

DCRP NOMINATING CONVENTION RULES

Saturday, April 16, 2016

7.1 Parliamentary Authority and Rules.

- (1) Except as provided by these Rules, the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order* will govern the Convention.
- (2) Convention rules not contained within the DCRP Constitution or Bylaws may be adopted, amended, or suspended upon a two thirds vote.
- (3) Decisions of the presiding officer concerning the Rules shall be conclusive, except when a majority vote shall override the presiding officer.

7.2 Convention Officers.

- (1) The Party Chair shall preside at the Convention, or in absence of the Party Chair, the Party Vice Chair, or Party Secretary, or Party Treasurer, in that order.
- (2) In the absence of all Party Officers, the Convention may elect or appoint any registered Republican who is present to be the temporary presiding officer.
- (3) The Party Chair shall appoint a Parliamentarian, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.
- (4) In the case of any ambiguity, the Parliamentarian shall remain neutral and fairly represent the interest of the Convention as a whole under the DCRP Constitution and Bylaws.
- (5) The presiding officer may appoint any registered Republican to conduct any portion of any general session of the Convention.
- (6) The Party Chair shall appoint a Timekeeper.

7.3 Agenda and Quorum.

- (1) The Convention shall follow the agenda as adopted by the delegates.
- (2) Party and Convention Officers, persons on the program, duly filed Republican candidates for elective and Party office, and their nominators may speak or participate in the Convention in accordance with these Rules.
- (3) The delegates with credentials 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.

7.4 Delegates.

- (1) Delegates must properly identify themselves at the Convention, prior to the Chair declaring the polls closed.
- (2) Only those delegates who have indicated on their voter registration form, filed with the county elections clerk, that they wish to affiliate with the Republican Party may participate or vote in the Convention.
- (3) Delegates must be able to identify themselves properly when requested by a Convention Officer before, during, or after registration and until the close of the Convention.

- (4) 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.
- (5) Only delegates with credentials may sit in designated delegate areas.
- (6) No delegate may vote by proxy or by absentee ballot, and delegates with credentials may only be credentialed until the Party Chair declares the close of credentialing.
- (7) Delegate replacements shall be made no later than forty-eight (48) hours prior to convening the convention.
- (8) Candidates shall be notified simultaneously by the Party Chair or designee within twenty-four (24) hours following the replacement being made.
- (9) The candidate notification rule shall also apply to the Organizing Convention and special appointment elections.

7.5 Credentialing.

- (1) Only Credentials Committee members and volunteers approved by the Credentials Committee may sit at the credentials table and/or assist in credentialing.
- (2) Relatives of candidates running for offices being considered or known campaign supporters of candidates at this convention shall not serve on the Credentials Committee.
- (3) Campaign activities are not allowed within twenty-five (25) feet of the Credentials table.
- (4) Only Credentials Committee members or other authorized DCRP officials may have access to information contained on the credential check in list.
- (5) Any questions on credentialing check in must be addressed through the Credentials Chair.

7.6 Candidates to be Selected.

- (1) The Convention shall nominate at least one but no more than two Republican candidates for any state or county partisan office open (current year).
- (2) All delegates with credentials shall vote for Republican candidates for Davis County office.
- (3) Delegates with credentials who reside within State Senate Districts (none in 2016) shall vote for Republican candidates for the respective Utah State Senate Districts.
- (4) Republican nominees for Utah State Senate Districts 23 will be selected by delegates to the state convention on April 23rd.
- (5) Delegates with credentials who reside within Legislative Districts 13-20 shall vote for Republican candidates for the respective Utah House of Representative Districts.
- (6) Republican nominees for Legislative Districts 11-12 will be selected by delegates to the April 23rd State Convention.
- (7) All delegates with credentials shall vote to ratify those Republicans nominated at the Precinct Caucuses held March 22nd to become Delegates to the Utah State Republican Convention and shall ratify the four Party Officers, Senate District Chairs and Legislative District Chairs as delegates.

