

Oregon Republican Party Standing Rules

STANDING RULE #1

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE MEETINGS/RESPONSIBILITIES

Article IV, Sections H & I, Meetings.

The Credentials Committee shall meet prior to each ORP state Central Committee meeting to discuss credentials challenges. At least two members of the committee will be present at designated times for credentialing prior to any ORP State Central Committee meeting or State Convention.

STANDING RULE #2

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE MEETINGS/RESPONSIBILITIES

Article IV, Section F, Meeting.

The Resolutions Committee, composed of five voting members, one of whom shall be appointed as Chairman, shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Oregon Republican Party (ORP) and shall have the duty of considering resolutions for recommendation to the next meeting of the ORP State Central Committee. Any member of the ORP State Central Committee may ask the Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions to convene the committee to consider a resolution. Resolutions introduced by the Committee on Resolutions need not be submitted to the ORP Chairman 30 days prior to the meeting of the ORP State Central Committee.

STANDING RULE #3

ORP ELECTION PROCESS

All elections pertaining to officers, delegates, and alternates at all levels of the party organization will be by written, secret ballot, unless the election is uncontested (only one nominee for the office). A tellers committee will be appointed by the chairman of the body conducting the election.

STANDING RULE #4

ASSETS OF THE OREGON REPUBLICAN PARTY

An inventory of the assets of the Oregon Republican Party shall be submitted as part of the financial report at the biennial organizational meeting.

STANDING RULE #5

STATE AND COUNTY FAIRS

The Oregon Republican Party will (when funds are available) maintain a Republican booth at the Oregon State Fair and continue to supply fair booth boxes to each county having county fairs.

STANDING RULES #6

LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE

The Oregon Republican Party will carry a \$1,000,000 Liability Insurance policy and will extend coverage at binder cost to its county party committees.

STANDING RULE #7

OFFICIAL CALL AND AGENDA

The official call for all meetings of the Oregon Republican Party shall have as a part of that call a meeting agenda indicating the subjects to be addressed at the meeting. The county central committees shall follow their county bylaws concerning meeting agendas. County parties with fewer than 20 precinct committee persons need not produce an agenda with the call of the county chair. *(Amended 5/21/11)*

STANDING RULE #8

SEATING OF STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

Credentialed Delegates to the State Central Committee will be given first priority in seating. In the absence of Delegates, credentialed Alternates from within the absent Delegate's county shall be seated. If a vacancy shall exist after all the credentialed Delegates and Alternates are seated, only then will credentialed proxy holders be seated. Both

Delegates and Alternate Delegates shall be ranked by the number of votes each received in their most recent county election. In each case, the one with the highest number of votes will be known as the first in rank, with each being given a rank in descending order. It is the responsibility of the County Central Committee to supply the State Party office with the election totals for those rankings. The ranking of an Alternate will determine the seating priority in the absence of a Delegate. Proxy holders will be seated according to the ranking of the Delegate or Alternate that are replacing. Any Alternate or Proxy holder who have been seated shall be replaced on the floor if requested by a higher ranking Delegate, Alternate or Proxy.

STANDING RULE #9

ELECTION OF STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE, PCP AND COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The County Central Committees of the Oregon Republican Party shall adopt Bylaws that require compliance with the following procedures to assure the fair and open participation of all interested party members.

- 1) Election to State Central Committee participation. A nominating committee is permissible for County Central Committee elections when selecting officers, delegates and alternate delegates, provided nominations are also taken from the floor under Roberts Rules. All candidates shall receive equal speaking time and treatment in all other issues pertaining to the elections.
- 2) The election to appointment as a Precinct Committee Person. The selection of Republicans for appointment by a vote of the county central committee shall have no additional rules or requirement other than those imposed on filing form SEL 105, Candidate for Political party Precinct Committee Person. Requiring the person standing for appointment to be present at their nomination does not violate this rule.
- 3) Members of a County Executive Committee. County Executive Committees shall consist of a minimum (for those counties having more than 20 PCPs) of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and all delegates and alternate delegates to the State Central Committee. A County Executive Committee may not have more appointed voting members than elected members.
- 4) Election by Written, secret ballot. The Oregon Republican Party requires all elections of county central committees to be held by a written secret ballot in contested races. This does not allow for pre-printed ballots be used unless ballots are printed after all nominations from the floor are closed for each election.
- 5) Meetings of County Central Committees. Meetings of county central committees shall be held in accordance with Article IV, Section B. of the ORP Bylaws. (Republican meetings shall be called three times during even-numbered years. During odd-numbered years, they shall be called at least twice as minimum requirements for county central committees having 20 or more Precinct Committee Persons.)
- 6) County Central Committee may not adopt bylaws or rules that conflict with ORP Bylaws. County Central Committees may not adopt bylaws, rules, etc. which conflict with the filed organizational documents of the Oregon Republican Party.
- 7) Vacancy in elected positions on County Executive Committee. Vacancy in the position of Chair will be filled by the Vice-Chairman without need for vote or confirmation. All other vacancies will be filled by a vote of the county central committee at the next scheduled meeting of the central committee.

STANDING RULE #10

OREGON REPUBLICAN PARTY PARTIAL BIRTH ABORTION BAN The Oregon Republican Party Central Committee shall only support financially, or by in-kind contributions, any candidate or nominee of this party who supports a ban on partial-birth abortions. Adopted January 30, 1999, by the Oregon Republican Party State Central Committee. Amended February 26, 2000, by the Oregon Republican Party.

