

**Salt Lake County Republican Party  
2019 Organizing Convention Rules**

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**Section 1. Purpose**

- 1.1 The Convention shall elect 4 County Party Officers: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.
- 1.2 The Convention shall also elect representatives to the State Party Central Committee.
- 1.3 Delegates may also transact other business properly brought before the body.

**Section 2. Delegate Qualifications and Credentials**

- 2.1 Delegates to the Salt Lake County Organizing Convention may be credentialed upon one of three criteria:
  - a. Election at the previous Precinct Caucuses (March 20, 2018).
  - b. Appointment to fill a vacancy created when an elected delegate has died, resigned, moved primary residence from the precinct, is unable to serve, or has been removed for violation of Party purposes. Vacancies shall be filled by appointment of the Precinct Chair or acting Precinct Chair in writing, and filed with the Party no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the Convention (5:00 pm, Saturday, March 30, 2019).
  - c. Ex officio delegate status to the County Convention during the term of office of County Party Officers, Executive Committee Members, and County Republican Elected Government Officials.
- 2.2 Allocated County Delegate positions not filled at the Precinct Caucus remain unfilled.
- 2.3 Challenges to a delegate's status shall be filed in writing with the Credentials Committee no later than 5:00 pm, seven (7) calendar days prior to the Convention (Saturday, April 6, 2019). Delegates shall retain the right to challenge a delegate's status on the floor.
- 2.4 Each delegate shall be a registered Republican prior to being credentialed at the Convention.
- 2.5 Delegates with verification or registration issues shall report to the Special Registration Desk.
- 2.6 Official Convention delegate credentials must be visibly worn by all delegates during Convention sessions.
- 2.7 Only credentialed delegates may be seated and vote at the Convention.
- 2.8 No substitutions or replacement of delegates shall take place on the day of Convention.
- 2.9 Convention Committee members shall have floor access and speaking rights.

**Section 3. Convention Officers**

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| <b>3.1</b> | Convention Chair: _____James Evans            | <b>3.8</b>  | Convention Coordinator: _____Abby Evans |
| <b>3.2</b> | County Party Chair: _____Scott Miller         | <b>3.9</b>  | Arrangements _____Jennifer Jensen       |
| <b>3.3</b> | County Party Vice Chair: _____Jennifer Jensen | <b>3.10</b> | Credentials Chair: _____Ben Thompson    |
| <b>3.4</b> | County Party Secretary: _____Carolyn Sharp    | <b>3.11</b> | Rules Chair: _____Ben Thompson          |
| <b>3.5</b> | County Party Treasurer: _____Roy Harris       | <b>3.12</b> | Elections Chair: _____Kent Johnson      |
| <b>3.6</b> | Parliamentarian: _____Jessica Christopher     | <b>3.13</b> | Platform Chair: _____David Pyne         |
| <b>3.7</b> | Sergeant-at-Arms: _____TBA                    | <b>3.14</b> | Fund Raising Chair: _____Jared Cahoon   |

#### **Section 4. Rules of Order**

- 4.1 These Convention rules shall govern where any of these rules conflict with Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (RONR). RONR shall govern the Convention in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the County Party Bylaws.
- 4.2 All persons attending the Convention shall observe proper conduct and the directions of the Chair and Sergeant- at-Arms.
- 4.3 No campaigning, distributing materials or other interference is allowed within ten feet of the Registration Tables.
- 4.4 All Convention motions of any length should be in writing and a copy of the motion shall be given to the Convention Chair prior to debate upon the motion.
- 4.5 The Party shall not give any candidate, issue or organization exclusive information, rights or privileges prior to or during the Convention.
- 4.6 No video or other electronic recording shall be made without the consent of Party Leadership or the Convention Media Coordinator.
- 4.7 Changing any wording in the rules shall not affect the remaining sections or subsections.
- 4.8 The Chair is responsible for the course and objectives of the Convention. Disputes regarding the interpretation of Convention rules will be decided by the Convention Chair, subject to appeal by a majority of those voting.

