



**RULES**

**OF THE OKLAHOMA**

**REPUBLICAN PARTY**

**As amended by the State Convention**

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## **PREAMBLE**

We, the duly elected delegates of all the qualified Republican registered voters of the State of Oklahoma in State Convention duly assembled, in order to form a more perfect organization and establish more uniform and efficient rules of procedure, do hereby establish and adopt the following organization and rules for the Republican Party in and of the State of Oklahoma.

### **Rule 1- Permanent Organization**

The permanent organization of the Republican Party in and of the State of Oklahoma shall consist of the following committees:

1. Republican Precinct Committees
2. Republican County Committees
3. Republican County Central Committees
4. Republican County Executive Committees
5. Republican District Committees
6. Republican State Committee
7. Republican State Executive Committee
8. Republican State Central Committee
9. Republican State Finance Committee
10. Republican State Budget Committee

And such additional committees, conventions and officers as are hereinafter established, recognized or authorized.

### **Rule 2- State Headquarters and Meeting Place of State Committee**

- (a) **State Headquarters:** The headquarters of the Oklahoma Republican Party and of its State Committee shall be in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, unless and until otherwise ordered by the State Committee or a State Convention.
- (b) **State Committee Meetings:** It shall be the duty of the State Chairman to arrange for or provide a suitable place for meetings of the State Committee and State Conventions and adequate office space for the Republican State headquarters, subject to the direction or approval of the State Committee.

### **Rule 3- Rights and Qualifications of Members and Officers**

- (a) Members:** All citizens of Oklahoma are invited to join the Oklahoma Republican Party to perpetuate this Republic. All qualified voters of this state who are registered Republicans are members of the Oklahoma Republican Party, and shall have the right to participate in the official affairs and governance of the Republican Party in accordance with these rules as set forth herein. Such right shall be sacred and inviolate, and the willful disregard or abridgement of such right by an officer or member of any committee of the Party shall be deemed sufficient cause for the removal of such officer or committee member.
  
- (b) Officers and Delegates:** No person shall be eligible to be elected or appointed as an officer or a member of any committee of the Republican Party or as a delegate or alternate delegate to any county, district, state, or national convention, nor to be endorsed for any position on the Republican National Committee, unless such person is, at the time of such election, appointment, or endorsement, a qualified registered Republican voter of the political unit which such position represents. Any such office, position, or endorsement shall become vacant and shall be deemed revoked when any such officer, delegate, alternate delegate, or committee member shall cease to be a qualified registered Republican voter, as defined by State law, of the unit represented.

### **Rule 4- Regular Biennial Conventions**

The regular biennial Precinct Meetings, County Conventions, and State Convention, hereinafter referred to, shall be called and convened every two (2) years in the odd-numbered years as hereafter provided.

### **Rule 5- Precinct Committees**

- (a) Composition and Election:** There shall be a Precinct Committee in each election precinct of the state. The Precinct Committee shall consist of a Precinct Chairman and a Precinct Vice Chairman, a Precinct Secretary, and a Precinct Treasurer, who may be the same person, and who shall have equal right to vote at Precinct Meetings. They shall be elected at the regular biennial Precinct Meeting of the qualified Republican voters of each

precinct called by the County Chairman, or as provided in these rules. The same procedure shall be followed at a regular or special meeting, in the event new precincts are created anywhere in any county of the state.

**(b) Authority and Duties:** The Precinct Committee is the supreme Republican Party authority of each precinct, subject to these rules, and the direction and control of official precinct meetings. The Precinct Committee of each precinct is charged with the duty of promoting the welfare and directing the affairs of the Republican Party in its precinct. The Precinct Chairman shall be the executive officer of the precinct delegates to any county convention. The Precinct Chairman is not disqualified to be elected or appointed as a delegate pursuant to these rules. Only the Precinct Committee has the authority to remove any duly elected qualified delegate to the county convention.

**(c) Meetings:** The Precinct Committee shall meet at any time upon the call of the Precinct Chairman, or if said officer is not available, fails, or refuses to issue such call, any two members of the Precinct Committee may call such a meeting. Such call shall be made by written or electronic notice to all members of the Precinct Committee not less than five (5) days prior to the meeting. In like manner, a general precinct meeting may at any time be called of the qualified registered Republican voters in the precinct. The Precinct Chairman, or in the chairman’s absence, the Vice Chairman, or in the absence of both, any person who is a registered Republican selected by a majority of those in attendance, shall preside at the meeting.

**(d) Officers of Precinct Committees:**

The officers of each Precinct Committee shall consist of:

- 1. The Precinct Chairman
- 2. The Precinct Vice Chairman
- 3. The Precinct Secretary        } May be the same person.
- 4. The Precinct Treasurer        }

**(e) Terms of Office:** The term of office of all precinct officers shall begin immediately after their election, and shall continue until the adjournment of the next regular biennial precinct meeting or until their successors are elected and qualified, unless the person is removed, resigns, or becomes disqualified.

- (f) **Vacancies:** If any Precinct Chairman shall die, move from the precinct, resign, or fail to function as determined by the County Executive Committee, or otherwise become disqualified, the Vice Chairman shall become Chairman until a Precinct Committee meeting can be held to elect a new Chairman. If the Vice Chairman, Secretary, or Treasurer shall die, move from the precinct, resign, or otherwise become disqualified, such vacancy shall be filled by election at any regular or special meeting, properly called, of the registered Republican voters in the precinct. However, if the precinct shall fail to fill such vacancy within thirty (30) days of the vacancy occurring, or if the precinct has failed to initially elect such officers, then the County Chairman and Vice Chairman shall jointly fill such vacancy by appointment. If they cannot agree upon any such appointment, then the County Central Committee will appoint. If the members of the County Central Committee cannot agree then the vacancy will be brought before the County Executive Committee. Such appointment shall be subject to the approval of the County Executive Committee. Any person appointed to fill such vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term, unless replaced as set forth herein.

## **Rule 6- County Committees**

- (a) **Composition and Election:**
1. **Composition:** There shall be a County Committee in each county of the state consisting of all the Precinct Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of the county, the County Chairman, the County Vice Chairman, two State Committee members, and two Congressional District Committee members per Congressional District within the county.
  2. **Election of the County Chairman and Vice Chairman:** The County Chairman and Vice Chairman shall be elected by the regular biennial County Convention, by roll call vote or by secret ballot if more than one candidate is nominated for either office; provided, however, that if for any reason no such County Convention is assembled within the time required, or the County Convention fails to elect a County Chairman and Vice Chairman, they shall be elected by the County Committee at a special meeting called for such purpose pursuant to not less than five (5) days written or electronic notice sent to all members of said committee stating such purpose.

