



## Oregon Republican Party

### SPECIAL RULES FOR THE ORP DELEGATE SELECTION CONVENTION FOR THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION MAY 25, 2024

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#### 1. PURPOSE

- 1.1. The only business of the Conventions shall be the selection/election of Oregon delegates to the Republican National Convention, the election of Presidential Electors, the election of officers of the Congressional Districts, and Congressional Districts must readopt their respective Bylaws, as the Bylaws currently are or as amended. No issues or other matters shall be decided or voted upon.
- 1.2. The ORP State Chair, or their designee, shall serve as presiding officer for this Convention. The Congressional District Chair or their designees, shall serve as presiding officer for the Congressional District Breakout Sessions.
- 1.3. The Presiding Officer may, as the agenda allows and as consistent with 1.1, otherwise utilize the vote tally time in such manner as he/she may deem to be productive and in the interest of the Republican Party.
- 1.4. The Convention shall complete all elections described in 1.1 above before adjourning.

#### 2. DELEGATE ELECTION PROCESS

There shall be individual delegate elections for At-Large Delegates and At-Large Alternate Delegate, and District Delegates and Alternate District Delegates.

#### 3. NOTIFICATION

It shall be the responsibility of the respective Congressional District Chair as coordinated through the Oregon Republican Party (ORP) office and the County Chairs to notify all Precinct Committeepersons who were elected in the Primary election in May of 2022 at least days (30) days prior to the date of the Convention.

#### 4. VOTING PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSONS (PCPs)

The duly certified elected Precinct Committeepersons (PCPs) of every county or portions thereof, within each Congressional District shall convene at a time and place designated by the ORP Chairman with input from the respective District Chairs.

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4.1. Only duly credentialed PCPs shall be seated within the section of the floor provided for voting delegates.

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4.2. All Precinct Committeepersons elected in the May 2022 primary and verified by the County Elections Division and who are personally present at the time of voting, shall be entitled to vote on any and all matters before the convention. Appointed PCPs do not have a vote.

4.3. To meet the requirement of the RNC's rules the ORP will either meet or have an electronic vote after the Official Call by the RNC to the National Convention to reaffirm the PCPs that were elected and are still eligible and serving as PCPs from the county they were elected in 2022.

4.4. In the event that there may be a question as to the validity of a prospective delegate's certification, the matter shall rest with the Credentials Chairman subject to appeal to the Chair and/or Convention participants.

4.5. Only PCPs who have paid the registration fee may be seated.

## 5. PROXY VOTES

No proxy votes shall be allowed on any matter pending before the convention.

## 6. QUALIFICATIONS

### 6.1. Qualifications for Delegate to National Convention

6.1.1. Any Republican registered in the State of Oregon 180 days or more before the Presidential Preference Primary is qualified to be a Delegate or an Alternate Delegate to the Republican National Convention.

6.1.1.1 Any candidate for the position of Congressional District Delegate or Alternate Delegate must reside within the Congressional District from which the candidate proposes to be elected.

6.1.1.2 Candidates elected as At-Large Alternate Delegates may run as Congressional District Delegates and, if elected as the latter, will have their At-Large Alternate Delegate position filled by the person with the next highest number of votes.

6.1.1.3 Candidates elected as At-Large Delegates shall not subsequently run as a Congressional District Delegate or Alternate

6.1.2. Candidates for Congressional District Delegates, At-Large Delegates, and all Alternates shall file a notification of candidacy at the ORP office not later than 5PM Friday, April 10, 2024.

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6.1.3. A properly executed ORP form for candidacy can be communicated to ORP office in person, by postal service, online, or by email.

6.1.3.1 No nominations will be allowed from the floor.

6.1.3.2 If not enough candidates file for any position, these vacant candidacies may be filled by the Oregon Republican Party (ORP) Executive Committee prior to the Convention.

6.1.4. Filing notice shall include the following:

6.1.4.1 Name

6.1.4.2 Address

6.1.4.3 Telephone number(s)

6.1.4.4 Email address, if any

6.1.4.5 County and Precinct number

6.1.4.6 Congressional District number

6.1.4.7 Pledge to support the Presidential candidate winning the Primary Election.

6.1.4.8 Other pertinent information deemed necessary by the ORP Chair and District Chairs.

6.1.4.9 Notice that elected Delegates will be expected to attend a Delegation Meeting per 9.4 below.

6.1.5. A non-refundable filing fee of \$50.00 will be assessed from each candidate at the time of their filing.

6.1.5.1 This fee covers any and all delegate positions for which the candidate files; only one fee is required from each candidate.

