



## Committee Members: How elected; duties and responsibilities

Members of the county committee are elected every odd-numbered year to a two year term in office. Those seeking to become a member of the county Republican Committee must circulate nominating petitions for the office of county committee member in the election district in which they seek to represent. Candidates must secure the requisite number of signatures from enrolled Republicans residing in the election district, but the candidate need not reside in that particular district or even within the town or city (as in the case of the city of Hudson). Members of the county committee must be an enrolled Republican residing in Columbia County. However, it is typical that a county committee member will reside in the Town and Election District in which he or she represents.

Generally, there are two committee members per election district except in those cases where the county committee has authorized a third member to be elected within that election district. If more than two candidates (or three as the case may be) circulate nominating petitions for the office of committee member, there will then be a primary election among the candidates in which only those enrolled Republican voters within that election district may vote.

County committee members are responsible for being the local representative of the Republican Party within the election district. Committee members are responsible for voter registration efforts, circulation of nominating petitions for Republican candidates in order to secure a place on the ballot, securing volunteers to participate in poll watching on Election Day and other activities intended to advance the interests of the Republican Party within the county. Committee members constitute the Republican Party organization within their Town and are responsible for the nomination of candidates for town office which are typically conducted by party caucus pursuant to the state election law.

Committee members also participate in the nomination of candidates for county-wide office. Voting is conducted by a weighted vote calculation which is determined by the votes received within that election district in the last statewide election by the Republican candidate for Governor of New York.

For more information about becoming a member of the county committee, contact your town or county chairman.

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