

Formal GOP Structure

Federal: The **Republican National Committee (RNC)** is the official legally recognized national organizational entity for the Republican Party. It is made up of National Committee Members who are elected for each state by that state's State Committee Members. The National Committee nominates the Presidential candidate. <https://www.gop.com/>



State: The **Republican Party of Pennsylvania (PAGOP)** is an independent organization from the RNC and is the legally recognized state entity for the Republican Party. It is made up of **elected or appointed** State Committee Members from each county. The number of State Committee Members from each county is based on population. The State Committee Chairman is elected by the State Committee Members. The Chair of each county committee is also a member of the State Committee. The State Committee endorses candidates running for state-wide office. <http://www.pagop.org/>



County: The **Cumberland County Republican Committee (CCRC)** is the officially recognized legal county-level organization for the Republican Party. It is made up of elected and sometimes appointed Precinct Committee Persons (PCP). Each precinct has two PCP. The county Committee Chairman is elected by the Precinct Committee Persons. The County Committee endorses candidates running for county-wide offices, the county's state representatives/senators and its congressional members. <https://www.gopccpa.org/>

Other Republican groups you may see involved in Republican politics



Clubs like the Western Cumberland County Republican Club are separate independent entities from the **officially recognized** county-level representation of the Republican Party which is the role and its associated duties of the Cumberland County Republican Committee. Republican clubs and associations in the county are not part of the formal three-level Republican Party organizational structure (national, state, county). The clubs as able work in synergy and collaboration with the county Committee.

It is important to remember endorsed candidates have been vetted, interviewed, and voted on by the full committee at whatever level the endorsement is at. The endorsement process is extremely thorough, tedious, and valuable. The threshold for endorsement is high.