

New Republican Party of Hawaii

Charter & Bylaws

PREAMBLE

Sources; National Republican Party Preamble

BE IT RESOLVED; That the New Republican Party of Hawaii is the party of the open door. Ours is the party of liberty, the party of equality, of opportunity for all, and favoritism for none.

It is the intent and purpose of these rules to encourage and allow the broadest possible participation of all voters in New Republican Party of Hawaii activities at all levels and to assure that the Party is open and accessible to all the people of Hawaii.

Source; Hawaii Democrat Party Bylaws

ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY & ENROLLMENT

Eligibility:

Individuals who are registered to vote in the State of Hawaii may become voting members of the New Republican Party of Hawaii.

Individuals who, at the time of application, are eligible but not registered to vote in the State of Hawaii may become nonvoting associate members of the New Republican Party of Hawaii, and upon registration to vote in the State of Hawaii, may apply to become voting members of the new Republican Party of Hawaii

Individuals who, at the time of application, are not eligible to register to vote in the State of Hawaii may become nonvoting associate members of the New Republican Party of Hawaii. If eligibility to register to vote in the State of Hawaii is later attained and the individual duly registers to vote, then the individual may apply to become a voting member of the New Republican Party of Hawaii.

Enrollment:

The applicant shall fill out and submit a New Republican Party of Hawaii State Enrollment Card either on paper or online. The applicant may pay the annual voluntary communications fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) and may submit an additional voluntary contribution.

The enrollment card and any annual voluntary membership contribution of an applicant shall be hand-delivered, delivered by mail, transmitted by fax, or scanned and sent by electronic mail to New Republican Party of Hawaii.

Source; Republican Party of Texas Bylaws

ARTICLE II - ADMINISTRATION

Executive Committee:

The name of the governing administration shall be the New Republican Party of Hawaii Executive Committee, hereinafter referred to as the "NRPEC".

ARTICLE III – PURPOSE

The purposes of the NRPEC shall be.

- 1.To act as the governing body of the New Republican Party of Hawaii (hereinafter referred to as the "Party") and exercise those powers and fulfill those duties and responsibilities conferred upon it by state or federal statutes.
- 2.To establish general policy for the Party, subject to the direction of the biennial state convention.

3. To be responsible for the general supervision and management of the Party.
4. To foster and encourage growth in the Party by promoting the principles as expressed in the platform, planks, and legislative priorities and by electing Republican officeholders.
5. To provide an opportunity for full participation in the Party to all Hawaii citizens who subscribe to the beliefs and principles advocated by the Party.

Source; Republican Party of Texas Bylaws

ARTICLE IV – ORGANIZATION

Section 1. Election.

The NRPEC shall be composed of the State Chairman (hereinafter referred to as the "Chairman") and the State Vice-Chairman (hereinafter referred to as the "Vice-Chairman"), one a man and the other a woman, and two (2) members from each of the (25) state-senatorial districts, one a man and the other a woman, the national committee man and national committee woman, all to be elected at the Party's biennial state convention.

Section 2. Qualifications.

To qualify as a candidate for membership on the NRPEC, one must affiliate with the Party in the year in which the NRPEC is elected and in which he or she runs for NRPEC membership, contingent only upon requisites stated in Section 1 of this Article.

Section 3. Term of Office.

The term of office shall commence immediately upon conclusion of the State Convention, at which the Member, Chairman, or Vice Chairman is elected and continue until the conclusion of the next biennial convention.

Section 4. Vacancies.

In the event of a vacancy on the NRPEC, a majority vote shall fill the vacancy in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws. Notice of an election to fill such vacancy shall be included in the notice of call of a meeting. If the vacancy is due to death or other extraordinary circumstances, notice may be waived by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the NRPEC at the meeting at which the vacancy is to be filled.

Source; Republican Party of Texas Bylaws

Source; Cuyahoga County Republican Central Committee

Section 5. Duties.

It shall be the duty of each NRPEC member.