**(b) Authority and Duties:**

1. The County Committee of each county is the supreme Republican Party authority of the county, subject to these rules and the direction and control of County Conventions. It is charged with the duty of promoting the welfare and directing and controlling the affairs of the Republican Party in its county.
2. The County Chairman shall be the executive officer and the Vice Chairman the assistant executive officer of the Republican Party of the county. The County Chairman shall be responsible for the enforcement of these rules and the carrying out of the directions and resolutions of the County Committee and the County Conventions in accordance with these rules. The County Chairman shall maintain and within sixty (60) days of being elected, forward to the State Chairman a roster of membership of the County Committee and the County Executive Committee. The County Chairman shall assist in all State and National Republican Party campaigns and shall have general supervision over all Republican Party activities, functions, and campaigns within the county.
3. The County Vice Chairman shall aid and assist the County Chairman in all of said duties and shall serve as Chairman until a County Committee meeting can be held to elect a new chairman, if the Chairman shall die, move from the county, resign, or fail to function as determined by the County Executive Committee, or otherwise become disqualified under grounds cited in Rule 19 (g).
4. The Secretary of the County Committee shall keep minutes of the Executive Committee and County Committee, and act as secretary at County Conventions. The Treasurer of the County Committee shall keep records of all financial transactions of the county and make a report at each County Committee meeting and County Convention, and submit all reports as required by law. Records kept by the Secretary and Treasurer shall be turned over to their successors within thirty (30) days after completion of their term of office.
5. The County Chairman shall be the executive officer of the county delegates to any district or state convention. The County Chairman

is not disqualified to be elected or appointed as a delegate pursuant to these rules. Only the County Central Committee has the authority to remove any duly elected qualified delegate to the district or state convention.

**(c) Meetings:** The County Committee shall meet at any time upon the joint call of the County Chairman and Vice Chairman, or if either of said officers is not available, fails, or refuses to issue such call, or either of said offices is vacant, the other may call such a meeting. If both should issue a call, the first issued shall be the legal call. Such call shall be made by written or electronic notice to all members of the County Committee not less than five (5) days prior to the meeting. If both of said offices are vacant, or both officers or either of them, fail or refuse to issue such call when deemed necessary, then the State Chairman and Vice Chairman jointly, or one fourth of the entire existing members of the County Committee shall be authorized to issue a call for such meeting, duly signed by those who issued the call, provided, however, such call must state the purpose of the meeting and no other business shall be considered at such meeting. The County Chairman, and in the chairman's absence the Vice Chairman, or in the absence of both, any person who is a registered Republican selected by a majority of those in attendance, shall preside at the meeting. The County Chairman and Vice Chairman shall have the same right to vote at any meeting as the other members of the committee.

**(d) Officers of County Committees:** The officers of each County Committee shall consist of:

1. A County Chairman
2. A County Vice Chairman
3. A County Secretary } May be the same person
4. A County Treasurer }

**(e) Terms of Office:**

1. The term of office of the County Chairman and Vice Chairman shall begin immediately after their election and shall continue until the adjournment of the next regular biennial County Convention, or until their successors are elected and qualified, unless sooner removed, resigns, or becomes disqualified.
2. The term of offices of Secretary and Treasurer of the County Committee shall begin from their appointment and continue until the

adjournment of the next biennial County Convention or until their successors are appointed and qualified, unless sooner removed, resigns, or becomes disqualified.

- (f) **Vacancies:** If the County Chairman or Vice Chairman shall die, move from the county, resign, or fail to function, or otherwise become disqualified as cited in Rule 19 (g), then the County Executive Committee if there be one, which shall meet within sixty (60) days of said vacancy, shall fill the vacancy, subject to the approval of the County Committee. Should the County Committee fails to approve the recommendation of the County Executive Committee, the vacancy shall be referred back to the County Executive Committee for further recommendation. The roster(s) of membership of the County Committee and the County Executive Committee on file with the State chairman, pursuant with Rule 6(a)1 above, shall constitute the membership of said committees for purposes of this rule.

If the County Committee fails to fill such vacancy within sixty (60) days of the event that caused the vacancy, then the office shall be filled by the State Chairman and shall be effective immediately. However, the County Committee may elect another in lieu thereof, within thirty (30) days of the appointment by the State Chairman. Any person appointed or elected to fill such vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term, unless replaced as set forth herein.

## **Rule 7- County Executive Committees**

- (a) **Composition and Appointment:** There shall be a County Executive Committee in each county consisting of the County Chairman, the County Vice Chairman, two State Committee members, two Congressional District Committee members per Congressional District within the county, and one State Representative, one State Senator elected in the county, one legislator selected by the County Chairman and, if more than one legislator, one selected by the County Vice Chairman. If such selected legislator's district includes more than one county, the county of their residence shall be one in which they may serve on the committee.

In addition, not more than 25 men and women may be appointed jointly by the County Chairman and Vice Chairman. If they cannot agree upon such appointments, then the Chairman shall appoint not more than 13 and the Vice Chairman shall appoint not more than 12 of such members in addition



to those enumerated herein, except in counties whose population is 200,000 or more, then such addition not more than 51 men and women may be appointed jointly by the County Chairman and Vice Chairman. If they cannot agree upon such appointments, then the Chairman should appoint not more than 26 and the Vice Chairman should appoint not more than 25 of such membership in addition to those enumerated herein. They shall serve at the pleasure of the County Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Where the Chairman and Vice Chairman have been unable to agree on such appointments and 13 or 26 appointments have been made by the Chairman and 12 or 25 by the Vice Chairman as provided above, if it shall later become necessary to remove any of said appointees and they cannot again agree on said removal, then each may remove any appointee made individually by them under the provisions of this rule and may thereafter appoint their replacement.

- (b) Authority and Duties:** The County Executive Committee shall at all times act in an advisory capacity to the County Chairman and Vice Chairman and shall confer with them and offer such plans and suggestions as will serve and advance the best interests of the welfare of the Party not inconsistent with these rules. It shall also be the duty of the County Executive Committee to meet prior to any County Convention to make recommendations to the County Chairman for the organization of the County Convention.
- (c) Meetings:** The County Executive Committee shall meet upon the joint call of the County Chairman and Vice Chairman, or if either of said officers is not available, or either of said offices is vacant, the other may call such meeting. If said officers cannot agree as to such call, either may call such meeting. If both issue such call, the first issued shall be the legal call. Such call shall be made by written or electronic notice to all members of the County Committee not less than five (5) days prior to the meeting. If both of the offices are vacant or both officers shall fail or refuse to issue such call when deemed necessary, one-fourth of the entire existing members of the County Executive Committee shall be authorized to issue a call for such meeting, duly signed by said members; provided, however such call made by such members must state the purpose of the meeting and no other business shall be transacted at such meeting. The County Chairman, or in the chairman's absence, the Vice Chairman, or in the absence of both, any person who is a registered Republican selected by a majority of those in

attendance, shall preside at the meeting. The County Chairman and Vice Chairman shall have the same right to vote as the other members of the committee. The Secretary of the County Committee shall, by virtue of the office, also be Secretary of the County Executive Committee.

- (d) **Vacancies:** If any County Executive Committee member shall die, move from the county, resign, or otherwise become disqualified, then the County Chairman and Vice Chairman shall jointly fill such vacancy. If they cannot agree upon any such appointment, then the County Central Committee will appoint. If the members of the County Central Committee cannot agree then the vacancy will be brought before the County Executive Committee.

### **Rule 8- County Central Committee**

- (a) **Composition:** There shall be a County Central Committee comprised of the County Chairman, the County Vice Chairman, and the two State Committee members.
- (b) **Duties:** The duty of the County Central Committee shall be limited solely to performing, with the advice and consent of the County Executive Committee, functions as prescribed by law. When submitting to the County Election Board recommendations for Republican Membership on the precinct election boards, as provided by law, the County Central Committee must recommend those persons whose names have been recommended for membership on the election board in that precinct by a precinct caucus, provided the precinct caucus was called and conducted in accordance with the Rules of the Republican Party, and further provided that the list is submitted pursuant to Oklahoma election laws.

