

2016 STATE CONVENTION RULES

1 – Rules

- A. The rules contained in Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised (11th Edition) shall govern the Convention in all cases where they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the State Party Plan, the Call of the Convention, and rules adopted by the Convention, in that order of precedence.
- B. Upon adoption of these rules, the temporary organization shall become the permanent convention organization.
- C. Once adopted, none of these rules may be repealed, suspended or amended except by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of those Delegates present and voting.
- D. The Rules Committee shall consider and act upon any amendment to the State Party Plan for which proper notice has been given in accordance with Article XI of the State Party Plan. The Rules Committee shall have the authority to amend or withhold any amendment to the State Party Plan for which proper notice has been given.
- E. Any amendments to the Party Plan reported out of the Rules Committee must be voted upon during the first round of balloting.

2 – Credentials

- A. Registration for Delegates and Alternates shall be open whenever the Convention is in session, and at such additional times as the State Party Chairman shall designate.
- B. In order to receive credentials, a delegate must present a valid photo id or other id approved by the credentials committee.
- C. The Credentials Committee shall report on the proper certification of each delegation and decide any question that may arise concerning certification, subject to an appeal to the Convention. Any such appeal shall be considered final. Any challenge to an entire delegation, or individual Delegate, must come before the Credentials Committee not later than noon on April 21, 2016. All decisions of the Convention shall be final and binding.
- D. Unless their electing body has adopted other specific instructions, the Delegates present in a given delegation shall designate which Alternate shall vote in the place of an absent Delegate.
- E. No one will be allowed on the Convention floor without proper credentials
- F. Any person, so long as space restrictions permit it, may attend the Convention, but only Delegates may have the floor unless specifically recognized by the Chairman.

- G. Special floor passes may be issued by the State Party Chairman to the campaign committees of the candidates for party office, to elected officials or their support staff, to qualified members of the media, and to guests of the Convention.

3 – Resolutions

- A. Resolutions may be submitted by a Delegate and proposed in writing to the State Party Chairman or to the Chairman of the Resolutions Committee not later than 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 20, 2016. No resolution submitted after this deadline shall be reported by the Resolutions Committee for action at the Convention; however, should the Resolutions Committee choose to create its own resolution, this deadline shall not apply.
- B. The Resolutions Committee shall have the authority to amend or withhold any resolution submitted to it for consideration.
- C. No motion from the floor proposing a resolution or an amendment to a resolution shall be in order.
- D. Resolutions can be considered on a consent calendar, and each resolution shall be numbered.
- E. Delegates may request that an item on the consent calendar be removed from the consent calendar for debate and voting. Such requests shall be granted without debate or vote of the body. Items that remain on the consent calendar shall be considered adopted by the Convention without further debate or vote.
- F. Resolutions removed from the consent calendar shall be considered individually, and in numerical order.
- G. Debate for each item shall be governed by the rules of debate in item #4 of these State Convention Rules.
- H. The time for all presentations of the Resolutions Committee, exclusive of voting, shall be limited to not more than thirty (30) minutes.

4 – Debate

Except as provided in these rules, debate on any motion or question that may come before the Convention is limited to five (5) minutes for and five (5) minutes against any such motion or question. Each speaker be limited to one (1) minute, with no person allowed to speak twice until all participants wishing to speak have an opportunity to speak once. Delegates should identify themselves and the jurisdiction they represent prior to speaking.

5 – Nominations

- A. The Nominations Committee shall report to the Convention before balloting the names of all candidates who meet the legal requirements of and who have properly and timely filed for the office sought.
- B. In any contest where there is only one qualified candidate, the Nominations Committee may certify, on behalf of the Convention, that the one qualified candidate is deemed to have been nominated or elected, as the case may be, and the Convention can otherwise dispense with consideration of that contest.
- C. Once the filing deadline for an office has closed, a candidate for said office who has withdrawn from consideration for the position they were seeking will be unable to have their name resubmitted for consideration by the nominations committee.
- D. The Nominations Committee shall report nominations for the offices of Temporary Chairman and Temporary Secretary of this Convention. Other nominations may be made from the floor for these offices. A nominating speech shall not exceed two (2) minutes and there shall be no seconding speeches.
- E. Each candidate for the offices of State Party Chairman, National Committeeman and National Committeewoman shall be allotted an overall total of (i) three (3) consecutive minutes for nominating, seconding and/or candidate speeches and a floor demonstration if the election is uncontested; or (ii) seven (7) consecutive minutes if the election is contested. Nominations for each office shall be made in an order to be determined by lots drawn by the Nominations Committee.
- F. The Nominations Committee shall prepare and report a Recommended Slate of Electors At Large, a Recommended Slate of Delegates At Large to the 2016 Republican National Convention and a Recommended Slate of Alternates At Large to the 2016 Republican National Convention. No motion shall be in order to amend any such report nor may the nomination of individuals be made from the floor unless and until such report has been defeated. Each Slate shall be reported and the balloting for such offices completed, in the order listed, before proceeding to the next Slate. If any Slate presented by the Nominations Committee fails to win the approval of a majority of the Convention delegates, nominations may be made from the floor. However, only nominations of complete slates for Electors At Large (2), Delegates At Large (13), and Alternates At Large (13) shall be in order.

