

Philadelphia for Obama By-laws

1. Mission Statement

Philadelphia for Obama is dedicated to helping elect Barack Obama as the next President of the United States. We believe that he has demonstrated the sound judgment, vision, and leadership needed to move America forward. For people eager to see America returned to its place of prestige in the world, for people who know that domestic policy that does not start with civil rights cannot end with it, and for people who understand that healthcare is a right, not a privilege, Barack Obama is the vehicle for that change.

It is only fitting that the birthplace of American Democracy should see a movement dedicated to restoring the aims of our nation's forefathers to a position of prominence. This is that movement. The time is now.

2. Purpose of By-laws

- 2.1 These by-laws are intended to set forth the operating procedures of the Philadelphia for Obama group and its leadership.
- 2.2 Nothing in these by-laws is intended to prevent or hamper any member of Philadelphia for Obama from developing, organizing, and promoting events in support of electing Barack Obama.

3. Membership

- 3.1 Anyone and everyone who wishes to do what he or she can to help elect Barack Obama to the presidency is welcome.
- 3.2 Philadelphia for Obama is not an official arm of Obama for America. Philadelphia for Obama does not maintain and is not responsible for the listserves "PhiladelphiaforObama" or "PhillyforObama" maintained on MyBarackObama.com. Philadelphia for Obama maintains its own website at www.phillyforobama.com.
- 3.3 Philadelphia for Obama does not purport to represent or speak for the ideas of all Philadelphians who support Barack Obama.

4. Events, Meetings, and Decisions

- 4.1 Philadelphia for Obama will meet regularly to plan events and discuss strategies to encourage others to join the movement to elect Barack Obama as the next president of the United States.
- 4.2 Events will be posted and advertised on the official website and the Philadelphia for Obama website and will be advertised over email to Obama supporters.
- 4.3 If disagreement exists during a Philadelphia for Obama meeting and a decision must be made, the decision will be made by a majority vote of the members present at the meeting.
- 4.4 The members of Philadelphia for Obama will endeavor to treat the opinions and ideas of other members with respect and understanding in all discussions, whether in person or over email.

5. Steering Committee

- 5.1 Steering Committee Membership: Any member of Philadelphia for Obama who would like to be part of the steering committee should contact a current steering committee member. Any steering committee member may nominate a new member, either by email to all steering committee members or in person in the presence of all current steering committee members. A

new member will be added when the majority of the steering committee has responded in the affirmative to the nomination.

- 5.2 Meetings: Meetings should be announced by email to the entire steering committee three days in advance whenever possible.
- 5.3 Decision-making: Decisions made by the steering committee, other than membership, should be made by a consensus of a quorum of the membership whenever possible. A quorum is equal to one-third of the steering committee and not less than three members. If a consensus cannot be reached, the question should be referred by email to the entire steering committee and a decision will be reached by a majority of the steering committee.
- 5.4 Resignation and Removal: If any member of the steering committee wishes to be removed from the committee, that member shall inform a chairperson. The member wishing to be removed will be removed from the steering committee email list and the entire steering committee will be informed. In the unlikely event that any member of the steering committee feels that another member should be removed from the steering committee, any such discussion and decision shall be made at an in-person meeting of the steering committee, with at least three days' email notice to all steering committee members of the meeting and agenda items. No person may be removed from the steering committee unless a majority of the steering committee membership votes to remove that person at an in-person meeting. Any person who has resigned or been removed from the steering committee will no longer be counted for the purposes of determining a quorum or a majority vote of the steering committee.
- 5.5 Publication of Steering Committee Membership: The steering committee membership will be announced and posted at the group's website, www.phillyforobama.com.
- 5.6 Leadership
 - 5.6.1 Philadelphia for Obama will elect two co-chairs. The responsibilities of the co-chairs will include facilitation of general membership and steering committee meetings and discussions, proposing agendas for those meetings, and requesting delegations of steering committee members to perform specific tasks.
 - 5.6.2 Co-chairs will be elected by the majority of the general membership present at a meeting with at least three days' email notice. Any member of Philadelphia for Obama may run for a co-chair position. Any member who would like to run should contact the member of the steering committee in charge of the election.
 - 5.6.3 The co-chair positions will expire on November 4, 2008, or when the 2008 presidential election has been decided, whichever is later.
 - 5.6.4 A co-chair may be removed by resignation or a vote of no-confidence by the majority of the steering committee or the general membership present at an in-person meeting with at least three days' notice of the meeting and its agenda items.

6. Ratification, Amendment, and Publication of Bylaws

- 6.1 Ratification: These by-laws shall be ratified by (1) a majority vote of the members of Philadelphia for Obama present at a noticed meeting of the general membership; and (2) preferably a consensus of the steering committee, or in the alternative, approval of the majority of the steering committee.
- 6.2 Amendment: These by-laws may be amended by a majority vote of the members of Philadelphia for Obama present at a noticed meeting of the general membership.
- 6.3 Publication: These by-laws will be posted at the group's website, www.phillyforobama.com.