#### **Credentialed Delegates**

- 4.9 Excepting rule 2.9, only credentialed delegates may speak to the business of the Convention; The Chair may set time limits for discussion. The Chair has discretion to recognize any non-delegate to address the Convention.
- 4.10 Any delegate wishing to speak upon the Convention floor shall rise, address the chair, and if recognized, state their name and voting precinct.
- 4.11 No delegate shall speak more than twice upon any one motion. The proponent of a motion shall open and close the debate.
- 4.12 No delegate shall speak for more than two (2) minutes at a time unless given additional time by the body. The maker of the motion shall be allowed one (1) minute to summarize and close the debate before the vote on the motion is taken.

#### **Section 5. Order of Business**

- 5.1 The Convention shall consider as the first order of business the Credentials Committee report, then the Rules Committee report, and then the proposed agenda.
- 5.2 Convention reports may be amended before their adoption by a majority of those voting. After debate and amendment, if any, a single vote will be taken on the body of each report.
- 5.3 The Chair shall have the right to move delegation reports to fill time. No surrogates may speak for delegation reports; in-person or through video is acceptable.
- 5.4 The order of business, notwithstanding rule 5.3, shall follow the agenda adopted by the delegates. Following its adoption, a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those delegates voting is required to amend the Convention agenda.

## **Section 6. Quorum**

- 6.1 The number of delegates in attendance at the scheduled start of the Convention shall constitute a quorum until a credentials report is accepted.
- 6.2 The number of delegates in attendance throughout this Convention shall constitute a quorum, provided that number is not less than a majority of the current accepted credentials report.
- 6.3 The final credentials report announced and accepted before elections shall be binding for the remainder of the Convention.
- 6.4 Party Officer and State Central Committee elections are not subject to quorum requirements.

## **Section 7. Convention Voting**

- 7.1 There shall be no absentee or proxy voting.
- 7.2 Except for elections, all voting shall be conducted by raised credential. There shall be no voice voting.
- 7.3 A standing count of the delegates shall be taken only upon a call for a Standing Count, supported by a total of one hundred fifty (150) delegates.

## **Section 8. Elections & Balloting**

- 8.1 The Elections Committee Chair shall be responsible for ensuring that: Balloting process comply with the Bylaws, the security of the ballots, the accuracy of the count, and for directing the access and conduct of all persons within the ballot counting area.
- 8.2 Per the bylaws, a random drawing was conducted on February 7, 2019 to determine candidate ballot and speaking order. That order is as follows:  
**T,Y,X,Z,W,E,J,V,B,I,H,S,G,D,F,Q,M,P,A,L,K,N,U,C,O,R**
- 8.3 The Central Committee has authorized electronic balloting as the preferred voting method for this convention; paper balloting may be utilized in the event of an electronic balloting failure.
- 8.4 The Elections Committee shall instruct delegates on the balloting procedure.
- 8.5 Polls will open and close when officially announced by the Convention Chair.
- 8.6 Ties between two (2) candidates shall be determined by coin toss, while ties of more than two (2) candidates shall be determined by the drawing of lots, each conducted before the electing body.
- 8.7 Any challenges to the ballot processes must be made to the Elections Committee Chair before the election results of that race are announced.
- 8.8 Any candidate requesting a recount or challenging an election must file a request in writing to the Elections Committee Chair by 5:00pm two (2) business days following the Convention (Tuesday, April 16, 2019).
- 8.9 Recounts and challenges may only be brought if they might legitimately affect the outcome of the election.
- 8.10 If a coin toss or drawing of lots was used to determine the winner, no challenge or recount will be accepted.
- 8.11 When polls are closed for each ballot. The Elections Committee shall prepare an official record based on the result of all votes cast with totals. This shall be the official record of each electronic ballot.

- 8.12 The official record shall be maintained by the party officers at a secure location for at least five (5) business days following convention (until 5:00 pm, Friday, April 19, 2019).
- 8.13 Officer Candidates may be nominated or endorsed by individuals other than delegates. Nominating speeches are not required. Any unopposed Officer Candidate(s) shall be announced to the Convention.
- 8.14 It is the responsibility of potential candidates to verify their own filing(s) no later than 5:00 PM, eight (8) calendar days (Friday, April 5, 2019) prior to the convention through the County Party Vice-Chair. The County Party Vice-Chair shall certify all filings by this deadline.