### **Rule 9- Congressional District Committees**

- (a) **Composition and Elections:** There shall be a Congressional District Committee in each congressional district of the state composed of two (2) members from each county elected at the regular biennial County Convention from each congressional district in which a county lies, by delegates residing within the congressional district, and the County Chairman and Vice Chairman of the counties of each district shall by virtue of their offices, also be members of the committee of each congressional district in which the county lies with the same rights and duties as other members.

- (b) **Authority and Duties:** The Congressional District Committee of each congressional district is the supreme Republican authority as to Congressional matters in the district, subject to these rules and the direction and control of Congressional District Conventions, the State Committee, and State Conventions. It is charged with the duty of promoting the welfare of the Republican Party in its respective Congressional District.
- (c) **Meetings:** The Congressional District Committee shall meet at any time upon the joint call of the Congressional District Chairman and Vice Chairman pursuant to ten (10) days written or electronic notice sent to all members of said committee stating such purpose, or if either of said officers is not available, or either of said officers cannot agree as to such call, either may call such meeting, and if both should issue such a call, the first issued shall be the legal call. If both of said offices are vacant, or both officers fail or refuse to issue such a call when deemed necessary, then one-fourth of the entire existing members of the Congressional District Committee is authorized to issue a call for such meeting, duly signed by said members; provided, however such call made by such members state the purpose of the meeting and no other business shall be transacted at such meeting. The Congressional District Chairman, or in the chairman's absence, the Vice Chairman, or in the absence of both, any person who is a registered Republican selected by a majority of those in attendance, shall preside at the meeting. The Congressional District Chairman and Vice Chairman shall have the same right to vote as the other members of the committee.
- (d) **Officers of Congressional District Committee:** The officers of each Congressional District Committee shall consist of:
1. A Congressional District Chairman
  2. A Congressional District Vice Chairman
  3. A Congressional District Secretary } May be the same person.
  4. A Congressional District Treasurer }
- (e) **Term of Office:** Their term of office of each Congressional District Committee member shall begin immediately after their election and shall continue until the adjournment of the next regular biennial County Convention or until their successors are elected and qualified, unless sooner removed, resigns, or becomes disqualified.

- (f) **Vacancies:** If any Congressional District member shall die, move from the county, resign or otherwise become disqualified, then the County Chairman and Vice Chairman of their county shall jointly fill such vacancy by appointment. If they cannot agree on such appointment, then the County Central Committee will appoint. All such appointments shall be subject to the approval of the County Executive Committee. If the County Chairman or Vice Chairman shall fail to fill such vacancy after ten (10) days notification by the State Committee, then it shall be filled by the State Chairman and shall be effective immediately, but subject to the disapproval and appointment of another in lieu thereof within thirty (30) days by the County Committee. Any person appointed to fill such vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term, unless replaced as set forth herein.
- (g) **Election, Term, Vacancies of Congressional District Chairman and Vice Chairman:** The Congressional District Chairman and Vice Chairman shall be elected at the regular quadrennial Congressional District meeting which shall be held by said committee within sixty (60) days after the regular biennial County Conventions in the year immediately following the gubernatorial elections. Their term of office shall begin upon election and continue until their successors are elected and qualified, unless sooner removed, resigns, or becomes disqualified. If the Congressional District Chairman and Vice Chairman shall die, move from the county or otherwise become disqualified, such vacancy shall be filled by said committee at a special meeting called for such purpose. Any person elected to fill such vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.
- (h) **Appointment, Term, Vacancies of Congressional District Secretary and Treasurer:** The Secretary and Treasurer of the Congressional District Committee shall be appointed jointly by the Congressional District Chairman and Vice Chairman. If they cannot agree on either or both such appointments, then the Chairman shall appoint the Treasurer and the Vice Chairman the Secretary. Such appointments shall be subject to the approval of the Congressional District Committee. Their term of office shall begin from their appointment and continue until the adjournment of the next quadrennial Congressional District Committee meeting or until their successors are appointed and qualified, unless sooner removed, resigns, or becomes disqualified.

## Rule 10- State Committee

- (a) **Composition and Election:** There shall be a State Committee of Oklahoma which shall be composed of two (2) members from each county of the State elected at a regular biennial County Convention, the State Chairman, the State Vice Chairman, the Chairman of the Oklahoma Federation of Young Republicans, the Chairman of the Oklahoma Federation of College Republicans, the Chairman of the Oklahoma Federation of Teen-Age Republicans, the president of the Oklahoma Federation of Republican Women, the chairman of the Oklahoma Minority Republican Coalition, the National Committeeman and Committeewoman of Oklahoma, the Republican members of the Oklahoma Legislature, all Republican officials who are elected statewide, all Republican members of the U.S. Congress from Oklahoma, the immediate past State Chairman, and the Chairman and Vice Chairman of each Congressional District in the state. The County Chairman and Vice Chairman of each county are also members.
- (b) **Authority and Duties:** The State Committee is the supreme Republican Party authority of the state Republican Party, subject to these rules and the direction and control of the State Convention. It is charged with the duty of promoting the welfare and direction, controlling the affairs of the Oklahoma Republican Party and the Oklahoma State Republican Conventions, and in promoting the welfare of the Republican Party of the United States of America. The State Committee shall meet immediately preceding any State Convention and receive the report and recommendations of the State Executive Committee for the purpose of establishing the organization of the State Convention and shall consider same and shall thereafter make its report and recommendations to the State Convention.
- (c) **Meetings:** The State Committee shall meet at any time upon the joint call of the State Chairman and Vice Chairman, pursuant to ten (10) days written or electronic notice sent to all members of said committee stating such purpose, or if either of said officers is not available, or either of said offices is vacant, the other may call such a meeting. If said officers cannot agree as to such a call, either may call such meeting. If both should issue such a call, the first issued shall be the legal call. If both of said offices are vacant, or both officers fail or refuse to issue such a call, then the National Committeeman and National Committeewoman may issue such call. If said officers cannot agree as to such a call, either may call such meeting.

If both should issue such a call, the first issued shall be the legal call. If both of said offices are vacant, or both officers fail or refuse to issue such a call, then one-fourth of the entire existing members of the State Committee shall be authorized to issue a call for such meeting, duly signed by said members; provided, however such call made by such members must state the purpose of the meeting and no other business may be transacted at such meeting. The State Chairman, or in the chairman's absence, the Vice Chairman, and in the absence of both, any person who is a registered Republican selected by those in attendance, shall preside at the meeting.

- (d) **Officers of the State Committee:** The officers of the State Committee shall consist of:
1. A State Chairman
  2. A State Vice Chairman
  3. A State Secretary
  4. A State Treasurer
  5. An Assistant State Treasurer
  6. A General Counsel
- (e) **Term of Office:** The term of office of the State Committee members shall begin immediately after their election and shall continue until the adjournment of the next regular biennial County Convention and until their successors are elected and qualified, unless sooner removed, resigns, or becomes disqualified.
- (f) **Vacancies:** If any State Committee member shall die, move from the county, resign, or otherwise become disqualified, then the County Committee shall fill such vacancy at a special meeting called for such purpose pursuant to ten (10) days written or electronic notice sent to all members of said committee stating such purpose. If the County Committee fails to fill such vacancy within thirty (30) days, then it shall be filled at once by the State Chairman, effective immediately, but subject to the disapproval and election of another, in lieu thereof, within thirty (30) days of the appointment by the State Chairman, by the County Committee. Any person appointed to fill such vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term, unless replaced as set forth herein.
- (g) **Election and Duties of State Chairman and Vice Chairman:** The State Chairman and Vice Chairman shall be elected by the regular biennial State

Convention, by roll call vote if there is more than one candidate nominated for either office. The State Chairman shall be the executive officer and the Vice Chairman the assistant executive officer of the State Committee and the Oklahoma Republican Party. The State Chairman shall be responsible for the enforcement of these rules and the carrying out of the directions and resolutions of the State Committee and the State Conventions in accordance with these rules. The State Chairman shall not discard any of the files or records of the Republican State Committee without the consent of the Budget Committee. The State Chairman shall assist in all national Republican Party campaigns, and shall have general supervision over all activities, functions, and campaigns within the state. The State Vice Chairman shall aid and assist the State Chairman in all of said duties and shall act as Chairman when the chairmanship is vacant or when the Chairman is disqualified or is not available. They shall have the same right to vote at any State Committee meeting as members of said committee.

