



# COUNTY CHAIRMAN DUTIES

## **Introduction:**

For every organism there is a fundamental level that represents its lowest essential unit of effective organization.

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The County Chapter Chairman MUST be a member of the state party and be in good standing.

## **Duties of the County Chapter Chairman:**

1. Be the chief executive officer of the County Chapter and Chairman of the Chapter Executive Committee.
2. Advertise and conduct monthly meetings of the county chapter within their counties.
3. Issue the call and preside (chair) over all meetings of the chapter.
4. Observe and enforce the rules and Bylaws of the State Party.
5. Appoint necessary staff members and all standing and special committees.
6. Be an ex officio member of all chapter committees.
7. Act as necessary to promote the functions of the state party.
8. Recruit new members.
9. Develop county officers.
10. Develop county candidates.
11. Develop county newsletter (The State PR Committee Chairman can assist).

12. Build the strongest county chapter.
13. Report monthly to Regional or Vice Chairman. Reports should include but are not limited to:
  - a. Minutes of the meeting.
  - b. New members.
  - c. Accomplishments for the month
  - d. Goals and directions of the county chapter for the remainder of this year.

All State Officers and Regional Caucus Chairmen are the de facto County Chairmen in their county of residence and shall remain so until they appoint or elect an effective replacement. Further, they are ex officio members of all County committees within their jurisdiction.  
Monthly County Chapter Meetings

Recognizing that neither our party nor our leaders have unlimited or even available financial resources for such meetings, it is essential to define the scope of the meetings and its advertisement.

1. Meetings must be conducted on a consistent date every month. For example the second Monday or third Friday of each month.
2. Meetings will be open to the public and in a location known to the population of the county. For example a Public Library or local meeting place such as a Restaurant with appropriate facilities.
3. Meetings will be scheduled at a time which the majority of the people could likely attend. For example after work and the dinner hour.
4. Meetings will not be scheduled on National Holidays, Sunday's, or on days typically associated with Prayer Meetings during the week. For example; Wednesday evenings are generally the midweek service for churches in the county the party would not hold meetings on that day.
5. Advertisement of the County Chapter meetings must adhere to the following guidance:
  - a. Must be local and public; i.e. within the boundaries of the county.
  - b. Must be paper based and could consist of anything ranging from newspaper adds to handbills on telephone poles or Bulletin Boards in Churches, Laundromats, grocery stores and community centers, etc..
  - c. The paper based adds can be supplemented electronically via email; distribution lists; discussion groups and forums; etc..
  - d. Must be posted in a timely manner. All advertisements must be up not less than 1 week prior to the meeting.
6. Meetings should be conducted in accordance to Robert's Rules of Order.

**A model order of business might be:**

1. Prayer.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call of those dues-paying members. Notation of attendance in roll book.
4. Introduction of Chairman, if he is from outside the group.
5. General remarks.
6. Specific projects coming up.
7. What we expect from a county.
8. Monthly meetings.
9. Working to develop neighboring counties.
10. Fielding county candidates.
11. Petition drive in 2006.
12. Hosting regional conference perhaps one a year.
13. Discussion at public presence at county fairs, parades, etc. (Dress up the kids in 1776-style clothes, especially on 4th of July)
14. Seminars on "Learning about YOUR Constitution."
15. Other ideas, research, etc.

Recommendation: While this point is not required I would strongly encourage County Chairmen not to extend their meeting beyond 1 hour.

**Objective:**

County organizational meetings are not designed to place a time or financial burden on anyone, nor should they. These meetings mark the beginning of regular party operation in counties where we already have leadership in place. Build from where you are, work with what you have at hand.

Remember: *We do not have the luxury of huge financial resources or huge numbers of people. Maintain a sustainable effort that can continue indefinitely. The race is not necessarily to the strong or the swift, or to the dead on their feet.*