- To furnish as liaison between the Party and Republicans within but not limited to the senatorial district he or she represents.
- To advise the Chairman on matters of policy.
- To assist the Chairman and the NRPEC in furthering the interests of the Party and in furthering the cause of good government in Hawaii and the nation.
- To promote the growth of the Party organization and outreach within their district.
- To screen candidates for endorsement for election or appointment to public office.
- To assist in the development of community-based Precinct Clubs and County Committees.
- To identify and seek solutions for local and statewide issues.
- To coordinate and interact with like-minded civic associations to encourage their participation in Party growth and impact.

Section 6. Honorary Members.

The Finance Chairman, the Treasurer, the Assistant Treasurer(s), if any, the Chaplain, the General Counsel, the Assistant General Counsel(s), if any, the Parliamentarian, the Assistant Parliamentarian, if any, the Sergeant at Arms, and the Secretary, if not an NRPEC member, are honorary members while each shall hold such office.

Source; Cuyahoga County Republican Central Committee

Section 7. Membership Dues.

Membership on the NRPEC for all persons elected shall be conditioned upon the annual payment of dues of one hundred dollars (\$100). Bylaws or a special Resolution of the Committee may from time to time increase such dues, however, in no event shall they be lower than the amount established herein.

Source; Republican Party of Texas Bylaws

ARTICLE V – ELECTED OFFICERS OF THE SREC

Section 1. Elected Officers.

The elected officers of the NRPEC shall be the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, and the Secretary, who each shall perform those duties assigned to them by these Bylaws, and by the Rules of the Party.

Section 2. Duties.

The CHAIRMAN, who shall be elected as the chief executive officer of the Party, representing the NRPEC as its official spokesman.

Additionally, the Chairman shall:

1. Preside at all meetings of the NRPEC.
2. Serve as temporary chairman of the biennial state convention.
3. Make the appointments specified by these Bylaws.
4. Call the meetings specified by these Bylaws.
5. Be an ex-officio member of all committees.
6. Serve as a member of the Republican National Committee.
7. Ensure compliance of the Party with all applicable state and federal laws, with these Bylaws, and with the Rules of the Party.
8. In conjunction with the NRPEC, coordinate the political activities of the Party and direct the advance planning of the programs of the Party.

9. Exercise the usual powers of supervision and management pertaining to the State Headquarters of the Party, including employment of an executive director and such supportive staff as warranted; and

10. Assure the safekeeping of all records of the Party and turn them over to his successor upon vacating the office.

The VICE-CHAIRMAN, who shall be elected as prescribed, shall assist the Chairman as requested in the performance of the duties of that office; and in the event of the Chairman's death or resignation shall perform the duties of the Chairman until a new Chairman is elected. The Vice-Chairman shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

The SECRETARY shall be elected by the NRPEC at its organizational meeting for a term concurrent with that of the NRPEC; and shall act as recording officer of the SREC, keeping the minutes and attendance records for all NRPEC meetings, such records to be retained at State Headquarters in a journal for that purpose. If the Secretary is a voting member of the NRPEC, then the Secretary will be an ex-officio member of all committees. In the event the Secretary is not a voting member of the NRPEC, that person shall be an honorary member of the NRPEC and all committees.

Section 3. Vacancy in office of Chairman

In the event of a vacancy in the office of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman shall call a meeting of the NRPEC, to be held within thirty (30) days of the Chairman's death or resignation, for the purpose of electing a new Chairman. Notice of the date, time, and place of the meeting shall be given the NRPEC members no fewer than ten (10) days prior to the meeting. This notice provision for the meeting to elect a new Chairman shall be superior to and govern all other notice provisions contained in these Bylaws. However, notwithstanding the foregoing, if a Chairman submits in writing to the NRPEC an irrevocable letter of resignation setting a specific day and exact time certain in the future as to when the Chairman's resignation will be effective, and such resignation is accepted by the Officials Committee or the NRPEC, then the Chairman may in place of the

Vice-Chairman call a meeting of the NRPEC to be held on the day the resignation takes place provided such notice was sent to the NRPEC at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which the new Chairman will be elected. In the event the Chairman does not call such a meeting, the Vice-Chairman shall call a meeting after the resignation is in effect in accordance with the previous provisions of this article.