- (h) **Term of Office of State Chairman and Vice Chairman:** The term of office of State Chairman and Vice Chairman shall begin immediately after adjournment of the regular biennial State Convention at which they were elected, and continue until the adjournment of the next regular biennial State Convention, and until their successors are elected and qualified, unless sooner removed, resigns, or becomes disqualified.
- (i) **Vacancies of State Chairman and Vice Chairman:** If the State Chairman shall die, move from the state, resign, or otherwise become disqualified, then the Vice Chairman shall serve as Chairman until such vacancy shall be filled by the State Committee at a special meeting held within sixty (60) days for such purpose pursuant to written or electronic notice sent to all members of said committee stating such purpose 30 days prior to said meeting. Any person elected to fill such vacancy shall serve the remainder of the unexpired term. If the Vice Chairman shall die, move from the state, resign, or otherwise become disqualified, then the vacancy shall be filled by the State Committee as described for filling the office of Chairman.
- (j) **Appointment of State Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and General Counsel:** The State Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and General Counsel of the State Committee shall be appointed by the State Chairman, subject to the approval of the State Committee, as soon as possible not exceeding sixty (60) days after each regular biennial State Convention. If the office of Treasurer shall become vacant, the Assistant

Treasurer shall become Treasurer until a new successor is appointed and qualified.

- (k) **Duties of the State Secretary:** The State Secretary shall attend all meetings of the State Committee and keep the minutes of all meetings and reports furnished to said committee. The minutes of such meetings shall be attested by the State Secretary. The minutes and reports shall be transmitted or delivered to the office of the State Chairman at the State Headquarters, as soon as possible, not to exceed ten (10) days after each meeting. They shall remain there available for review by any officer or member of the State Republican Committee.
  
- (l) **Duties of State Treasurer:** The State Treasurer shall be the custodian of all funds of the State Committee and the Oklahoma Republican Party and shall disburse the same in accordance with budgets established by the State Budget Committee. The State Treasurer shall keep a strict account of all receipts and disbursements, with the dates thereof, from whom received and to whom disbursed, and the purpose thereof. The accounts of the Treasurer shall be accessible at all times to the State Chairman and Vice Chairman, or any member of the State Finance or Budget Committees or any representative of any of said officers or committees duly authorized in writing by such officer or committee. All disbursements shall be made in accordance with the law and these rules. The State Treasurer shall report at such time or times as requested by the State Budget Committee in such form as will provide all necessary information relative to the amount of receipts, disbursements and cash balance, together with expenditures charged to each item of the budget and the unexpended balance of the budget items. At any time, if required by the State Budget Committee, the State Treasurer shall furnish a good and sufficient bond payable to the Oklahoma Republican State Committee for the faithful performance of the duties and due accounting for all money and property entrusted to the Treasurer, in such amount as may be required by the State Budget Committee and be generally approved by said committee. At the end of the term of office, the State Treasurer shall deliver to the successor all monies, property, books, and records of the State Budget Committee and the Oklahoma Republican Party, maintained by or in the possession of the State Treasurer.



- (m) **Duties of General Counsel:** It shall be the duty of the General Counsel of the State Committee to be the chief legal advisor of the State Committee, and all other state committees and state officers on legal matters pertaining to said committees and officers and the Oklahoma Republican Party. General Counsel may also attend and be Parliamentarian at all State Committee meetings to advise the presiding officer on all questions of parliamentary procedure and the rulings of the presiding officer, if requested to do so by such officer of the committee.

## **Rule 11- State Executive Committee**

- (a) **Composition and Appointment:** There shall be a State Executive Committee composed of:
- ) the State Chairman;
  - ) the State Vice Chairman;
  - ) the elected Congressional District Chairman and Congressional District Vice Chairman from each Congressional District of the state;
  - ) the Republican Governor, if there be one;
  - ) the President of the Oklahoma Federation of Republican Women;
  - ) the Chairman of the Oklahoma Federation of Young Republicans;
  - ) the Chairman of the Oklahoma Federation of Teen-Age Republicans;
  - ) the County Chairman of each county which maintains (and has maintained, for the year immediately previous) a County Republican Headquarters facility (For purposes of these rules, a County headquarters shall be a facility staffed and open to the public a minimum of 20 hours per week, 24 weeks annually in election years, 20 weeks annually in non-election years. It shall not be a shared residence or business office.
  - ) from the state at large, ten members. The members shall be appointed jointly by the State Chairman and Vice Chairman if they can agree; however, in case they cannot agree, each may appoint five (5) members, subject to the approval of the State Committee.
  - ) The Republican National Committeeman and Committeewoman of Oklahoma and the highest ranking Republican Representative of the House and the highest ranking Republican Senator of the Senate shall also be members of said committee by virtue of their office, with the same powers and privileges as the other members.

- (b) **Duties:** The State Executive Committee shall at all times act in an advisory capacity to the State Chairman, and shall confer with said chairman and offer such plans and suggestions as will serve and advance the best interests of the Party not inconsistent with these rules. Said committee shall fix the time and place of any State Convention as more fully prescribed in Rule 16. It shall also be the duty of the State Executive Committee to report its recommendations to the State Committee for organization in preparation for any State Convention.
- (c) **Meetings:** The State Executive Committee shall meet at any time upon the joint call of the State Chairman and Vice Chairman pursuant to ten (10) days written or electronic notice sent to all members of said committee stating such purpose or if either of said officers is not available, or if either of said offices is vacant, the other may call such meeting. If said officers cannot agree as to such call, either may call a meeting. If both issue such a call, the first issued shall be the legal call. If both of said offices are vacant or both officers shall fail or refuse to issue such a call, then the National Committeeman and National Committeewoman may issue such call. If said officers cannot agree as to such a call, either may call such meeting. If both should issue such a call, the first issued shall be the legal call. If both of said offices are vacant or both officers fail or refuse to issue such a call, then one-fourth of the entire existing members of the State Executive Committee shall be authorized to issue a call for such meeting, duly assigned by said members, provided, however, such call made by such members must state the purpose of the meeting and no other business shall be transacted at such meeting. The State Chairman and, in the chairman's absence, the Vice Chairman, and in the absence of both, any person who is a registered Republican selected by those in attendance, shall preside at the meeting. The State Secretary shall, by virtue of the office, also be Secretary of the State Executive Committee.

