

**BY-LAWS OF THE NORTH BRAZORIA COUNTY  
DEMOCRATIC CLUB**

**I. NAME**

This organization shall be officially named THE NORTH BRAZORIA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CLUB, and also be commonly known as THE NORTH BRAZORIA COUNTY DEMOCRATS.

**II. PURPOSE**

This organization's purpose is to (1) promote the Democratic Party in Brazoria County by recruiting candidates for public office and encouraging participation in party affairs; (2) raise money to support Democratic candidates; (3) raise public awareness of current and pending issues by disseminating information and holding public forums; and (4) increase the visibility and image of the Democratic Party through public service activities.

**III. MEMBERSHIP**

Membership is open to all registered voters.

- A. North Brazoria County Democratic Club members agree to support the candidates of the Democratic Party.
- B. A member may be expelled from the club for any one of the following reasons:
  - 1. Failing to pay dues within the prescribed time.
  - 2. Creating a disturbance at meetings by failing to observe the established rules for participating in debate or discussion.
  - 3. Pursuing a personal agenda which is contrary to the objectives of the club.
  - 4. Pursuing personal actions which tend to bring discredit upon the club or any of its members.
- C. The proposal to expel a member may be made at any meeting and will be treated as any other motion made under Robert's Rules of Order. The fact that a proposal to expel a member has passed must be conveyed in writing to every member in good standing. This notice will also announce that a vote on the proposed expulsion will be taken at the next called or regular meeting. The member affected will be given an opportunity at that meeting to show cause as to why he or she should not be expelled. A vote of the majority of the members present at this meeting is necessary to effect an expulsion.

**IV. DUES**

All members are required to pay dues.

- A. Annual membership dues shall be established at a regular meeting by approval of a majority of the membership present and voting.
- B. Payment of dues will be required by the end of November each year. New members paying dues from September 1<sup>st</sup> will receive credit for the following year.

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- C. Dues will be used only for operating expenses and to promote the Brazoria County Democratic Party.
- D. In order to vote on any issue or to participate in debate a member must be in good standing.

**V. ORGANIZATION**

The North Brazoria County Democratic Club will be led by an Executive Committee elected by the membership.

- A. The Executive Committee will consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and three (3) Regional Directors.
- B. Three (3) Regional Directors will be elected, one each from Manvel, Alvin and Pearland areas. However, at the discretion of the membership, and in the absence of a willing candidate to serve from any one of the above stated regions, a candidate from any region may be nominated and elected to serve in the vacant Regional Director position.

Each Regional Director shall actively seek candidates from his respected area, and shall act in advisory capacity to the executive committee.

- C. The President will preside over the meetings.
- D. The Vice-President will preside in the absence of the President. Should the office of President become vacant, the Vice-President will assume the office of President for the remainder of the unexpired term. Under such circumstance, the Executive Committee will appoint a member to serve as Vice-President until the next election.
- E. The Secretary will be responsible for preparing minutes of the meetings, dealing with all correspondence, maintaining a current list of members, providing a membership roster to each voting member, and notifying members of the time and place of meetings.
- F. The Treasurer will maintain a financial record, make approved expenditures, and present the club with a written financial report monthly or as required by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer will be responsible for collecting dues in a timely manner.
- G. Any expenditure, of \$300.00 or less in value or 10% or less of the Club's current bank balance (whichever is less), necessary for organizational operation or special events may be approved by consent of any two officers, without formal approval of the membership. Receipts must accompany all expenditures and requests for reimbursement, and any such payments must be reported and identified in the Treasurer's report given at the subsequent Club meeting.

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VI. ELECTIONS

1. Officers serve a two-year term with elections occurring in January of odd-numbered years.
2. All elections will be decided by a majority of the members present and voting.
3. The President will appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of three (3) members. The Committee will be appointed in September of even-numbered years and present a list of candidates at the November meeting. Nominations may also be made from the floor at any time before the election.
4. Elections will be held at the January meeting of odd-numbered years. New officers will assume their duties immediately following that meeting.

VII. MEETINGS

Regular meetings will be held on a monthly basis.

- A. The Executive Committee may cancel meetings at its discretion provided the membership is notified.
- B. The Executive Committee may call special meetings as needed, provided attempts are made to notify all members.

VIII. COMMITTEES

The President shall appoint Committees

- A. Standing committees are Membership, Publicity, Special Events, Visibility, and Media Action.
- B. Ad-hoc committees may be created as needed.
- C. Committees will be chosen from the general membership.
- H. The President may designate a member to serve as the Sergeant-At-Arms.

IX. AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended by a two-third's majority of the members present and voting. Proposed changes must have two (2) readings at consecutive regularly scheduled meetings before being voted upon at the next regular meeting. The revised By-Laws will become effective immediately upon approval.

THIS REVISION WAS APPROVED AT THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON  
APRIL 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006

Joe Parra, President NBCDC

Dan McClure, Secretary NBCDC