

Republican PCO Training – the Power of the PCO – Michele St. Pierre

Since there are new people here that are PCO aspirers, I would like to talk a little bit about the Power of the PCO and why you should be motivated to be a PCO.

While it seems like maybe you are the smallest cog in the big wheel of the Party System, the Party would rather that you didn't know that you actually have a great deal of power. PCO positions put you into one of the major points of power in this country.

You are the directly elected representative of your precinct to the Party from the people in your neighborhood.

In actuality, you are the neighborhood leader for your precinct. If you communicate with your neighbors regularly you will become the de facto political answer person for your area.

This could be very important during these economic hard times as people will be looking to you for answers.

You are the people who elect the leadership of the Republican Party. This is very important, because the leadership locally then goes on to elect the State Leadership, who in turn elect the National Leadership and these people determine the direction of the party.

You are automatically a delegate to the County Convention, where you can have input in to the County party platform and in Presidential years, become a delegate for your candidate.

You have a say in what candidates are supported by the Party.

You vote on and have input into the Party platform.

You chair your Precinct Caucuses, where delegates are elected to County, State and National Conventions and ultimately have a vote in who our Republican nominee is for President.

You can vote and have input into the County Bylaws, which determine under what rules the local party will be run.

You vote in your Legislative District Chairs and Vice Chairs who will be the people that you will work with in your local area to identify voters, recruit volunteers, and help candidates. An exception is in King County where LD Chairs are appointed. This could be changed in a Bylaws rule change.

All of these things help determine what the ultimate Principles of the Party will be.

Most party political functions and parliamentary bodies use Robert's Rules of Order or a derivative thereof to run their meetings. By studying it diligently, it makes you better able to contribute your ideas at meetings and conventions. It will teach you how to make a motion and how to participate in debate. It will help you understand how elections to party office are run and it will help prepare you to run for party leadership positions. If you are elected to office, State and Federal legislatures use a close derivative of Robert's Rules to do the people's business.

As a PCO you are also on the frontline for recruiting people to get active in the Republican Party. Hopefully from this wellspring the party will find new candidates, who support the Principles embodied in the Platform to help stem the tide of socialism and Marxism which has risen with the Obama presidency, but has also been fostered in the Republican Party as well.

In other words, you are a very important element in the political sphere because you represent the grassroots, the base of the Republican Party and you are the advance guard in the battle to save the American Republic, whose very ideals and core are being rotted out by a lack of adherence to our values, a disregard for our Constitution, (which has been and is our roadmap to freedom), and out of control spending that is bankrupting our nation and leaving unpayable debt for our children.

If you do not participate and put your principles into politics, then you will soon have politics without principles. You cannot take the "self" out of self-government and expect to remain free.

1. America is good.
 2. I believe in God and He is the Center of my Life.
 3. I must always try to be a more honest person than I was yesterday.
 4. The family is sacred. My spouse and I are the ultimate authority, not the government.
 5. If you break the law you pay the penalty. Justice is blind and no one is above it.
 6. I have a right to life, liberty and pursuit of happiness, but there is no guarantee of equal results.
 7. I work hard for what I have and I will share it with who I want to.
Government cannot force me to be charitable.
 8. It is not un-American for me to disagree with authority or to share my personal opinion.
 9. The government works for me. I do not answer to them, they answer to me.
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* Moderation * Hard Work * Courage * Personal Responsibility * Gratitude