## **Rule 12- State Central Committee**

- (b) **Composition:** There shall be a State Central Committee comprised of the State Chairman, the State Vice Chairman, the National Committeeman, and the National Committeewoman.
- (c) **Duties:** The duty of the State Central Committee shall be to perform, with the advice and consent of the State Executive Committee, functions necessary for the operation of the Oklahoma Republican Party.

### **Rule 13- State Finance Committee**

- (a) **Composition, Term, and Vacancies:** There shall be a State Finance Committee composed of not less than twice the number of Congressional Districts in the state and not more than one hundred (100). In addition to the above members, there shall be a State Finance Chairman, and if desired, a State Finance Vice Chairman. They shall be appointed by the State Chairman, as soon as possible (not to exceed sixty (60) days after the regular biennial State Convention, subject to the approval of the State Committee, and shall serve at the pleasure of the State Chairman. Any vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as an appointment is made. The State Chairman and Vice Chairman, Oklahoma Republican National Committeeman and Committeewoman, and State Treasurer shall, by virtue of their office, also be members of said committee, and shall have the same power and authority as the other members.
- (b) **Authority and Duties:** It shall be the duty of the State Finance Committee to devise ways and means to properly finance the Republican General Election campaigns and other Republican Party business and affairs. The State Finance Committee shall have authority to establish quotas on an equitable basis designating the responsibility of each county within the state to provide the funds required to meet Republican Party organizational needs, and to cooperate with county organizations in determining the financial requirements of local organizations, and to effect agreements between the State Finance Committee and county Republican organizations for equitable division of funds raised within each county. It shall have the authority to communicate in the name of the committee with such persons as it shall deem necessary for the purpose of promoting the business and general welfare of the Republican Party, and to raise funds for general election campaigns.

The State Finance Chairman shall have the authority and responsibility for details involved with committee-sponsored or statewide fundraising events, including the collection and accountability for the proceeds therefrom. Requests for presidents, vice presidents, cabinet members, governors, senators, and representatives for the state party fundraising events shall be made through either the State Finance Chairman or State Headquarters. Said committee shall not, however, directly or indirectly, raise or collect, or attempt to raise or collect funds for the benefit of any candidates (county, state or national) for primary elections.

All funds collected by the Oklahoma Republican Party shall be deposited in an account subject to disbursement by the State Chairman, subject to the advice and consent of the State Budget Committee, in the manner hereinafter provided. At such periodic intervals as may be determined by the State Budget Committee, there may be disbursed to the county Republican organizations such portion of funds collected within the county involved as shall have been agreed upon in writing between the State Finance Committee and the County Chairman and County Finance Committee, or as shall have otherwise been determined by the State Finance Committee. Payment of the necessary and proper operating expenses of the State Finance Committee, within limits authorized by the State Budget Committee, shall be made from funds in possession of said committee. At such periodic intervals as shall be directed by the State Budget Committee, the remaining funds collected by the State Finance Committee shall be transferred to the State Treasurer, who shall disburse it only in accordance with law and these rules.

#### **Rule 14- State Budget Committee**

- (a) **Composition, Term and Vacancies:** There shall be a State Budget Committee of the State Committee composed of the State Chairman, the State Vice Chairman, the Oklahoma National Committeeman and Committeewoman, the Treasurer of the State Committee, and the Chairman of the State Finance Committee, together with nine members, at least one of whom shall be nominated by the members of the Congressional District Committee of each Congressional District, to be elected by the Congressional District Committee as soon as possible (not to exceed sixty (60) days) after the regular biennial State Convention, whose term of office shall begin upon their election and continue until the adjournment of the next regular biennial State Convention and their successors are elected and qualified. A vacancy in any position of such elected members shall be filled for the unexpired term by election by the Congressional District Committee at any regular or special meeting thereof. Any remaining members after those nominated by the members of the Congressional District Committees of each Congressional District shall be jointly filled by the State Chairman and Vice Chairman. If they cannot agree on such appointment, then they shall be evenly appointed between the State Chairman and Vice Chairman, in the event that there is an odd number remaining, the State Chairman shall make the extra appointment.

- (b) **Authority and Duties:** It shall be the responsibility of the State Budget Committee, and it shall have the power and authority, to prepare budgets designating the amount, classification and priority of expenditures to be made from funds of the Republican State Committee, giving due consideration to the estimated availability of funds. By appropriate actions and resolutions it shall prescribe rules and regulation governing the fiscal affairs of the Republican Party organizations, including the procedure required for recommendations to the State Committee of amounts to be included in budgets and the incurring of obligations under such budgets. Said committee shall not authorize, directly or indirectly, any budget for, or expenditures of, funds for any candidate or candidates for any Primary election campaign, or the expenses thereof, whether such expenses incurred before, during, or after such Primary election.

It shall be the duty of said committee to evaluate the procedures and records of the State Treasurer and the State Finance Committee, and to make a report of such evaluation to the State Chairman, and State Committee annually, or more often as deemed necessary by the Budget Committee, or when requested by the State Chairman, or State Committee.

- (c) **CPA Financial Review:** The financial books and records of the Oklahoma Republican Party, including the State Committee, the State Finance Committee, the Candidate Reserve Fund, and all other funds established by the Oklahoma Republican Party, shall be reviewed by a certified public accountant chosen by the State Budget Committee within a reasonable time after a new chairman is elected. A biennial review shall be conducted immediately preceding the biennial State Convention and shall cover the two year period ending January 31 of the Biennial Convention year. The review shall be conducted in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles as established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The completed review shall be submitted to the State Chairman, the State Budget Committee, and the State Committee.

Such a review may also be conducted at any other time as deemed necessary by a majority of those present and voting at a State Budget Committee or State Committee meeting, provided a quorum is present at the meeting.

- (f) **State Budget Committee Review:** The financial records of the Oklahoma Republican Party including the State Committee, the State Finance Committee, the Candidate Reserve Fund and all other funds established by the Oklahoma Republican Party, and in addition, a complete inventory of all equipment and all property owned or leased by the Oklahoma Republican Party, shall be examined by the State Budget Committee, and shall cover the two-year period ending with the even-numbered years. The completed examination shall be submitted to the State Chairman, and the State Committee.

Such a review may also be conducted at any other time as recommended by the State Budget Committee or the State Committee.

#### **Rule 15 - National Committee Members**

- (a) **Nomination and Election:** The regular State Convention held in a Presidential election year shall elect the Republican National Committeeman and Committeewoman from Oklahoma.
- (b) **Vacancies:** If a vacancy should occur, for any reason, in the position of National Committeeman or National Committeewoman, it shall be filled by election by the State Committee.
- (c) **Ex-Officio Members of Certain Committees:** Members of the Republican National Committee from Oklahoma shall by virtue of their offices be members of the State Central Committee, State Committee, the State Executive Committee, the State Finance Committee, and the State Budget Committee, with the same powers and privileges as the other members of said committees.

#### **Rule 16 – Conventions (See Chart in Addendum A)**

- (a) **Regular Biennial Meetings and Conventions:** There shall be a regular biennial Precinct Meeting in each precinct, except with prior approval of the County Executive Committee of the location outside the precinct boundary; a regular biennial County Convention in each county of the state, and a regular biennial State Convention of the Oklahoma Republican Party, called to convene during the months of April or May every two years in the odd numbered years, and April or May in the year the regular quadrennial Congressional District Conventions are called.

