

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

Name--Purposes

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be The Monroe Independent Political Conference.

ARTICLE II

Object

Section 1. The purpose of this organization shall be:

1. To keep in touch with the Democratic political organizations on a State level and work in harmony with other political organizations in an effort to promote good government on a local, state and national level.

2. To serve as a center of information for qualified voters in Monroe County.

3. To teach people the importance of registering, and how to mark the ballots or handle the voting machine.

4. To investigate grievances of members of this organization, or non-members who so deserve this service.

5. To make contact with candidates for various offices to determine how they stand on issues involving the welfare of citizens of Monroe County and the State at large.

6. To work in harmony with other political organizations in our Congressional District for the benefit of all citizens in said district.

7. To encourage politicians to meet with the Monroe Independent Political Conference at regular intervals for the purpose of interpreting technicalities of various bills or amendments.

8. To encourage members who can qualify for elective or appointive offices to so make their desires known to this body and proper steps will be taken to support such persons through this organization.

ARTICLE III

Qualification for Membership

Section 1. The field of membership shall be limited to qualified voters of Monroe County, and or the State of Alabama.

ARTICLE IV

Officers and Their Election

Section 1. The officers of this organization shall be:

1. President
2. Vice-President
3. Secretary
4. Assistant Secretary
5. Treasurer
6. Chaplain
7. Parliamentarian

Section 2. All officers shall be elected every two years by ballot at the January meeting of this organization by majority vote, and shall be immediately installed and hold office for two years or until their successors are elected and installed.

Section 3. Should a vacancy occur in the office of the president, the vice-president shall become president and a new vice-president shall be elected by the assembly.

ARTICLE V

Meetings

Section 1. This organization shall hold four regular meetings annually. These meetings shall be held no later than the second week of the first month in each quarter.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called by the president with the approval of a majority of the Executive Committee or the request of at least twenty members who are in good standing.

ARTICLE VI

Amendments

Section 1. This constitution may be amended by a vote

of two-thirds of the members present, at any regular or call meeting, provided that a written notice of the proposed amendment or amendments be furnished the members thirty days before action on the proposal is taken, or such proposal be written and read to the assembly in a regular meeting at least sixty days before action is taken and a full quorum having been attained.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I

Membership

Section 1. Membership in this organization shall be of two classes: voting and non-voting.

Section 2. The annual dues of members shall be \$2.00, which will become due each year in the January meeting.

Section 3. Any member failing to pay his or her annual dues shall forfeit his voting privileges in the Monroe Independent Political Conference for that particular year or until such dues are paid.

ARTICLE II

Officers

Section 1. The term of office shall be two years, and any officer may succeed himself or be elected to any other office of this organization.

Section 2. All officers shall be elected every even year by ballot in the January meeting, a nominating committee having been appointed in the October meeting or in a call meeting no later than thirty days before the January meeting.

Section 3. The previous election of officers shall serve as the January, 1966 election.

Section 4. The duties of each officer shall be those as are described in Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE III

Meetings

Section 1. Unless otherwise ordered by the organization, regular meetings shall be held on Monday nights after the First Sunday in January, April, July and October.

Section 2. Regular and call meetings shall be held in the various beats throughout Monroe County, the exact time of day and specific place being left to the discretion of the president and executive committee.

Section 1. The duties of the Executive Committee shall be:

1. To transact necessary business in the intervals between conference meetings and such other business as may be referred to it by the organization.
2. To present a report at the regular meetings of the organization.
3. To appoint an auditor or an auditing committee at least thirty days before the annual meeting to audit the treasurer's accounts.
4. To prepare and submit to the organization for approval a budget for the fiscal year.

ARTICLE V

Duties of the Committees

Section 2. All elected officers and chairmen of the stated standing committees of this organization shall constitute the Executive Committee.

Section 3. The number of meetings, time and place of meetings of the Executive Committee will be left to the discretion of this particular committee.

1. Executive Committee
2. Finance Committee
3. Screening Committee
4. Equal Job Opportunity Committee
5. Voter Registration Committee
6. Grievance Committee
7. Public Relations Committee

Section 1. There shall be the following standing committees:

ARTICLE IV

Committees

Section 3. All meetings pertaining to the Monroe Independent Political Conference shall be called by duly elected officials so designated to perform such duties.

Section 4. One-fourth of the voting members of this organization shall constitute a quorum.

5. To approve payment of routine bills within the limits of the budget.

The authority of the Executive Committee is limited to transacting the business assigned to it in the bylaws or referred to it by the conference. The Executive Committee should take care not to act for the organization on matters that should be brought before the main body.

Section 2. The duties of other standing committees shall be assigned by the president and executive committee.

ARTICLE VI

PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Section 1. ~~Robert's Rules of Order~~ shall be accepted as parliamentary authority for this organization except in such cases as are covered by special rules adopted by the organization.

ARTICLE VII

Amendments

Section 1. Bylaws of this organization may be amended at any regular or call meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, provided such amendment or amendments be submitted in writing and read to the assembly at least thirty days prior to the time the amendment or amendments are voted on.

Your Committee,

Mrs. Magdalene Shivers
 Mrs. Garro Nichols
 Prince Freyer
 Mrs. Ethel L. Bell
 Robert McMillan
 John Clausell
 J. Waggoner
 R. Andrews
 Robert Jones
 John A. Tucker, Chairman