Source; Republican Party of Texas Bylaws

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS

The SREC shall meet in person upon the call of the Chairman, at such times as required and as provided by these Bylaws and by the Rules of the Party. All meetings of the NRPEC shall be open to credentialed media representatives and to interested Party members, except the SREC may go into executive session.

A. STATUTORY MEETINGS. Meetings shall be duly called by the Chairman, or in his absence by the Vice-Chairman, for the purpose so designated by law; and no other business may be transacted at such statutory meetings unless notice of such other business has been included in the call.

B. REGULAR MEETINGS. The SREC shall meet no less frequently than quarterly for the conduct of business necessary to fulfill its objectives and purposes. Statutory business may occur at a regular meeting. In even-numbered years, the fourth quarterly meeting shall be held after the November general election.

C. SPECIAL MEETINGS. Special meetings of the NRPEC may be called by the Chairman and shall be called by the Chairman upon petition signed by at least fifteen (15) members of the NRPEC, representing no fewer than ten (10) state-senatorial districts, delivered to the Secretary (or to the State Headquarters if the Secretary is not available) at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date specified for the meeting. Any notice of a special meeting must contain the purpose for which the meeting is called.

Source; Republican Party of Texas Bylaws

ARTICLE VII – OFFICIALS OF THE PARTY

Section 1. Elective Officials.

The Republican National Committeeman and Committeewoman shall be the elective officials of the Party. Each shall be elected in accordance with the Rules of the Party.[14] Each shall serve a term of four (4) years, commencing with the adjournment of the quadrennial national convention. The duty of each shall be to provide liaison and communication between the NRPEC and Republican National Committee. In the event of a vacancy in the office of either National Committee member, the Chairman shall call a meeting of the NRPEC no fewer than twenty (20) days or more than thirty (30) days within occurrence of such vacancy for the purpose of electing a successor.

Section 2. Appointive Officials.

The appointive officials of the Party shall be the Finance Chairman, the Treasurer, the Assistant Treasurer(s) (optional), the Parliamentarian, the Assistant Parliamentarian (optional), the General Counsel and the Assistant General Counsel(s) (optional), the Sergeant at Arms, and the Chaplain each of whom shall be appointed by the Chairman.

Source; Republican Party of Texas Bylaws

ARTICLE VIII – STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Committee Members.

Committee members shall be nominated by the Chairman subject to confirmation by the NRPEC or the committee members shall be selected by a method as directed by the NRPEC. Members shall be affiliated with the Party.

Section 2. Committee Chairmen.

Committee chairmen shall be appointed by the Chairman from among the committee members, unless otherwise specified.

Section 3. Committee Meetings and Notice.

Committees and subcommittees shall meet at the call of the Chairman, or the committee or subcommittee chairman, or by petition by one half (50%) of the committee or subcommittee members.

Unless otherwise specified in these Bylaws, notice of committee and subcommittee meetings shall be sent to all members and officers of the SREC and any other members of the committee or subcommittee no later than five (5) days prior to the meeting date. Notice may be distributed by either postal or electronic mail to the address(es) appearing on the Secretary's records.

The five-day notice requirement may be waived in the event of an emergency declared by the Chairman or the Officials Committee, in which case no less than forty-eight (48) hours' notice shall be given by overnight mail, electronic mail, or telephone.

Section 4. Committee Quorum.

A simple-majority of the regular committee members shall be a quorum, except that for the Candidate Resource Committee a quorum shall be one-third of the regular committee members. Ex-officio members are not used in calculating the number required for a committee quorum. However, both regular members and ex-officio members present shall be counted in establishing that the required number of persons is present for a quorum.

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Section 5. Committee Voting.

1. Voting Committee Members. Each member of the committee shall have the right to cast his individual vote. Method of voting shall be by voice, or show of hands, or ballot, as determined by majority vote of the committee, provided, however, that upon demand by twenty

percent (20%) of the members present, a roll-call vote shall be taken.

2. Honorary Members. The National Committeeman, the National Committeewoman, the Finance Chairman, the Treasurer, the General Counsel, the Assistant General Counsel(s), if any, the Parliamentarian[b], if any, and the Secretary (if not an SREC member) shall, by virtue of their offices, automatically be accorded honorary membership on all NRPEC committees on occasion that each shall hold such office.

