

Questions & Answers about the Precinct Captain/Central Committee

Q. *What Is the Central Committee?*

- A. The Central Committee is a group of citizens who have been elected to represent their precincts as members of the Warren County Republican or Democrat Party.

Q. *How do I become a member of the Central Committee?*

- A. The voters within their precincts elect Central Committee members for a two-year term for the Republican Party and four-year terms for the Democrat Party

Q. *What should I do if I am interested in becoming a Central Committee Member?*

- A. Go to the Warren County Board of Elections, located in the County Administration Building, 3rd floor, 406 Justice Drive, Lebanon, Ohio 45036 (513) 695-____ to pick up a Republican or Democrat Election Petition. You must obtain a minimum of 5 and maximum of 15 signatures of registered Republican residents within your precinct petitions before signing and turning it in to the Board of Elections. Democrat Petitions do not require any signatures other than yours. All completed petitions must be turned in to the Board of Elections by 4 p.m. February 18, 2010. You may want to consider contacting the Central Committee Chairman of your party to let them know that you are running, to find out what other duties, responsibilities and expectations the party has for their Central Committee Members.

Q. *Will I have to campaign to get elected?*

- A. Not necessarily. If you are the only one running for Central Committee in your precinct for your political party, then all you have to do is to remember to vote for yourself on Election Day. If you have opposition, you will need to campaign in your precinct. Walking lists are available from the Board of Elections & on-line so you can go door-to-door or do a letter mailing of introduction and asking for their vote.

Q. *What are the duties of a Central Committee member?*

- A. The purpose of a Central Committee member is to represent the registered Republican or Democrat voters in his or her precinct to the county Party. The Central Committee is the controlling Committee of the Party. It establishes the Party's By-Laws, elects officers and appoints the Executive Committee. They also may elect people to their Central Committee in precincts where no candidate ran for the seat.

Members do have the responsibility to appoint County Administrative Officials for the remainder of a current term, if a vacancy occurs. The Governor traditionally asks the local party for recommendations, for appointments to local judicial positions, should a vacancy occur.

Central Committee members of both parties are generally responsible for coordinating campaign efforts in their precincts. For example, these duties may include voter registration drives, voter education efforts and election-day activities ("Get-Out-The-Vote").

Q. *Won't I be overwhelmed?*

- A. As a Central Committee member, you receive training and support from the Party. You may have Executive Committee members in your precinct that can assist you, as well as other volunteers.

Q. *How many members are there on the Central Committee?*

- A. The Central Committee has one member for each precinct in the county. Many of these positions are filled however, some vacancies may still exist. For the May 4, 2010 Primary Elections, Warren County has 170 precincts.

Q *With a group that large, would I make a difference?*

- A. YES! Every member of the Central Committee is important to the Party. Each member makes significant and vital contributions of time and talent toward promoting your Party's goals.