- (b) **Regular Quadrennial Congressional District Conventions:** There shall be a regular quadrennial Congressional District Convention of the Republican Party of each Congressional District of Oklahoma called to convene during the months of February, March, April, or May of each Presidential election year.
- (c) **Fixing Time and Place of Meetings and Conventions:** The State Executive Committee shall fix the deadlines for holding said regular biennial and quadrennial Precinct Meetings, County Conventions, and Congressional District Conventions, and the time and place of the State Conventions. The State Executive Committee shall direct the State Chairman, or if not available, or said office is vacant, the State Vice Chairman, to issue such call, not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date fixed for the State Convention. The State Executive Committee or the State Chairman may permit the County and Congressional District organizations to fix the exact hour, day, and place of the Precinct Meetings and the County Conventions, within limits consistent with these rules. The dates convening all of said meetings and conventions shall be fixed so that they will convene in the following chronological order: (1) Precinct Meetings; (2) County Conventions; (3) Congressional District Conventions; (4) State Convention.
- (d) **Special Meetings and Conventions:** The State Committee, at any time in the interest of the Republican Party, may direct the State Chairman, or if not available or if said office is vacant, the State Vice Chairman, to issue a call for Special Precinct Meetings, County Conventions, and Congressional District Conventions, in any or all of the counties and congressional districts of the state in connection with or without calling a Special State Convention. The procedure for calling regular biennial meetings and conventions shall apply to the calling of special meetings so far as applicable and not inconsistent with these rules.
- (e) **Delegates to Conventions:** The State Executive Committee shall determine the number of delegates by which each county is entitled to be represented in any Congressional District Convention or State Convention, apportioned among the counties according to the number of votes cast for the Republican nominee for President or Governor in each county at the preceding General Election. The State Call shall set forth the number of delegates each county is entitled to be represented by in the State and/or Congressional Conventions. If only a portion of a county lies within a congressional district, apportionment to such county of delegates to each

Congressional District Convention shall be based upon the number of votes cast within that portion of the county which lies within the congressional district.

The County Executive Committee of each county shall determine the number of delegates each precinct is entitled to be represented by in any County Convention, apportioned among the precincts of the County according to the number of votes cast for the Republican nominee for President or Governor in each precinct at the preceding General Election. Each precinct shall be entitled to at least one delegate. Such county shall specify the number of delegates each precinct is entitled to in the County Convention. The Oklahoma Federation of Young Republicans shall be allowed twenty (20) delegates to the State Convention. Said delegates will be allocated by the State Executive Committee of the Young Republicans and must be named prior to Republican County Conventions. The Oklahoma Federation of College Republicans shall be allowed at least ten (10) delegates to the State Convention with said delegates being at least eighteen (18) years of age by the time of the State Convention to which they are delegates; and said delegates being a member of the Oklahoma Federation of College Republicans at least one (1) college semester. Delegates who are members of voting auxiliary organizations shall choose whether to vote as an auxiliary delegate or a county delegate.

- (f) Organization of Conventions:** All County, Congressional District, and State Conventions shall be called to order respectively by the County, District, or State Chairman, or if not available or said office is vacant, by the Vice Chairman. The Chairman:
  
- (g) Voting at Conventions:** Delegates to County, Congressional District, and State Conventions may cast whole votes or fractional votes in accordance with the authorization of the original precinct or county convention (whichever is applicable) so long as each delegate within a precinct or county delegation shall possess a vote equal to the vote possessed by any other delegate within the same delegation.

The following rules shall apply to all delegations as a part of the convention rules and order of business:

1. Votes announced shall be in one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) or whole votes only and shall not be announced in any other fraction, or the Convention may accept



the actual ballot count for the purpose of computerized tallies.

2. Any delegation shall be allowed to pass when its name is called on the first roll, but must answer when its name is called the second time, in proper order, and failing to do so immediately, shall lose its vote on such roll call.

3. Voting of any delegation under the unit rule shall not be recognized by any County, Congressional District, or State Convention.

**(h) Types of Convention Delegations:**

1. **Open Delegation:** An open delegation is one which allows all qualified delegates from a precinct or county to attend and vote at a convention. An open delegation must be approved by vote of the County Convention. A sign-up sheet must be provided for persons to indicate their intent to attend the Congressional District or State Convention as a delegate. The list of those persons signing as delegates must be submitted to the Congressional District or State Chairman at least seven (7) days prior to the respective convention. No one person shall cast more than two (2) whole votes. No alternates or proxies will be allowed in an open delegation.

2. **Delegate-Alternate:** A delegate-alternate delegation is one in which the number of delegates matches the allocated votes of the precinct or county convention. The list of those persons elected as delegates-alternates must be submitted to the Congressional District or State Chairman at least seven (7) days prior to the respective convention. No proxies will be allowed in a delegate-alternate delegation.

3. **Delegate Contact Information:** A list of authorized delegates and their contact information shall be made available to any delegate requesting said information within seven (7) days after the date of the Convention from which a list is manufactured.

**Rule 17 - State Convention Committees**

**(a) State Convention Committee Members:** The number of committee delegates for all convention committees is based on a proportional representation formula, determined by the number of votes cast in the last presidential or gubernatorial election, in each county for the Republican candidate, with a minimum of one committee member per county. Counties

with only one delegate may choose the committee: Platform, Credentials, or Rules, on which that delegate may serve. Each county is allowed one member per every ten percent of delegate votes. No more than fifty percent of committee delegates from a county may serve on any one committee.

**(b) State Convention Credentials Committee**

1. The State Chairman shall appoint the Credentials Committee Chairman.
2. The Credentials Committee shall review the delegate list from each County, resolve any disputes, and recommend those eligible to be delegates to the Convention.
3. The Credentials Committee report shall be submitted to the State Convention for adoption.

**(c) State Convention Platform Committee**

1. The State Chairman shall appoint the Platform Committee Chairman. The assembled subcommittees shall each select its chairman.
2. The State Chairman shall appoint a Platform Editor to edit for grammar, style, and redundancy. The Editor shall have no authority to make substantive changes to the recommended Platform.
3. The Platform Committee shall review and revise, as necessary, the last adopted Platform.
4. The Platform Committee may meet a maximum of four times before the State Convention. All Platform meetings shall not meet before 9:00 a.m. and shall not extend after 6:00 p.m.
5. No substantive changes may be made at the final meeting of the Platform Committee prior to the State Convention.
6. The Platform Committee report shall be submitted to the State Convention for debate and adoption.

**(d) State Convention Rules Committee**

1. The State Chairman shall appoint the Rules Committee Chairman.
2. The Rules Committee shall review and revise, as necessary, the last adopted Rules.
3. The Rules Committee shall specify how additional rules, regulations, or platform planks may be submitted from the floor for consideration, and shall specify the percentages of votes needed for passage.
4. The Rules Committee may meet a maximum of four times before the State Convention. All Rules meetings shall not meet before 9:00

a.m. and shall not extend after 6:00 p.m.

5. No substantive changes may be made at the final meeting of the Rules Committee prior to the State Convention.
6. The Rules Committee report shall be submitted to the State Convention for debate and adoption.

