The Executive Committee will be responsible for oversight of all committees, all security and cybersecurity systems and all candidate vetting protocols. The committee will also provide oversight for general operations of TAPPUS.

1. Selection of the initial Directors of the Executive Committee will be by the Board of Directors of TAPPUS and will serve until the first convention. Directors of the Executive Committee must be members of the TAPPUS National Committee and must be vetted by the TAPPUS Board of Directors prior to submitting their name for election. Criteria for the vetting process is located under the Duties/Responsibilities of the Board of Directors.
2. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for creating and maintaining oversight over the following committees:
 - a. Finance Committee: shall manage all aspects of fundraising, accounting, bookkeeping, and performing the function of Chief Financial Officer (CFO) for TAPPUS.
 - b. Security Committee: shall manage cybersecurity and internet interests as well as physical security.
 - c. Platform Committee: shall manage Media and State Chapters of TAPPUS.
 - d. Additional Committees shall be formed and staffed as necessary.
 - e. The Right of, and process used for, removal of persons from any of the above positions is reserved by TAPPUS and will be enforced via the Directors of the Executive Committee.

The TAPPUS National Committee shall be formed for the purpose of acting as the governing body for the National Party. The National Committee is responsible for the formation of all rules and regulations governing the actions and activity of TAPP. The National Committee shall ensure policies and operations are completed through the actions of various committees, as listed in Other Committees.

1. Rules for selecting delegates, committee persons and officers will be listed here.
2. Right of, and process used for removal of any of the above positions, will be listed here.

TAPPUS will conduct an ongoing review of its platform in order to ensure we remain focused on resolving the issues of the day while serving as stewards committed to protecting the interests of future Americans. The Platform Committee shall meet on a biennial basis between conventions to focus on maintaining a positive, results-oriented platform. Membership in the National Committee is required. Membership will consist of ten (10) persons. The chairperson will be appointed by the Executive Committee and will serve from end of convention to beginning of convention. The Platform Committee shall be responsible for oversight and management of the TAPPUS National Convention.

TAPPUS Conventions shall be held once every four (4) years in presidential election years. The primary purpose of the convention is to draft the TAPPUS party platform for a vote by the general membership. In addition, any national candidate may announce they are running for a national office and seek party endorsement at the convention.

1. Delegate selection process will be listed here along with committee rules and selection processes.

TAPPUS will focus on supporting party growth by actively helping to create and mobilize state chapters of TAPPUS. Each state chapter, or branch, will be considered a member of

the National Party. They will be subject to all party rules and regulations. Individual candidate support will be governed through this committee.

1. State chapters of TAPPUS will be required to adhere to party rules and regulations.
2. State Chapters will have fund raising goals for the national party.
3. State Chapters will be involved in finding and vetting candidates to run for office as TAPPUS members for local and state races for public office.

TAPPUS By Laws

Executive Committee rules

1. The Executive Committee will be formed first and act as the Board of Directors for TAPPUS. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for oversight for TAPPUS for all activities and actions taken under the banner of TAPPUS. The Executive Committee shall establish policy and the initial platform that will be in effect until the first convention.
2. There shall be five (5) persons in the Executive Committee. The initial Directors will be appointed by the TAPPUS Board of Directors on the 501(c)(3) board. The Directors must be members of the National Committee. The members of the board will serve for four (4) years. They can be reappointed to the board.
3. The first committee to be created shall be the Finance Committee. This committee shall be responsible for the bookkeeping and accounts necessary to maintain compliance with our status as a 501(c)(3) political party organization. This committee shall maintain an external 'third-party' accounting firm for compliance purposes. They shall be responsible for all expenditures and funds received. A public accounting of funds received and how they have been expended shall be readily available within five (5) business days of any written request.
4. The Security Committee shall be responsible for all physical and cyber-security measures, protocols, oversight and the implementation process. All Information Technology will reside within the Security Committee.
5. The Platform Committee shall be responsible for maintaining the TAPPUS platform from convention to convention. All changes shall be addressed via the Platform Committee. The conduct and management of the convention shall be the responsibility of this committee. Any conflicts of duties or responsibilities between committees will revert to the platform committee for final decision.
6. The Media Committee shall be responsible for all aspects of communication from the party to the public, to include: Marketing, advertising, and all aspects of internet and social media communication.
7. The State Chapters Committee will be responsible for providing the State Chapters with guidance, support and resources for state-wide and local political elections. This shall include, but not be limited to: organizational, fund raising, and candidate support.

