

## 2019 ORGANIZING CONVENTION RULES

### 1) **Officers**

a) The Program lists the Convention Officers.

### 2) **General Rules.**

a) Except as provided by the Constitution and Bylaws and these Rules, the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order*, will govern the Convention.

b) Decisions of the Parliamentarian concerning the Rules shall be conclusive, except when two thirds (2/3) vote shall over-ride the Parliamentarian.

c) The Convention Chair will be the County Party Chair, or a Republican designated by the County Party Chair.

### 3) **Agenda and Quorum.**

a) The Convention shall follow the Agenda as adopted by the delegates. Party and Convention Officers, persons on the program, duly filed Republican candidates for Party office, and their nominators may speak or participate in the Convention in accordance with these Rules.

b) Credentialed delegates in attendance at any given time shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business properly before the Convention under the Constitution, Bylaws, and Agenda.

### 4) **Delegates.**

a) Delegates must properly identify themselves at the Convention, prior to the Chair declaring the polls closed. Only those delegates who have indicated on their voter registration form, that they wish to affiliate with the Republican Party and have filed said form with the Davis County Clerk may participate or vote in the Convention.

b) Delegates must be able to identify themselves properly when requested by a Convention Officer at any time before and until the close of the Convention.

c) Only delegates with credentials may vote or participate in the business of the Convention, except as these Rules may permit others to participate (but not vote) at the Convention. Please see Constitution and Bylaws for exceptions.

d) Only delegates with credentials may sit in designated delegate areas.

e) No delegate may vote proxy or by absentee ballot, and delegates with credentials may only be credentialed until the Convention Chair declares the close of credentialing.

f) Delegate replacements shall be made no later than forty eight (48) hours prior to convention. Candidates shall be notified simultaneously by the Party Chair or designee within twenty four (24) hours following the replacement being made.

### 5) **Credentialing**

a) Only Credentials Committee members may sit at the credentials table.

- b) Campaigning is not allowed within 25 ft. of the Credentials table.
- c) Only Credentials Committee members or other authorized DCRP officials may have access to information contained on the credential check in list.

**6) Candidates to be Selected**

- a) The Convention shall elect a DCRP Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. The Convention shall also elect 14 members to the State Central Committee.
- b) All delegates with credentials may vote for Republican candidates for Davis County Republican Party office.
- c) Delegates with credentials shall elect a Senate Chair and Vice-Chair from their respective Senate Districts.
- d) Delegates with credentials shall elect a Legislative Chair and Vice-Chair from their respective Legislative Districts.

**7) Time Limits, Other Matters.**

- a) Only delegates with credentials may address the Convention except as outlined in the agenda. All statements by delegates with credentials shall be limited to two (2) minutes.
- b) All delegates with credentials wishing to address the Convention must first state their name and voting precinct.
- c) Candidates for DCRP Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer may give 5-minute presentations. Candidates for Senate Chair and Vice Chair may give 5-minute presentations in their Senate District. Candidates for Legislative Chair and Vice Chair may give 5-minute presentations in their Legislative District. Nomination and second speeches count against the candidate's time allotment.
- d) State Central Committee candidates may give one minute presentations.
- e) Debate on any matter shall be limited to ten (10) minutes, apportioned into the following segments:
  - i) one minute for motion and second,
  - ii) two minutes for the sponsor of the motion,
  - iii) two minutes in opposition to the motion,
  - iv) two minutes in support of the motion,
  - v) two minutes in opposition to the motion, and
  - vi) one minute summation by the sponsor of the motion.
  - vii) debate may be extended by a two (2/3) vote.

- f) The Chair, Vice-Chair or their designee shall read all resolutions from the podium.
- g) The Timekeeper shall strictly enforce all time limits. The Timekeeper shall stand and lead the delegates in applause when time periods have expired.

## 8) Elections.

- a) Voting will be by secret ballot, except as provided in these Rules for unopposed candidates.
- b) In uncontested races, an acclamation vote from the floor of the convention shall elect a candidate.
- e) The Elections Chair or a Chair's designee shall ensure that ballots and ballot boxes are available for any issue requiring a secret vote. The Elections Chair may appoint poll watchers to verify that only credentialed delegates vote. Each candidate may appoint one poll watcher to observe ballot counting.
- f) Only Election Committee members, Judges and duly-appointed poll watchers may enter the ballot counting room. Any Election Judge or poll watcher who leaves the counting room during a pending count shall not return before that count is completed.
- g) Instant Run-off Voting (IRV) or Preferential Balloting will be conducted by the Elections Chair in the manner described in the DCRP Bylaws.
- h) In contested races the winner shall be the candidate who receives the majority of the votes cast. Any ties shall be broken in accordance with the manner prescribed in the DCRP Bylaws.
- i) Disqualified ballots include illegible votes, write- in votes, or ballots containing more votes than are allowed in a given race.
- j) Spoiled ballots may be submitted to the Elections Chair no later than one minute before voting is declared closed, and a new ballot shall be issued.
- k) For multiple-office ballots, Election Judges shall consider each office separately when determining whether the ballot is valid, blank, or disqualified.
- l) Each delegate may vote for up to fourteen (14) State Central Committee (SCC) candidates. The fourteen candidates receiving the most votes will become the new DCRP representatives to the SCC.
- m) Ballot order is determined by random draw. Ballot order will be by letter of the alphabet in the following order: I G X P V H R U C O J M F Y A S N K D E T L Q W B Z

n) Except as specifically required by applicable law, nominations for any office or position in the DCRP may be made from the floor at any meeting at which elections are to be held, but names of persons nominated from the floor will not appear on preprinted ballots.

o) If a printed ballot is to be used for any office, Republicans whose names have been submitted to the Party Chair for nomination to that office at least ten [10] days before the scheduled election shall appear on the official printed ballot.

**9) Facilities.**

a) Tables will be available to rent at the rate of \$50 for candidates and \$250 for outside groups. DCRP affiliates may use a table at no charge.

b) No campaign signage shall be posted prior to 7:00 a.m. on April 13. All signage shall be removed by candidates within two hours of convention closing.

**10) Campaign Disclosures.**

1. I am a registered Republican in Davis County in good standing.

2. I have read the Davis County Republican Party (DCRP) Constitution, Bylaws, and rules; I agree to abide by them.

3. I have read the Davis County Republican Party (DCRP) Platform, and

I agree with all areas of the Platform

I disagree with the following area(s) of the platform:

- \_\_\_\_\_
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4. I agree to run my campaign and conduct myself in an ethical manner, and understand if I do not do so,

I may be subject to an Ethics Committee investigation and disciplinary measures.

5. I understand that my failure to submit this form prior to the filing deadline may disqualify my candidacy.