**Rule 18 - Nomination and Election of Delegates to National Convention and Presidential Electors:**

- (a) **Nominating Committee:** The State Executive Committee shall convene after the close of the Congressional District Conventions and at least two weeks prior to the date of the State Convention for the purpose of selecting nominees for Delegate-at-Large and Alternate-at-Large to the Republican National Convention. The number of names placed in nomination shall be determined by the State Executive Committee.
- (b) **Voting for Nominations:** Members of the State Executive Committee who are seeking nomination to a position of Delegate-at-Large or Alternate-at-Large shall not vote on the selection of nominees, nor may they be represented by proxy in the selection of nominees, but they may participate in all other business of the committee.
- (c) **List of Nominees:** A list of names selected by the State Executive Committee to be placed in nomination at the State Convention, and the position to which they will be nominated, shall be posted on the State Party web site, and sent by mail or electronically ten (10) days prior to the State Convention to each County Republican Chairman by the State Republican Chairman.
- (d) **Nominations at State Convention:** At the State Convention convened for the purpose of electing Delegates-at-Large and Alternates-at-Large to the Republican National Convention, qualified nominations of the State Executive Committee shall be placed before the convention by the State Chairman, and all other qualified nominations shall be received by the chairman of the State Convention in accordance with the rules adopted by such convention. Election of the Delegates-at-Large and Alternates-at-Large shall be by roll call vote.
- (e) **Nominations at Congressional District Conventions:** At the Congressional District Conventions convened for the purpose of electing

delegates and alternates to the Republican National Convention, qualified nominations shall be received by the chairman of the Congressional District Convention and shall be placed before the Congressional District Convention in accordance with the rules adopted by such convention. Election of three (3) delegates and three (3) alternates from each Congressional District Convention shall be by roll call vote of each county. Each delegate and alternate shall be elected by separate ballot.

- (f) **Eligibility of Delegates:** A person may serve as a delegate to the Republican National Convention no more than two consecutive times. This limitation shall not, however, prevent the attendance as a delegate of a person appointed to chair one of the National Convention Committees. As required by the Republican National Committee Rules, the State Chairman, the National Committeeman, and National Committeewoman shall be delegates to the Republican National Convention. The total number of times that a person may be a delegate or alternate is unlimited.
- (g) **Qualification of Nominees:** A nomination at a convention for the position of delegate or alternate to the Republican National Convention shall be deemed qualified only if the State Convention Secretary or the Congressional District Convention Secretary, whichever is applicable, shall have actually received, pursuant to Convention rules, an affidavit signed by the nominee stating the name and address of the nominee, and certifying that the nominee is a registered voter of the Oklahoma Republican Party, and that the nominee will accept the nomination if elected, and that the vote of the nominee on selection of the Republican candidate for President of the United States at the Republican National Convention shall be cast as provided in 26 O.S. 20-104(h).
- (h) **Award of Delegate Votes:** The following method shall be followed by the Oklahoma Republican Party to award delegates votes at the Republican National Convention, based on the canvassed results of the Presidential Preference Primary reported to the Chairman of the ORP by the Secretary of the State Election Board. The method to award delegates that is set out by statute in the State of Oklahoma (presently codified at 26 O.S. 2001 §20-104B&C) shall be superseded and/or supplanted by this rule.
1. All delegates from the State at Large shall be awarded to a presidential candidate who receives a majority (more than 50%) of the votes in the Republican presidential preference primary

election in the state. If no presidential candidate receives a majority of the votes in the state, then the award shall be as follows: based on the relationship that the number of votes received by each presidential candidate bears to the total number of votes cast in the Republican presidential primary election in the entire State; provided that a presidential candidate must receive at least 15 percent of the total vote cast in the State in the Republican presidential preference primary election in order to be entitled to any of the State at Large delegates. The Chairman of the Oklahoma Republican Party shall apportion pro rata the number of delegates from the State at large each of the presidential candidates is entitled to receive rounded to the nearest whole number.

2. All delegates from each congressional district shall be awarded to a presidential candidate who receives a majority (more than 50%) of the votes in the Republican presidential preference primary election in that district. If no presidential candidate receives a majority of the votes in a congressional district, then the award shall be as follows:
  - a. If three or more presidential candidates receive 15 percent or more of such total vote in the district, the top three finishers in the District shall each be awarded one delegate from that district.
  - b. If only two presidential candidates receive 15 percent or more of such total vote in the district, the presidential candidate who receives the most votes in that congressional district shall receive two (2) delegates and the presidential candidate who receives the second most votes in that congressional district shall receive one (1) delegate; and,
  - c. If only one presidential candidate receives 15 percent or more of such total vote in the district, such presidential candidate shall be awarded all of the delegates from that district.

A presidential candidate must receive at least 15 percent of the total vote cast in the district in the Republican presidential primary election in order to be entitled to any of the three delegates from that district.

- (i) **Election of Presidential Electors:** Pursuant to Oklahoma State Laws, the Oklahoma Republican Party shall nominate a number of Electors for

President and Vice President of the United States of America equal to the number of United States Senators and United States Representatives which the state is entitled to elect. Therefore, each Congressional District Convention shall elect one Presidential Elector and one Alternate Presidential Elector who shall subscribe the duties of said office. The State Convention held in the same presidential election year shall elect two Presidential Electors and two Alternate Presidential Electors who shall subscribe the duties of said office.

### **Rule 19- General Rules Applicable to Various Officers and Committees**

- (a) Additional Officers, Committees, and Rules:** All officers, committees, and delegates recognized or established by these rules are authorized to appoint, or elect, their own chairman and such subordinate officers or committees, and promulgate such additional rules, not inconsistent with these rules, as they may deem necessary from time to time to aid them in the performance of their duties, and may discontinue or change any of such officers, committees or rules at any time.
- (b) Quorum of Committees, Delegations, and Conventions:** A quorum of the State Committee shall be one hundred (100) delegates or more, present in person or represented by proxy. A majority of the roll of delegates at any duly convened Republican Convention shall constitute a quorum. A majority of those named to any Committee or Delegation shall constitute a quorum. A majority of those registered Republicans who sign in at the biennial general precinct meeting shall constitute a quorum. Once a quorum is established, a quorum shall be deemed to be present until fewer than two thirds (2/3) of the original quorum remain. Any proper legal action may be taken by such committee, delegation, or convention by a majority of the members voting, except when otherwise specifically provided in these rules or by law.
- (c) Proxies:** Absent members of any County Committee, Congressional District Committee, or State Committee meeting, or any other official committee meeting, may be represented at such meeting by a written proxy designating the person who is to represent the member, except that there shall be no proxies at any convention or precinct meeting. Any person carrying a proxy must possess the same residence qualifications as the member represented, and if so, shall have the same rights and privileges as a voting member, as shown by the following:

**A PROXY MAY BE GIVEN:**

FROM or TO:	TO or FROM:
County Chair, Vice-Chair, State Committee Member	Any registered Republican in the same county
District Chair, Vice Chair, District Committee Member	Any registered Republican in the same Congressional District.
Elected State Representative or State Senator	Any registered Republican in the district the legislator represents.
U.S. Congressman	Any registered Republican in their Congressional District
Elected State Constitutional Officer, U.S. Senator or State Party Chairman, State Party Vice Chairman, National Committeeman or National Committeewoman	Any registered Republican in the state
Auxiliary presidents on the State Committee	Any registered Republican member of their organization

No person shall carry more than seven (7) proxies to any meeting. Proxies shall be recognized or considered valid only for the designated meeting. Any proxy may be revoked at any time by the person who gave it, but a proxy may not be transferred to another person by the person carrying the proxy. The use of proxies or proxy voting is hereby prohibited at all precinct meetings and all conventions of the Oklahoma Republican Party. Incomplete proxies shall not be valid.

