

Oregon Republican Party Congressional District Convention Rules 2008

1. PURPOSE

1.1. The only business of the Conventions shall be the selection/election of Oregon delegates to the Republican National Convention and the election of officers of the Congressional Districts. No issues or other matters shall be formally considered.

1.2. The District Chair may, as the agenda allows, utilize the vote tally time in such manner as he/she may deem to be productive and in the interest of the Republican Party.

2. NOTIFICATION - It shall be the responsibility of the respective District Chair as coordinated through the Oregon Republican Party (ORP) office to notify all eligible duly elected Precinct Committeepersons at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the Congressional District Convention.

3. DELEGATES - The duly certified Precinct Committeepersons 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.

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

3.2. All Precinct Committeepersons elected in the May 2008 primary and certified by the respective County Clerk, and personally present at the time of voting, shall be entitled to vote on any and all matters before the convention.

3.3. 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 *District* Convention Credentials Chairman subject to appeal to the District Chair and/or Convention participants.

3.4. Only delegates who have paid the registration fee may be seated.

4. PROXY VOTES - No proxy votes shall be allowed on any matter pending before the convention.

5. QUALIFICATION FOR DELEGATE TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

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

5.2. 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, May 31, 2008.

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

5.2.2. No nominations will be allowed from the floor.

5.2.3. 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 District Conventions.

5.3. Filing notice shall include the following:

5.3.1. Name

5.3.2. Address

5.3.3. Telephone number(s)

5.3.4. Email address, if the person has one

5.3.5. Precinct number

5.3.6. Congressional District number

5.3.7. Pledge to support the Presidential candidate favored in accordance with ORP Bylaws Article XVII Section B

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

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

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

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

6. ELECTION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

6.1. The Oregon Republican Party has been allocated 29 *Delegates* and 26 *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* to be elected in the following manner:

6.1.1. The Congressional Districts will elect 10 regular and 1 bonus *Delegates At Large* state-wide;

6.1.2. Each Congressional District will elect 3 *District Delegates*;

6.1.3. The Congressional Districts will elect 10 regular and 1 bonus *Alternate Delegates At Large* state-wide

6.1.4. Each Congressional District will elect 3 *Alternate Delegates*

6.2. In the event that two or more people tie for the last position in a category, that position shall be decided by written ballot before proceeding to the next category.

7. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT BALLOTING - There will be four ballots (or more, in the event of a tie as per 6.2) for *Delegates* and *Alternate Delegates* in each Congressional District.

7.1. The selection of *Delegates*, *Delegates at Large* and their *Alternates* shall be by written ballot(s) which will be prepared by the Oregon Republican Party office after the close of filing as per 5.2 above.

7.1.1. First Ballot: Vote for up to 11 candidates for *At-Large Delegates*. Those elected shall have their names removed from further balloting.

7.1.2. Second Ballot: Within each Congressional District, vote for up to 3 candidates for *Congressional District Delegate*. Those elected will have their names removed from further balloting

7.1.3. Third Ballot: Vote for up to 11 candidates for *At-Large Alternate Delegate*. Those elected will have their name removed from future balloting.

7.1.4. Fourth Ballot: Within each Congressional District, vote for up to 3 candidates for *Congressional District Alternate Delegate*.

7.2. 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 Chairman of the Tellers committee.

7.3. At the time of adjournment, all ballot envelopes shall be placed in a box provided by the Oregon Republican Party, sealed and signed by both the outgoing and newly elected district chairman and delivered by the newly elected chairman to the Oregon Republican Party Chairman within seven (7) days.

7.4. If an insufficient number of candidates file for the available positions, the Executive Committee of the Oregon Republican State Central Committee will fill the remaining positions after the election(s).

7.5. Each candidate or representative thereof will be allowed a total of two minutes to present his/her qualifications.

7.5.1. 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.

7.5.2. All candidates for Delegate and Alternate will speak during the same time period.

7.5.3. Candidates will speak only once, regardless of the number of Delegate or Alternate 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 9.2.

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

7.6. All candidates will be chosen in descending order of the votes they receive, depending upon their choice of Presidential Candidate and the ratio of votes each presidential candidate received.

8. GENERAL - The order of business in the Convention shall be in accordance with the rules. The agenda shall be submitted to the office of the Oregon Republican Party.

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

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

8.1.2. Arrangements – to coordinate location, food, facilities and decorations.

8.1.3. Tellers – control of the ballots, counting coordination of communication with the other districts and/or ORP office

8.1.4. Timekeepers – control length of time for speeches

8.1.5. Sergeant-At-Arms – security and order of the meeting

8.2. The ORP office shall receive the names of all committee chairmen for the Congressional District Committee, *a minimum of one week* prior to the Convention.

8.2.1. The Parliamentarian shall be a person of the District Chairman's 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.

8.3. The District Chair, Vice Chair or their designee, shall preside at all times during the Convention.

9. 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 Convention.

9.1. 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.

9.2. 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.

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

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

9.5. Duties of the Officers are as described by the Oregon Republican Party Bylaws-

10. PARLIMENTARY AUTHORITY - Roberts Rules of Order, latest revised 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.