6 – Voting

- A. Voting for each contested office shall be by roll call vote of the delegations. A roll call vote of the delegations on any other motion or question shall be taken at the request of three-fifth (3/5) of the total Convention votes as certified by the Credentials Committee, or at the discretion of the Convention Chairman.
- B. In the case of roll call votes, the total of the votes in all counties and cities in each

Congressional District shall be reported by the Chairman of the Congressional District or his designee. However, where a unit is split among two (2) or more congressional districts, it shall report through the district to which the highest number of the delegate votes are attributable.

- C. All balloting for a contested election or nomination shall be by secret ballot.
- D. Each county and city delegation shall have the number of votes as specified in the Call and certified by the Credentials Committee and adopted by the Convention.
- E. Delegations shall vote full vote, as defined in Article VIII, Section H.3 of the Party Plan, unless otherwise designated by their electing body.
- F. Each unit chairman shall be responsible for counting ballots for that delegation's vote.
- G. During the balloting in any given contest, each candidate contesting that race, or his designee, may designate at least one observer for each unit as well as for the tally of votes in each Congressional District. The observers shall not be entitled to participate in the ballot tallying, but shall otherwise be entitled to observe every facet of the count in his designated unit. Nothing in these rules shall be construed to deny a candidate for nomination to public office or a candidate for party office a right to serve as his own observer in any unit.
- H. The vote of all delegations shall be reported to the nearest one-hundredth (1/100) decimal (e.g., 0.01), and there shall be no cumulative voting.
- I. Blanks, abstentions and votes cast for persons not placed in nomination before the Convention shall be excluded in calculating the total vote reported by each delegation.
- J. Any dispute concerning the balloting within a delegation or Congressional District shall be decided by the Congressional District Chairman, who may appoint tellers. This is subject to an appeal to the Chairman of the Convention who may appoint tellers. No Congressional District's tally report may be certified or recorded as final until any such appeal shall have been considered and a ruling thereupon has been made.
- K. No delegate may change his vote after it has been collected or recorded, whether by the Unit Chairman, a teller appointed to serve in the place of the Unit Chairman, or by any other means.
- L. Once a roll call ballot has begun, no candidate may withdraw, no one other than the Chairman may address the convention, with the following exception: In a two-candidate contest, one candidate may withdraw from the election in which case the fact of the withdrawal shall be stated to the Convention. The results shall not otherwise be tallied, announced, nor entered in the minutes, except to note that the remaining candidate is elected..

- M. Unless otherwise specified herein, elections shall require a majority of the total Convention vote as certified by the Credentials Committee and adopted by the Convention.
- N. The Convention Chairman shall be responsible for providing the ballots for all units.
- O. In order to receive a ballot all delegates must present valid delegate credentials and a valid photo id or another id approved by the Credentials Committee.
- P. The names of the candidates for various offices shall appear on the ballot in an order determined by lot by the Nominations Committee.
- Q. Results for a ballot must be announced or posted before a new ballot begins.
- R. Once a ballot has been cast and tabulated, but prior to its result being announced, it shall be in order for any candidate to withdraw and move to nominate or elect by acclamation, provided that the tabulated results of the latest completed ballot shall be announced to the full convention.
- S. Voting shall be by slate only for Electors At Large, Delegates At Large, and Alternates At Large, to the 2016 Republican National Convention, not by individuals. If a second round of voting is required the slate receiving the most votes shall be elected.

7 - Campaign Materials

Posters, placards or banners shall be held by hand only and not affixed to stakes. Posters, placards and banners affixed to stakes shall be subject to confiscation by or at the direction of the Sergeant At Arms.

Posters, placards or banners may be affixed to the walls and other surfaces of the convention hall only between 5 pm and 7 pm on Friday, April 29 in the places specified by the convention manager.

8 – Order of Business

- A. The order of business shall be as set forth below, provided, however, that upon a majority vote of the Convention, an item may be omitted or added. Unless otherwise specified in these rules, the Chairman of the Convention may interrupt the order as he deems appropriate.
- B. On Friday, April 29, 2016, the Convention will be called to order promptly at 2:30 pm
- C. On Saturday, April 30, 2016, the Convention will be called to order promptly at 10:30 a.m. No election shall begin before 1:30 pm.

Friday, April 29, 2016

- A. Call to Order
- B. Invocation
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Welcoming remarks
- E. Election of Temporary Chairman
- F. Election of Temporary Secretary
- G. Reading of the Call by the Temporary Secretary
- H. Appointment of Temporary Parliamentarian, Time Keeper and Sergeant At Arms
- I. Credentials Committee Report
- J. Rules Committee Report

Saturday, April 30, 2016

- A. Call to Order
- B. Invocation
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Welcoming remarks
- E. Supplemental Credentials Committee Report
- F. Rules Committee Report on Party Plan Amendments
- G. Resolutions Committee Report
- H. Report of Nominations Committee for the offices of State Party Chairman, National Committeeman and National Committeewoman and election for these offices
- I. Report of Nominations Committee of a Recommended Slate of Delegates At-Large, Alternate Delegate At-Large to the 2012 Republican National Convention and Presidential Electors and the election for these offices
- J. Other Business
- K. Adjournment