6.1.5.2 This fee qualifies to be used as the candidate's Oregon Political Tax Credit for the year.

## 6.2 Qualifications for Electors

6.2.1 Any Republican registered in the State of Oregon 180 days or more before the Presidential Preference Primary is qualified to be a Electors.

6.2.2 Candidates for Electors shall file a notification of candidacy at the ORP office not later than 5PM Friday, April 10, 2024.

6.2.3 A properly executed ORP form for candidacy can be communicated to ORP office in person, by postal service, online, or by email.

6.2.4 The form shall include Name, Address, Telephone Number(s), Email Address, County and Precinct Number, Congressional District Number, Pledge.

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6.2.5 A non-refundable filing fee of \$50.00 will be assessed from each candidate at the time of their filing. This fee qualifies to be used as the candidate's Oregon Political Tax Credit for the year.

### 6.3 Qualifications for Congressional District Officers

6.3.1 Any Republican registered in the State of Oregon 180 days or more before the Presidential Preference Primary and resides in the Congressional District from which the candidate proposes to be elected is qualified to be a Congressional District Officer.

6.3.2 Candidates for Congressional District Officers may file a notification of candidacy at the ORP office not later than 5PM Friday, April 10, 2024.

6.3.3 A properly executed notice of candidacy can be communicated to ORP office in person, by postal service, online, or by email.

6.3.4 The notice shall include Name, Address, Telephone number(s), Email Address, County and Precinct number, Congressional District, and office or offices that the person is seeking.

## **7 ELECTION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION; ELECTION OF ELECTORAL COLLEGE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS AND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OFFICERS**

7.1 The Oregon Republican Party has been allocated 31 Delegates and 28 Alternates to the National Convention to vote for nominees for President of the United States. The National Committeeman, the National Committeewoman and the ORP Chair are automatic delegates by virtue of the office they hold, without Alternates. All other Delegates and Alternates are to be elected in the following manner:

7.1.1 In a general session, all PCPs certified under Section 4 above will elect by vote of a written, secret ballot 20 candidates for At-Large state-wide with the first 10 candidate elected as Delegates and the next 10 elected as Alternate Delegates.

7.1.2 Eight (8) Presidential Electors for the Electoral College shall be elected by vote of a written, secret ballot in the General Session.

7.1.3 In breakout sessions, each Congressional District will elect 3 District Delegates and 3 Alternates.

7.1.4 Congressional District Officers will be elected during breakout sessions.

7.1.5 Congressional Districts must adopt Bylaws in their breakout session. Draft of such Bylaws must be sent out with the official call, no later than 30 days before the meeting.

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7.2 In the event that two or more people tie for At-Large Delegate or Congressional District delegate, that position shall be decided by written, secret ballot before proceeding to the next category. In the event that two or more people tie for either At-Large Alternate Delegate or District Alternate Delegate, that position shall be decided by a method of chance decided by the ORP Chair prior to the meeting.

## 8 BALLOTING

There will be at least two ballots in the General Session ballots: 1) for At-Large Delegates and At-Large Alternate Delegates and 2) for the Electors. There will be at least one ballot for District Delegates and District Alternate Delegates in the Congressional District Breakout Sessions and as many other ballots that are necessary to elect the Congressional District Officers.

8.1 The selection of Delegates At-Large and their Alternates, Electors, and Congressional District Delegates and their Alternates shall be by written, secret ballot(s) which will be prepared by the Oregon Republican Party office after the close of filing.

8.1.1 First Ballot in the General Session: Vote for up to 20 candidates for At-Large Delegates. The 10 candidates receiving the most votes as allocated will be elected as Delegates, and the following 10 will be elected as Alternate Delegates as per allocation in order of votes received.

8.1.2 Second Ballot in the General Session: Vote for 8 Presidential Electors.

8.1.3 First Ballot in the Congressional District Breakout Sessions: Within each Congressional District, vote for up to 6 candidates for Congressional District Delegate. The 3 candidates in each Congressional District receiving the most votes as allocated will be elected as Delegates, and the following 3 will be elected as Alternate Delegates as per allocation in order of votes received.

8.2 At the close of each ballot, all unused ballots for that election shall be destroyed. The ballots and tally sheets used in the election shall be sealed in an envelope and signed by the Head Teller. At the adjourning of the General Session, all ballot envelopes shall be placed in a box provided by the Oregon Republican Party, sealed and signed by the Head Teller and by the Presiding Officer of the General Session.