Section 6. Minority Report.

A minority report may be given by no fewer than twenty percent (20%) of the committee members present and moved as a motion to amend the majority report by substitution.

Section 7. Standing Committees.

The standing committees of the NRPEC shall be the

- (1). Officials Committee
- (2). Finance Committee
- (3). Candidate Resource Committee
- (4). Party Organization Committee
- (5). Resolutions Committee,
- (6). Rules Committee,
- (7). Legislative Priorities Committee.

Source; Republican Party of Texas Bylaws

Section 8. Duties of Standing Committees.

(1) THE OFFICIALS COMMITTEE

Composition and Voting Members: The Officials Committee shall be composed of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, the Secretary, the National Committeeman, the National Committeewoman, the Finance Chairman, the Treasurer, the Assistant Treasurer(s) if any, the General Counsel, the Assistant General Counsel(s), if any, the Parliamentarian[c], the Assistant Parliamentarian(s), if any.

It shall be the duty of the Officials Committee:

1. To assume responsibility for transaction of business necessary between meetings of the NRPEC.
2. To prepare a budget for the Party each year, to be submitted to the NRPEC at its fourth quarterly meeting of the preceding calendar year. After the third quarterly NRPEC meeting, the Officials committee shall meet at least three times prior to the fourth quarterly meeting of the NRPEC, to work on the budget to be proposed at the NRPEC's fourth quarterly meeting.
3. To ratify written contracts: (1).Concerning 1099 contractors or consultants who are paid more than \$5,000 per month; the NRPH State Convention; real estate purchases; leases. (2). All new or amended contracts of any kind involving proceeds or costs greater than \$50,000 during the budget year. (3). Ensure all contracts contain provisions so that NRPEC members are not individually or collectively liable for contract(s), fulfillment, or disputes arising from contract(s) with the New Republican Party of Hawaii. (4). Negotiate and ratify contracts concerning compensation of State Chairman.

(2). THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The appointed Finance Chairman shall serve as chairman of the Finance Committee. Additional ex-officio members shall be the Treasurer, the Assistant Treasurer(s), if any, the General Counsel, and the Assistant

General Counsel(s), if any. The State Chairman may also appoint, but is not required to appoint, one or more Deputy Finance Chairmen. It shall be the duty of the Finance Committee to develop and implement ways and means to fund the programs and activities of the Party.

(3) THE CANDIDATE RESOURCE COMMITTEE

1. The Candidate Resource Committee shall be appointed at the organizational meeting of the NRPEC, as follows:

- The Chairman shall appoint twelve (12) current NRPEC members and six (6) non-NRPEC members subject to confirmation by the NRPEC. The Chairman may appoint up to four (4) additional members also subject to confirmation by the NRPEC.
- Non-voting ex-officio members shall be the National Committeeman and the National Committeewoman.
- The Chairman and the Vice-Chairman of the Candidate Resource Committee shall be members of the NRPEC and shall be appointed by the Chairman.
- The following persons are ineligible for appointment to the Candidate Resource Committee: (a). A person who holds an elected public office or is a candidate for an elected public office or has filed for the appointment of a campaign treasurer for a public office (b). A person who is employed for compensation, either full-time or part-time, as a political consultant or as a staff member of an elected official or candidate. (c). A person who is the spouse of an elected official or candidate. (d). Anyone who is a member of the Officials Committee.
- The Candidate Resource Committee shall provide support to Republican candidates for State and Federal offices by administering the Party Campaign Fund assisting with targeting of races, within the limits of funds and other resources available.

- The Candidate Resource Committee shall be authorized to develop and prescribe policies, standards, procedures, and criteria to form the basis upon which monies will be expended for the purposes of the Fund, subject expressly to the following: (a). It shall not be required that monies within the Fund be distributed to or on account of all candidates for offices of the same type or class or in equal amounts within any class; (b). The best efforts of the Candidate Resource Committee shall be utilized to distribute the monies in the Fund to, or on account of, those races and candidacies having the greatest chance of winning, balanced with the policy of the Party. (c). No part of the Fund shall be utilized for the purpose, directly or indirectly, of paying any past campaign debts of, or attributable to, any candidate for public office. (d). The Candidate Resource Committee shall respect and implement any directives or resolutions on spending approved by the NRPEC.
- A vacancy on the Candidate Resource Committee shall be filled promptly by the Chairman such appointment to be presented for confirmation at the next meeting of the NRPEC. A member may be removed by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the NRPEC at any duly called and convened meeting with previous notice.