National Committee rules

1. The National Committee shall be responsible for the day to day operations of TAPPUS from convention to convention. The National Chairperson will act in the capacity of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for TAPPUS. This position shall be held

from convention to convention. The position will be up for election at the National Convention by the attending delegates.

2. The National Committee shall be responsible for managing all committees with the exception of the Executive Committee. The National Committee shall be responsible for forming and establishing individual committee rules and responsibilities.
3. Delegates for the National Committee shall be apportioned as follows: All states shall have five (5) delegates. For every five (5) additional congressional seats over the initial five (5), one additional delegate will be added to the state total.* This group will vote on all platform issues in addition to any nominations for National Office.

*(for current breakdown, see chart A)

Platform Committee rules

1. The purpose of the Platform Committee is to work toward and prepare an updated party platform at each convention. The mid-term meeting shall include input from membership in general as part of their duties. All meetings will be a matter of record for public promulgation.
2. Any rules or other changes brought forth by this committee must include information related to any applicable superceded policies as well as the rationale for implementing the change. All changes require a minimum of 75% of the TAPP convention delegates to pass. All changes will take effect at the beginning of the convention and stay in effect until the next convention.

Convention rules

1. The planning and management of the National Convention is the responsibility of the Platform Committee. The Platform Committee shall select the site and venue details and issue the call for a National Convention.
2. Delegates eligible to vote shall be apportioned as per the allocation outlined for the National Committee. These are voting positions in the convention. Three (3) additional delegates can be nominated as alternatives that only vote as a notified replacement for a main delegate.

State Chapter rules

1. State Chapters are branches of the main party. State Chapters are required to adhere to all National Party rules, regulations and by-laws. Each state chapter shall have fund raising goals for both their state and TAPPUS.
2. State Chapters shall be responsible for using the same TAPPUS protocols for vetting persons before supporting any candidate for state-wide office.

TAPP Vetting protocols

1. All candidates for state or national office must have a thorough background check and be interviewed by the appropriate state or national Platform Committee, ensuring persons possess the four (4) core beliefs or tenets of the party:
 - (1) Honor
 - (2) Integrity

- (3) Freedom from government
- (4) High moral character

The committee shall also ensure candidates possess the ideals and pillars of the party, as defined herein:

- (1) Adherence to the U.S. Constitution as it is written.
 - (2) Producing a balanced budget
 - (3) Limited: terms, government, regulations, and powers
 - (4) K-12 educational choice and accountability in higher education
 - (5) Credible social security and healthcare solutions
 - (6) Fair/flat tax legislation
 - (7) Secure borders, logical immigration, national security, and an unwavering military and foreign policy of peace through strength
 - (8) Protection of religious and civil liberties
 - (9) Respect and protection for the sanctity of life
2. TAPPUS believes in protecting the integrity and honor of the platform. Thus, all persons who seek to represent TAPPUS in an official committee role or as an elected representative shall be capable of doing so without fear of negative repercussions related to past situations. Each case shall be decided on its own merit and will be subject to a review by the Executive Committee.

TAPPUS Membership

- 1. Upon approval by the Federal Election Commission (FEC), persons who desire to register as TAPPUS party members shall do so at their local registrar's office.
- 2. To become a candidate for public office under the TAPPUS party, candidates must be vetted by the respective state chapter.
- 3. To become a candidate for a state office under the TAPPUS party, candidates must be vetted by the Executive Committee or its designated representatives.

Chart A: Breakdown of current seats within the TAPPUS National Committee

Alabama – 7

Alaska - 1

Arizona - 2

Arkansas – 1

California – 11

Colorado – 2

Connecticut – 1

Delaware - 1

Florida – 6

Georgia – 3

Hawaii – 1

Idaho – 1

Illinois – 4

Indiana – 2

Iowa – 1
Kansas – 1
Kentucky – 2
Louisiana – 2
Maine – 1
Maryland – 2
Massachusetts – 2
Michigan -3
Minnesota – 2
Mississippi - 1
Missouri - 2
Montana - 1
Nebraska - 1
Nevada – 1
New Hampshire – 1
New Jersey – 3
New Mexico – 1
New York – 6
North Carolina – 3
North Dakota – 1
Ohio – 4
Oklahoma – 1
Oregon – 1
Pennsylvania – 4
Rhode Island – 2
South Carolina – 2
South Dakota – 1
Tennessee – 2
Texas – 8
Utah – 1
Vermont – 1
Virginia – 3
Washington – 2
West Virginia – 1