### **Poll Watchers**

- 8.15 Party Office Candidates may each designate one (1) Poll Watcher to the Elections Committee Chair.
- 8.16 State Central Committee Candidates may each designate one (1) Poll Watcher to the Elections Committee Chair.
- 8.17 No Candidate for County Party Office, or State Central Committee may serve as a Poll Watcher in any race.
- 8.18 Designated Poll Watchers may be present in the election room only during their candidate's specific race.

### **Party Officer Elections**

- 8.19 Party Officers shall be elected by a majority votes cast using a single or multiple round election method.
- 8.20 In multiple round elections the first ballot shall be used to reduce the number of candidates to those receiving the highest percentage of votes that, when combined, represent a majority of votes. This process continues in each successive round until one (1) candidate receives a majority of votes.
- 8.21 Officer Candidates for Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasure shall be given three (3) minutes for delegate presentations. The time is inclusive of all presentations made for or by candidates.
- 8.22 In Multiple Round Elections, prior to ballots being cast, remaining candidates shall be allowed one (1) minute for additional delegate presentation.
- 8.23 Candidates may only file for one County Party Officer Race. They may, however, also file as a candidate for the State Central Committee.
- 8.24 No candidate shall speak for, nor endorse, any other candidate during his or her own allocated nomination time.
- 8.25 Withdrawing from a race at the microphone shall be prohibited. Candidates must announce their intentions to withdraw to the Chair before the candidate speeches. The Chair will announce the withdrawal without stating any endorsements. Endorsements may be made during the endorsed candidate's time, and with their permission.
- 8.26 Private slates or lists endorsing certain candidates for County Party Officers and State Central Committee are allowed.

### **State Central Committee Elections**

- 8.27 Candidates for State Central Committee shall be introduced by the chair, but not be presented to speak at the microphone.
- 8.28 Delegates may vote for zero (0) up to as many State Central Committee Candidates are allocated to the County Party by the State Party.

8.29 County Representatives to the State Central Committee shall be elected by plurality vote in a single round committee-style election.

### **Section 9. Platform & Resolutions**

- 9.1 Only delegates shall sponsor platform amendments and resolutions.
- 9.2 The proposed platform amendments shall be printed and mailed to the Convention Delegates with their Convention Packet, and posted on the County Party website.
- 9.3 Resolution sponsors wanting resolutions to be included on the official Convention agenda must deliver copies of the resolution for all delegates no later than 5:00 pm, eight (8) calendar days prior to the Convention (Friday, April 5, 2019). All resolutions meeting the deadline shall be included on the official Convention agenda, handed out at registration and posted on the County Party website no later than seven (7) calendar days prior to the Convention (Saturday, April 6, 2019).
- 9.4 Resolutions shall be no more than 100 words printed on one side of the sheet. The "whereas" arguments may occupy the remaining area of the paper, front and/or back side.
- 9.5 Amendments to platform amendments and resolutions from the floor shall not be considered.
- 9.6 Consideration of all platform amendments and resolutions shall be limited to a total of one (1) hour. Any platform amendment or resolution not voted up or down at the end of one (1) hour shall not be given further consideration.

### **Section 10. Physical Arrangements**

- 10.1 The Convention shall follow the Hosting Facility Policies and Procedures and Arrangement Committee's requirements.
- 10.2 Candidates, organizations and individuals using the Convention for distribution, campaigning or any other promotional or reporting use shall be responsible to research and comply with the Hosting Facility's Policies and Procedures and the Arrangements Committee's requirements.
- 10.3 All printed material shall contain the name(s) and contact information of the person(s) or organization(s) responsible for the literature clearly printed on the material.
- 10.4 Only Parties renting convention space, may distribute literature from inside the convention venue, and then only in designated or approved areas.
- 10.5 Those Parties not renting convention space and who wish to distribute literature must do so from outside of the convention venue.
- 10.6 Absolutely no distribution of campaign material on the convention hall floor (Auditorium).
- 10.7 Only Republican candidates, office-holders, and approved organizations shall be assigned booth space by the Arrangements Committee. The committee shall give reasonable advance notice to candidates regarding the method, location and time in which booth assignments will take place.
  - a. Those desiring a booth may send a representative in their place with all materials, documents, finances and authorizations required to participate in assignments on their behalf.
  - b. Booth spaces for Party Officer Candidates shall be given priority.
  - c. A Limit of (2) State Central Committee Candidates may jointly rent and share a convention booth.