(4) THE PARTY ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE [upper case]

The Party Organization Committee shall be comprised of no fewer than five (5) members of the NRPEC, nominated by the Chairman, and subject to confirmation by the NRPEC. The Party Organization Committee shall coordinate the development and improvement of the organizational structure of the Party at every level, including the following:

1. COUNTY CHAIRMEN. The Committee shall be charged with the responsibility for recruiting, organizing, and training county chairmen, in cooperation with their respective NRPEC members, and for improving the effectiveness of the Party at the county level. The

committee shall provide for meetings of county chairmen, no less than biennially, for the purpose of assisting and training county chairmen. All NRPEC members who are also county chairmen shall be voting ex-officio members of the Party Organization Committee. All other county chairmen shall be non-voting ex-officio members of the Party Organization Committee.

2. The Party Organization Committee shall develop programs to improve the registration of voters reasonably calculated to support Republican candidates.

(5) THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

1. The Resolutions Committee shall be comprised of no fewer than five (5) members of the SREC, nominated by the Chairman and subject to confirmation by the SREC. The chairman of the Resolutions Committee shall be a member of the SREC and shall be appointed by the Chairman.

2. It shall be the duty of the Resolutions Committee to recommend policy positions of the Party on any issue brought before it (subject to the approval of the NRPEC) and to recommend changes in the Party platform [prior to each biennial state convention.

3. It shall not be for the NRPEC to consider a policy position resolution which has either not been previously considered by the Resolutions Committee or has been considered by the Resolutions Committee and failed of adoption.

(6) THE RULES COMMITTEE

1. The Rules Committee shall be comprised of no fewer than five (5) members of the NRPEC, nominated by the Chairman and subject to confirmation by the NRPEC. The chairman of the Rules Committee shall be a member of the NRPEC and shall be appointed by the Chairman.
2. Subject to the approval by the NRPEC, it shall be the duty of the Rules Committee to recommend changes to these Bylaws, to

recommend changes in the Party Rules prior to each biennial state convention, and to recommend action on the Chairman's clarification of any ambiguities in these Bylaws or in the Party Rules.

(7) THE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES COMMITTEE

The Legislative Priorities Committee shall be authorized to work with Party staff and Republican members of the Hawaii State Government to promote passage of legislation crafted in support of the Legislative Priorities of the Party by:

- 1 Reviewing bills filed in the Hawaii Legislature and providing information to the NRPEC and Republican voting public on bills that implement in whole or in part any of the Legislative Priorities of the Party.
2. Promoting communication and education among the Republican voting public of recommended grassroots advocacy techniques to promote passage of bills that implement the Legislative Priorities of the Party.
3. Making recommendations to the NRPEC or its other committees for other action(s) to take in support of the Legislative Priorities of the Party.
4. Committee Meetings: During legislative sessions, the party Chairman, Vice-Chairman, or Committee Chairman may call for meetings, including those via telecommunications, with two hours' notice. Notice will be given as far in advance as is practical. A quorum is one-third.

Other Committees.

Additional standing or special committees may be created by the Chairman or the NRPEC. If created by the Chairman, standing committees, charge, and membership shall be subject to confirmation by the NRPEC while

special committees, charge, and membership shall be subject to confirmation by the NRPEC or Officials Committee.

ARTICLE IX - CAMPAIGN AND FINANCE

Section 1. Campaign Fund.

(A). After making provisions for payment in an orderly and timely basis of anticipated operating expenses of the Party, and any other obligations of the Party, the Chairman shall cause to be deposited promptly all monies received by the Party into the New Republican Party Campaign Fund (hereinafter referred to as the "Fund"). The Chairman and any other authorized person(s) soliciting funds for the Party are expressly empowered to accept contributions directly into the Fund.