7.7 Time Limits, Other Matters.

- (1) Only delegates with credentials may address the Convention except as outlined in the agenda.
- (2) All statements by delegates with credentials shall be limited to two (2) minutes.
- (3) All delegates with credentials wishing to address the Convention must first state their name and voting precinct.
- (4) Candidates for county and state office may give five (5) 33 minute presentations.
- (5) Nomination and second speeches count against the candidate's time allotment.
- (6) Candidates for senate and congress will be given five minutes to address the convention.
- (7) Debate on any matter shall be limited to ten (10) minutes, apportioned into the following segments:
 - (a) one minute for motion and second,
 - (b) two minutes for the sponsor of the motion,
 - (c) two minutes in opposition to the motion,
 - (d) two minutes in support of the motion,
 - (e) two minutes in opposition to the motion, and
 - (f) one minute summation by the sponsor of the motion.
- (8) Debate may be extended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of delegates present.
- (9) The Chair or Vice Chair shall read all resolutions from the podium.
- (10) The Timekeeper shall strictly enforce all time limits. The Timekeeper shall stand and lead the delegates in applause when time periods have expired.
- (11) Any resolution, constitution amendment, or platform amendment longer than ten (10) words must be provided in writing to the Party Chair ten (10) days prior to the Convention; provided, however, that any technical corrections for grammar, spelling, and the like may be submitted orally or in writing at the Convention.

7.8 Elections.

- (1) Voting will be by secret ballot, except as provided in these Rules for unopposed candidates.
- (2) In uncontested races, an acclamation vote from the floor of the convention shall certify legally qualified candidates as the party's nominees for the appropriate offices.
- (3) This Convention shall consider all legally filed Republican candidates for County or State legislative office as nominated and seconded for their office.
- (4) The Elections Chair or a designated delegate shall ensure that ballot boxes are available for any issue requiring a secret ballot.
- (5)
 - (a) The Elections Chair may appoint poll watchers to verify that only those delegates with credentials vote.
 - (b) Each candidate may appoint one poll watcher to observe ballot counting.
 - (c) Only Election Committee members, Judges and duly appointed poll watchers may enter the ballot counting room.
 - (d) Any Election Judge or poll watcher who leaves the counting room during a pending count shall not return before that count is completed.
- (6) Instant Run-off Voting (IRV) or Preferential Balloting where required shall be conducted by the Elections Chair in the manner described in the DCRP Bylaws.

- (7) In contested races, if no candidate has qualified for the Primary Election prior to the Convention, the Party's nominee shall be any legally qualified candidate who receives at least sixty percent (60%) of the delegate vote for the appropriate office.
- (8) If any candidate has qualified for the Primary Election prior to the election, the candidate who receives a majority of the vote shall:
 - (a) qualify for the Primary Election; and
 - (b) be endorsed by the Party.
- (9) The convention only candidate who receives the most votes, that equals at least thirty percent of the vote, shall qualify for the Primary Election.
- (10) For the purposes of (9), A "convention only candidate" is any candidate who has not qualified for the Primary Election prior to the Convention.
- (11) (a) Total counts shall not include blank or spoiled ballots.
 - (b) Spoiled ballots include illegible votes and write-in votes.
 - (c) Spoiled ballots may be submitted to the Elections Chair, and a new ballot shall be issued.
 - (d) For multiple office ballots, Election Judges shall consider each office separately when determining whether the ballot is valid, blank, or spoiled.

7.9 Facilities.

- (1) Booths will be available to rent for \$200.
- (2) Double booths can be rented for \$400.
- (3) In addition to the rental fee each candidate will need to post a \$50 refundable deposit.
- (4) The deposit will be refunded if the candidate cleans up all of his/her materials.
- (5) The convention chair will determine if the candidate has met this requirement.
- (6) The amounts shall be approved by the Executive Committee.
- (7) No campaign signage shall be posted prior to April 16th at 6 a.m.
- (8) Any campaign signage put up prior to the designated time will be removed.
- (9) No signage shall be posted in the Convention hall.

7.10 Candidate Disclosures.

- (1) Within ten (10) days after the filing deadline each candidate shall provide a letter to the Party Chair or designee containing the following information:
 - (a) I have read the Party Rules, Bylaws and Constitution and agree to abide by them.
 - (b) I have read the Davis County Republican Party Platform, and I agree with all areas of the platform. (In the event a candidate disagrees with a section of the platform, the candidate shall state the section(s) with which he/she disagrees.)
 - (c) I agree to run my campaign in an ethical manner and understand if I do not run my campaign in an ethical manner I will be subject to an ethics committee investigation.
- (2) The candidate shall sign and date the letter.
- (3) The results of this requirement shall be provided to all delegates prior to balloting.