STANDING RULE #11

OREGON DELEGATION TO THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION

The persons elected to be Delegates and Alternates to the Republican National Convention shall be bound by the following:

1) Except to the extent specified by the Republican National Convention rules, all Delegates (special Delegates and regular Delegates) and Alternates are eligible to cast votes on any matter requiring a decision by the Delegation. Note that Rule 40(a) of the Republican National Convention provides:

“40(a.) The delegates elected to the convention from each state, promptly once all such delegates are elected, shall elect from the delegation a delegation chairman and their members of the Committees on Resolutions, Credentials, Rules and Order of Business, and Permanent Organization of the convention, consisting of one (1) man and one (1) woman for each committee, and shall file notice of such selection with the secretary of the Republican National Committee; provided, however that no delegate may serve on more than one (1) committee of the convention. Alternate delegates may not serve as delegation chairmen or as members of the convention committees, except when the number of delegates attending the convention is less than the number of committee positions to be filled, then an alternate delegate can serve, except as noted above.”

2) All guest passes shall be the property of the Oregon Republican Party.

a) Each delegate and alternate will be given one guest pass per day, with the stipulation that that pass be used for a personal guest.

b) Unused guest passes shall be returned to the delegation for use as deemed appropriate by the Chair.

c) The sale of guest passes is strictly prohibited.

3) Vacancies In Delegate Positions.

a) All vacancies occurring after the Congressional District elections will be filled by the ORP Executive Committee.

b) Any vacancy in Delegate positions will be filled from the appropriate Alternate list in order of votes received at Congressional District elections.

c) Preference will be given to At-Large Alternates filling in for At-Large Delegates and District Alternates for the appropriate District Delegates, but the vacancies shall be filled with other Alternates until all available Alternates have filled any vacant Delegate positions.

d) People who have submitted a completed Delegate application form to the ORP Executive Committee before the vote to fill a position will fill vacancies occurring at the Alternate level.

(i) Candidates will only be considered from those forms in hand at the time of vote.

(ii) Forms filled out before the Congressional Conventions will be kept on file until after the National Convention.

4) At the National Convention, all vacancies will be filled by the delegation in accordance with Standing Rule 11.3 above. Visitors filling vacancies must have submitted a completed Delegate application form to the Delegates/Alternates choosing new delegates.

STANDING RULE #12

RULES FOR THE ELECTION OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN AND NATIONAL COMMITTEEWOMAN

1) This election shall be held in accordance with the Bylaws of the Oregon Republican Party. These rules are supplemental to the Bylaws and shall be construed in a manner consistent with them.

2) Those permitted to vote in these elections are those normally eligible to vote at Central Committee meetings, as described in the Bylaws.

3) The election for National Committeewoman shall be first and the election for the National Committeeman shall be second.

4) Those who filed with the Oregon Republican Party by 5:00pm on the date required by the Bylaws are candidates eligible to run for National Committeeman and National Committeewoman.

5) Each candidate shall be allowed not more than six minutes of speaking time.

6) The order of speaking shall be alphabetical by last name.

- 7) A candidate may allocate a portion of their time to another person to support that candidate's election.
- 8) A candidate may have one contiguous opportunity to speak and no person may speak more than once.
- 9) At the conclusion of the candidate speeches, written ballots shall be distributed and the ballot boxes shall be opened, except that if no contest exists, the candidate shall be declared elected. Should a member incorrectly mark a ballot, it may be voided and surrendered to the election officer for a replacement ballot.
- 10) Each candidate on the ballot may appoint one observer to watch the counting of ballots. During the counting and tallying of votes, only the appointed observers and clerks shall be present.
- 11) The National Committeeman and National Committeewoman must be elected by a majority vote of those present and voting with valid ballots. A blank ballot, a ballot with a vote for someone not nominated, or ballot with a vote for someone removed according to rule (12), shall be invalid.
- 12) If more than two candidates receive votes and no one candidate receives a majority, the candidate receiving the least votes shall be removed from the next ballot. Ballot shall continue until one candidate receives a majority.

STANDING RULE #13

AUTHORITY TO BIND THE ORP.

Only the Chairman of the ORP State Central Committee shall have authority to enter a contract or bind the party to a legal obligation. All other individuals must obtain written approval from the Chairman in relation to the specific transaction(s), prior to binding the ORP State Central Committee. *(adopted 2/4/2012)*

STANDING RULE #14

PROPORTIONAL ALLOCATION OF VOTES.

Any time these bylaws, state laws or RNC rules dictate a proportional allocation of votes, said proportions shall be calculated by taking the number of open seats, dividing that number by 100 to create a fractional benchmark number (i.e. 28 seats equals 3.571428%; 25 seats equals 4% etc.), and allocating one seat for each fraction of 100% that a candidate receives up to or over the benchmark in the vote results. When no candidate has a remaining fraction of the vote that is at or above the benchmark vote, one seat will be allocated to the closest candidate to the benchmark number, if seats remain, another seat will be allocated to the remaining candidate closest to the benchmark number and the process shall repeat until all seats have been allocated. In the event of a tie, the seat will be allocated to the candidate with the most seats allocated, unless one of the tying candidates has no seats allocated to them in which case they will have the seat. *(adopted 2/4/2012)*

STANDING RULE #15

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

Executive Committee meetings shall be generally open to all State Central Committee Members. Non-executive committee member shall not be able to participate in the meeting unless they have made a request to address the executive committee at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting. The State Chair or presiding officer may restrict access to the meeting to the extent that space is limited. No State Central Committee Members by virtue of a proxy may attend. By call of the chair, or a majority vote of the Executive Committee, the committee may be placed into executive session. No persons other than voting members of the Executive Committee shall be allowed in executive session, except Alternate Chairs and Alternate Vice Chairs and any Executive Director shall be allowed to participate in all meetings. *(adopted 2/2/2013)*