The Fund shall be divided into sub-funds, or accounts, in such a manner as to comply with all applicable state or federal laws or regulations pertinent to the purposes herein prescribed, subject to any limitation imposed by such laws and regulations and shall be accounted for and reported in an accurate and timely manner.

(B). The Fund shall be utilized exclusively for the purpose of participating in direct campaign activities of Republican candidates for election to the public offices of the United States, the State of Hawaii, or any unit or subdivision thereof. Once money has been credited to the Fund, the State Chairman shall be authorized to transfer money to other funds or accounts of the Party in cases of emergency (not inconsistent with applicable law), upon notice of such action to the chairman of the Candidate Resource Committee. No monies may be transferred from the Fund that have been dedicated by the donor for use as Republican Party Campaign Funds.

(C). The Fund shall be administered and invested as may be directed by the Chairman. Monies in the Fund shall be distributed or expended of the purposes thereof only as shall be directed by the Candidate Resource Committee.

(D). Monies in the Fund shall not be raised or expended in connection with any primary campaign of any candidate for nomination of the Party or in any campaign in which more than one Republican, as shown by ballot designation, appears on the ballot, with the exception in a non-primary election that by a two-thirds vote of the NRPEC funds may be so raised and expended.

ARTICLE X - Audit

Section 1. Audit.

(A). The National Committeeman and National Committeewoman shall appoint a three (3) member Audit Committee from the membership of the NRPEC not later than November 1 of each year to audit the current fiscal year. The Audit Committee shall select a firm of independent certified public accountants to audit all accounts of the Party for the current fiscal year, to be conducted so that the audit of the current fiscal year shall be completed no later than one hundred and eighty (180) days following the end of the current fiscal year.

(B). The original of the audit report shall be sent to the Chairman, with copies to the National Committeeman, the National Committeewoman, the Vice-Chairman, the General Counsel, the Treasurer, and the Finance Chairman, plus each member of the Audit Committee and any member of the NRPEC requesting a copy; in addition, a copy shall be filed with the State Headquarters where it shall be preserved and made available for inspection during office hours by any NRPEC member or Party official. The Executive Committee, by majority vote, may require the Chairman to post the Audited Financial Statements and Report of Independent Certified Public Accountants, or any portion thereof, on the website of the New Republican Party of Hawaii.

(C). The Audit Committee shall present the audit report to the SREC for approval at the next ensuing regular meeting.

(D). In event of a vacancy in the office of Chairman, a complete audit shall be conducted in accordance with applicable provisions of this Section unless waived by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the NRPEC. Neither the Chairman nor any other officer, employee, or representative of the Party shall borrow money in the name of the Party unless expressly authorized to do so by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the NRPEC, notice of request for such authorization having been included in the call to the meeting at which the request is to be made.

ARTICLE XI – STATE HEADQUARTERS - EXECUTIVE SALARIES

Section 1. Location.

To be determined.

Section 2. Administration.

The executive director, (if one be appointed) shall administer the operations of the State Headquarters under the direction of the Chairman.

Section 3. Funds.

Funds shall be allocated for rental space and for personnel, as budgeted by the NRPEC. No Party funds or resources shall be used, either directly or indirectly, to influence intraparty contests. This restriction shall not preclude the Chairman of the New Republican Party of Hawaii or his/her designee(s) from soliciting the support and involvement of elected officials and candidates for fundraising assistance for the benefit of the New Republican Party of Hawaii, nor will it prohibit commendations for meritorious service, nor the Party publishing or promoting a resolution that was adopted by the NRPEC.

Section 4. Staff Policy.

Staff members shall remain neutral in intraparty contests for both public and Party offices.

ARTICLE XII – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Rules contained in the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the NRPEC in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws, the Rules of the Party, or any state or federal statute.

ARTICLE XIII – AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

These Bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the NRPEC, duly called and constituted, by two-thirds (2/3) vote of those members present and voting, in person or represented by proxy, provided that the amendment has been proposed in writing at the previous regular meeting or notice of proposed amendment is included in the call to the meeting at which it will be presented. A proposed amendment may include a description of the scope.

NEEDS DATES - SIGNATURE BLOCKS - ETC