

BYLAWS OF THE MOUNTAIN PATRIOTS

MISSION AND PURPOSE

The Mountain Patriots is an organization of concerned conservative citizens interested in local, state and national political issues uniting to educate, motivate, restore our national liberties and retain our economic freedom.

Our **mission** is to attract, educate, organize and mobilize our fellow citizens to secure public policy consistent with our three core values of fiscal responsibility, constitutionally limited government and free markets.

Our **purpose** is to become well informed and action oriented. We will openly discuss situations that are currently presenting themselves in our government. We will expect our appointed representatives to not only be fiscally responsible but to be held accountable to the highest standards as set forth in the Declaration of Independence, The Constitution of the United States of America and the Bill of Rights.

ARTICLE I – MEMBERSHIP

Members are those who express an interest in, promote, support and adhere to the core values and goals of the organization and abide by its constitution and bylaws. To assist with overhead costs, members are required to pay an annual membership fee of \$15.00 for one member or \$20.00 for a couple.

This membership fee will not preclude a citizen from attending our meetings or functions. However, to vote or hold an executive committee position, that person must be a member of the organization and his or her dues must be kept current.

ARTICLE II – MEETINGS

Meetings are scheduled on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Fannin County Senior Center located at 440 West First Street, Blue Ridge, GA, or at a location specified. Notice of special meetings may be communicated by the secretary or secretary pro tempore to the news media (to be included in the community section of the newspapers) and emails/phone calls will be made to members who have submitted addresses, email addresses and phone numbers.

ARTICLE III – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall function as the administrative body for the Mountain Patriots. It shall consist of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, 2nd Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, each duly elected by the members every year in May. A quorum for business purpose shall be four (4) of these members at any Executive Committee meeting, if all six (6) positions are filled. If only five (5) positions of the Executive Committee are filled, then a quorum shall be three (3) members at any meeting.

The Executive Committee shall carry out the day-to-day business operations of the Mountain Patriots. The Executive Committee will implement all legal actions and financial actions authorized by its members. If, however, the Executive Committee, by majority vote, decides that an authorized action may need further consideration, it may refer back to the members and/or seek advice from outside sources.

Those who sit on the Executive Committee do so as volunteers without compensation or benefits for that service. Executive Committee members may spend or obligate Mountain Patriots' funds for necessary purchases or expenses up to a limit of \$500.00 without the prior approval of the members while carrying out their official duties. Such approved purchases include food for the monthly meeting, printing badges/handouts, advertising and other official expenditures.

ARTICLE IV – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

CHAIRMAN

1. The Chairman shall be responsible for signing official documents voted on and approved by the Executive Committee and/or the members.
2. The Chairman will be report to the members the actions and proposals of the Executive Committee at the next monthly meeting.
3. The Chairman shall conduct the Executive and regular monthly meetings.
4. If an Executive Committee position becomes vacant or unfilled, the Chairman has the authority to make a temporary appointment to fill the position until a more qualified candidate emerges or until the next scheduled officer election in May.

VICE CHAIRMAN

1. In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman will perform the duties of the Chairman including, but not limited to, conducting meetings.
2. The Vice Chairman shall be the contact officer and oversee sub-committees.

2nd VICE CHAIRMAN

1. The 2nd Vice Chairman shall preside over all meetings in the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman.
2. Additional duties and special assignments shall also be performed as assigned by the Chairman.

SECRETARY

1. The Secretary shall be responsible for taking minutes and/or notes and/or reports of the regular monthly meetings of the Mountain Patriots and the appropriate distribution of those minutes.
2. The Secretary or designee shall send out notices of meetings as prescribed by these Bylaws or as instructed by the Chairman.
3. The Secretary or designee shall be responsible for such communications, letters, emails, etc. as are necessary and appropriate.
4. These duties will also pertain to the Secretary Pro Tempore or designee.

TREASURER

1. The Treasurer shall be responsible for all funds received by the Mountain Patriots and the payment of any approved expenses.
2. The Treasurer shall maintain all financial records and file all necessary financial reports.

ASSISTANT TREASURER

1. The Assistant Treasurer shall assist with the collection of membership fees and monthly donations and have oversight of the account and spending in the absence of the Treasurer.
2. The Assistant Treasurer shall update badges, keep track of members/guest contact information.
3. The above duties may be handled by the Treasurer at the Treasurer's discretion and in the absence of an Assistant Treasurer.

ARTICLE V – ELECTIONS

Members of the Mountain Patriots whose dues are up-to-date will elect officers to fill vacancies created by the expiration of an Executive Committee member's term of office annually in May. When a vacancy occurs on the Executive Committee, the Chairman may appoint a temporary replacement until a more qualified candidate emerges. The temporary appointment may become official after a confirmation vote at the next scheduled meeting. Should a quorum of the Executive Committee not be in attendance in May for elections, elections shall be postponed to the next meeting with a quorum of Executive Committee members in attendance.

ARTICLE VI – NOMINATION COMMITTEE

The Nomination Committee shall consist of three (3) members from the membership and will be selected by the Chairman at the March meeting. At the May meeting, the Committee shall submit to the membership a slate of one or more candidates for each office. Nominations may be made to the floor prior to elections. If a Nomination Committee is not formed, nominations may be made from the floor by only registered members whose dues are up-to-date and voted on by only registered members whose dues are up-to-date.

ARTICLE VII – PARLIAMENTARY PRACTICES

Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall be the official guide for all parliamentary practices. The Chairman may deviate from such procedures if he/she believes it is the best interest of the organization.

ARTICLE VIII – SUB-COMMITTEES

The Executive Committee may form or dissolve Sub-Committees as needed to accomplish the mission of the Mountain Patriots. Such Sub-Committees are under the general oversight of the Vice Chairman. Sub-Committees must be comprised of three (3) or more individuals. Sub-Committees may not obligate party funds without prior approval of the Executive Committee (or vote at a monthly meeting).

ARTICLE IX – MISCELLANEOUS

The fiscal year of the Mountain Patriots shall be January 1 through December 31.

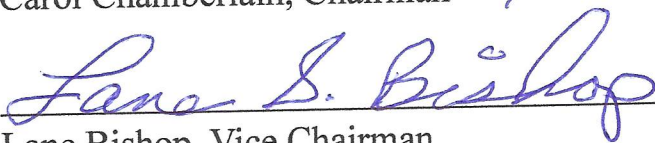
The Mountain Patriots *may* officially endorse candidates for public office who represent the organization's core values.

ADOPTED BY THE MOUNTAIN PATRIOTS, this 12th day of

June, 2026.



Carol Chamberlain, Chairman



Lane Bishop, Vice Chairman