

Duties of a Precinct Committeeperson

Republican Precinct Committeeperson is an all-volunteer position.

The job of a Republican precinct committee member is extremely important because committee members represent the registered Republican voters in their neighborhood/precinct.

A Republican precinct committee member must be a registered voter (precinct) from which he/she is elected. There is one committeeman and one committeewoman position in every precinct. Each elected committee member serves a two-year term elected during the Primary Election in even years. In Montana, state law says that if you don't have an opponent then you will win by acclamation so your name will not be on the ballot but if you do have an opponent, both of the candidates will be on the primary ballot.

The precinct committee member's primary goal is to elect qualified Republicans to office and to promote the principles of the MT Republican Party platform. The precinct committee member is active throughout the year, interacting with the voters and working to elect qualified Republicans to office. These responsibilities do not just occur on Election Day. The main duties of the precinct committee members are:

Communicate with and service the voters in your precinct.

Register Republican voters.

Canvass with candidates during election year.

Distribute campaign material before an election.

Make get-out-the-vote phone calls.

Recruit election judges/poll watchers.

Cover the polls on election day as an election judge or poll watcher.

Identify, recruit, select, and support qualified Republican candidates.

Help with Republican fund-raisers - Lincoln Reagan Dinner, L&C County Fair Booth, parades & other Republican events.

Attend Republican meetings and events. We meet on the 2nd Monday of every month @ the Hilton DoubleTree @ 7pm.

If you run for an office within the Central Committee; chair, finance chair, state committeewoman or state committeeman (these 4 elected members are voting members for our county to represent us at the state level), then you will attend a convention each year. In even years, the Platform Convention of the Montana GOP occurs; the following year it is the MT GOP Leadership Election Convention. Every four years, there is a convention to select Republicans from Montana to represent us at the National Convention to select a candidate to run for President/Vice President. The secretary & treasurer of the Central Committee have no voting power at the state level.

These duties may seem like a very big responsibility, but as with anything else, if you take it step-by-step and develop a well laid out plan in advance, you will find that your job will be one of the most rewarding and enjoyable experiences that you will ever have. Not everyone does all of these listed but volunteering any time to help is important.