8.3 At the time of adjournment of the Congressional District Breakout Sessions, all ballot envelopes shall be placed in a box provided by the Oregon Republican Party, sealed and signed by the Head Teller for that Congressional District and by both the outgoing and newly elected District Chairmen and delivered by the newly elected Chairmen to the Oregon Republican Party Chairman immediately upon adjournment.

8.4 If an insufficient number of candidates are elected for the available positions of At Large Delegate, At-Large Alternate Delegate, District Delegate and/or District Delegate, the Executive Committee of the Oregon Republican State Central Committee will fill the remaining positions after the Convention adjourns.

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8.5 Each candidate or representative thereof will be allowed a total of two minutes to present his/her qualifications. Order of speeches by candidates for each position shall alphabetical by last name.

8.5.1 Candidates may have others speak on their behalf, but all speeches for a single candidate must take place within the same two-minute time limit.

8.5.2 All candidates for a Delegate position will speak during the same time period.

8.5.3 Candidates will speak only once, regardless of the number of Delegate positions for which they are filed. This limitation does not apply to time allotted for a person also running for Congressional District officers as per Section 10.2.

8.5.4 Candidates may be identified by name immediately prior to balloting.

8.6 All candidates will be chosen in descending order of the votes they receive.

## **9 GENERAL**

The order of business in the Convention shall be in accordance with these rules. In accordance with ORP Bylaws Article II Section A, these Rules shall not be amended or replaced by the Convention.

9.1 Committees to facilitate the conduct of the Convention, such as Credentials, Arrangements, Tellers, Timekeepers, Sergeant-at Arms and any other committee deemed necessary by the ORP Chairman. Specifics of the duties of these committees shall be at the discretion of the Chairman and, in the case of the Congressional District Breakout Sessions, at the discretion of the District Chairmen, but, in general terms, the following should be used as a guideline:

9.1.1 Credentials - ensure proper determination of those in attendance, and their eligibility to participate in the Convention.

9.1.2 Arrangements - to coordinate location, food, facilities, relevant accommodations and decorations.

9.1.3 Tellers - control of the ballots, counting coordination of communication of all election results.

9.1.4 Timekeepers - control length of time for speeches.

9.1.5 Sergeant-At-Arms - security and order of the meeting.

9.2 The ORP office shall receive the names of all committee chairmen for the Congressional District breakout sessions, a minimum of one week prior to the Convention. The Parliamentarian shall be a person of the District Chairman's

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choice. The Parliamentarian is an advisor to the chair, for the purpose of advising in matters of parliamentary procedure. He/she shall make no ruling, for or to the body but may answer questions of parliamentary inquiry from the floor. The Parliamentarian may be a voting member of the Convention but may vote only for matters requiring a written, secret ballot.

9.3 The ORP Chair, Vice Chair or their designee, shall preside at all times during the Convention. The appropriate District Chair, District Vice Chair, or the designee of the District Chair shall preside over of the Congressional District breakout sessions.

9.4 A Delegation Meeting shall be held within 24 hours of the close of the Convention to organize the Delegation and select representatives to various committees at the Republican National Convention.

9.4.1 Per RNC rule, only Delegates are eligible to vote at the Delegation Meeting and on other matters at subsequent Delegation Meetings held thereafter until the conclusion of the 2024 Republican National Convention.

9.4.2 Alternates may be present at such Delegation Meetings to observe and may be recognized to speak and make motions or seconds, but may only vote only in event of the absence of one of the Delegates for which they are an Alternate, in the order of the votes received at the 2024 Delegate Selection Convention.

## **10 OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES**

Officers of the Congressional District shall be a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, and Alternate Chairman, an Alternate Vice Chairman, a Secretary, and a Treasurer to be elected during the Congressional District breakout sessions at the Convention.

10.1 No one may be nominated who has not consented to serve. To be nominated for an office, the candidate must be present or have filed with the Chairman, in writing, his/her consent to be nominated. Nominations shall be allowed from the floor.

10.2 Each Candidate shall have up to four (4) minutes to speak on his/her own behalf, including time to have others speak on their behalf. The four (4) minutes shall be concurrent with no interruptions or delays allowed.

10.3 The officers shall serve as the District Congressional Committee and shall have all such powers and duties as are customarily prescribed for such committees.

10.4 The newly elected officers of the committee shall assume office on adjournment of the District Convention.

10.5 Duties of the Officers are as described by the Oregon Republican Party Bylaws

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## 11 PARLIMENTARY AUTHORITY

Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised, (12th edition), shall be the rules of this Convention so far as they are applicable and not in conflict with the Rules set forth herein, or the Bylaws of the Oregon Republican Party. The Bylaws and Rules of the Oregon Republican party otherwise take precedence.