- (d) Minutes of All Official Actions:** Written minutes shall be kept by all County, Congressional District, and State Committee meetings, chartered organizations, and conventions of final official actions taken by them, a copy of which shall be filed with the County Chairman as to all county matters, and with the Congressional District Chairman as to all Congressional District matters, and with the State Chairman as to all State matters. Said minutes shall be available for review by any registered

Republican voter upon request to the County, Congressional District, or State Chairman within 10 days of the request.

- (e) **Delegation Lists:** County, Congressional District, or State Convention, - lists of proposed delegates to said conventions shall be available for inspection by any registered Republican voter upon request to the respective Chairman at least ten (10) days prior to the time the respective convention is scheduled to convene. If a permanent County office is maintained, such delegate list shall be posted in an appropriate location for inspection by registered Republican voters.
- (f) **Delivery of Books, Records, Funds and Property to Successors:** Every officer, committee and each member thereof, and delegates of any Republican organization of Oklahoma, upon removal, resignation, disqualification, or termination of office, shall at once deliver to the successor or to the officer or body from which one was appointed or elected, all of the papers, books, records, funds, and property kept or received in such official capacity, or in one's possession, belonging to the Oklahoma Republican Party.
- (g) **Removal of Officers, Committee Members, and Delegates:** Except as otherwise specifically provided in these rules, any officer, committee member or delegate of any organization, committee, delegation, or unit of the Oklahoma Republican Party, may at any time be removed in the same manner and by the same power or authority by which one was appointed or elected.

Any County Chairman or Vice Chairman, or any member of the State Committee, or any Congressional District Committee, may be removed at any time for cause by a majority vote of the entire existing membership of the County Committee of their County.

The State Chairman, Vice Chairman, National Committeeman, or National Committeewoman may be removed at any time for cause by a majority vote of the entire existing membership of the State Committee.

Causes for removal shall include but not be limited to the following:

- (1) Misappropriation of funds under the rules of the Republican Party;
- (2) Failure to follow the rules of the Oklahoma Republican Party;
- (3) Conviction of a felony; and (4) Publicly supporting or endorsing an opponent of candidates of the Republican Party.



Any such removals, except as to precinct officers as provided under Rule 5 (f) and any removals authorized under Rule 6(f), may be ordered only after ten (10) days notice in writing has been given to the person charged, stating the cause and time and place of hearing thereon, and after the person has had the opportunity to present evidence, witnesses, and to be heard personally and by counsel.

- (h) **Charters for Auxiliary Groups:** Any group in Oklahoma which purports to represent the Republican Party must obtain a charter from the State Executive Committee which shall be issued only on a majority vote of said committee and such charter may be revoked by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of said committee; both the granting and revocation are subject to approval by a majority vote of the State Committee. Auxiliary groups must report all contributions given to federal candidates in accordance with Federal Election Commission rules and to the state party chairman within five days of such contribution.

## **Rule 20- Applicability, Effectiveness, and Amendment of Rules**

- (a) **Rules as to Towns and Cities:** These rules are not intended to extend to, or establish organizations for the Republican Party of the various towns and cities of the state as separate units from the precincts and counties of the State of Oklahoma. Qualified and registered Republican voters of the towns and cities of the state may organize and promulgate their own rules not inconsistent with these rules and the organizations herein established.
- (b) **Rules as to Counties and Congressional Districts:** The County Committees and County Conventions of each county of the state, and the Congressional District Committees and Conventions are specifically authorized to promulgate such additional rules and establish such additional party officers, committees, or organizations for their respective counties and congressional districts, not inconsistent with these rules and the law, as shall be deemed necessary by them for the welfare of the Party.
- (c) **Matters not covered by Rules:** All question of procedure and other matters affecting the Oklahoma Republican Party, or any of its organizations, unit meetings, or conventions, which are not specifically covered in these rules shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, and the law of the State of Oklahoma, whichever may be applicable.

- (d) **Effective Date of Rules, Amendments, or Changes:** Any amendments or changes to these rules shall become effective immediately upon adjournment of the State Convention or State Committee meeting which adopts them. This, however, shall not invalidate any actions taken under the previous rules.
- (e) **Amendment of Rules by State Convention:** These rules may be amended and changed by a majority vote of any State Convention by either of the following methods:
- (1) Amendment must first be submitted to the State Executive Committee, which shall, with or without recommendation, include a copy of the proposed change in the Call authorized in Rule 16 (c);
  - (2) Amendment proposed by a vote of a County or Congressional District Convention shall be submitted to a vote at the next succeeding State Convention if filed with the State Chairman within five (5) days after adjournment of said County or Congressional District Convention. Notice of amendments proposed by a County or Congressional District Convention shall be given by the State Chairman by written or electronic notice to the Chairman of each County delegation, or if no other delegation chairman has been designated, to the County Chairman, at least ten (10) days prior to said State Convention. Any failure of a state convention to take due parliamentary action on a county's or district's proposed amendment at the state convention shall result in the same amendment being first order of business at the next state convention. Any failure by any county, district, or state leader to present an amendment passed by a county or district convention shall be deemed a Rule 3(a) violation of a sacred and inviolate right of party participation.
- (f) **Amendment of Rules by State Committee:** These rules may also be amended and changed by the State Committee, provided a majority of the entire committee is present, by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present and voting at the committee meeting called pursuant to ten (10) days written or electronic notice to all members of the State Committee stating the purpose of the meeting with a copy of the proposed amendment or amendments to the rules; and provided further, that any amendment to these rules by the State Committee which in any way affects the allocation

or method of selection of delegates to conventions, the frequency or method of call of conventions, the composition of the State Committee, or the method for amending these rules shall be subject to the approval or disapproval as a whole by a majority vote of the next State Convention and shall not take effect under Rule 20 19(d) until adjournment of said State Convention.

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**Addendum A**

**Oklahoma Republican Party Meeting and Convention Four- year Cycle Schedule:**

Biennial Precinct Meetings, County Conventions, and State Conventions: (odd # years.)

Quadrennial District Meeting: (odd # years prior to Presidential election year.) Quadrennial

Precinct Meetings, and County, District, State, and National Conventions:

(Presidential election year)

<b>Meeting Type</b>	<b>Odd # years prior to Pres election</b>	<b>Even # years when Pres election</b>	<b>Odd # years</b>	<b>Even # years when Governor election</b>
Precinct Meeting	Yes (1)	Yes (2)	Yes (3)	No
County Convention	Yes (4)	Yes (5)	Yes (6)	No
District Meeting	Yes (7)	No	No	No
District Convention	No	Yes (8)	No	No
State Convention	Yes (9)	Yes (10)	Yes (11)	No
National Convention	No	Yes (12)	No	No

**Primary business of called meeting or convention:**

- (1) Elect delegates to county convention and elect precinct officers for two-year term
- (2) Elect delegates to county convention
- (3) Elect delegates to county convention and elect precinct officers for two-year term
- (4) Elect delegates to state convention and elect county officers for two-year term
- (5) Elect delegates to state convention and district convention
- (6) Elect delegates to state convention and elect county officers for two-year term
- (7) Elect district officers for four-year term
- (8) Elect three delegates and three alternates to the national convention, and a Presidential elector and alternate.
- (9) Elect state chairman and vice chairman for two-year term
- (10) Elect at-large delegates and alternates to the national convention, elect national committeeman and national committeewoman, and Presidential electors and alternates.
- (11) Elect state chairman and vice chairman for two-year term
- (12) Elect presidential and vice presidential candidates.