

**WASHINGTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY OF UTAH
BYLAWS**

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ARTICLE I

NAME, PURPOSE AND MEMBERSHIP

A. Name. The name of this organization shall be the Washington County Republican Party of Utah.

B. General Purposes. The Washington County Republican Party of Utah shall nominate and support the election of Republican candidates in partisan races for public office, promote principles set forth in the Utah State Republican Party Platform, and perform functions as set forth in the election laws of the State of Utah and the Constitution and Bylaws of the Utah State Republican Party.

C. Membership. Party membership is open to any resident of Washington County who registers to vote as a Republican.

ARTICLE II

TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

A. Terms and Definitions Used in these Bylaws. For purposes of these Bylaws the following terms and/or definitions shall be considered to mean the following:

1. Central Committee or County Central Committee: Central Committee of the County Party.
2. County Executive Committee or Executive Committee: The officers of the County Party, including Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Legislative District Chairs.
3. Elected County Officials or County Officials: Republicans elected at a general election to fill the statutory county offices (Commissioners, Assessor, Attorney, Clerk/Auditor, Recorder, Sheriff and Treasurer).
4. Elected Republican Legislators or State Legislators: Those Republicans representing the County who are elected as Representatives or Senators to the Utah State Legislature.
5. Nominating Conventions: Conventions held in each even-numbered year to nominate candidates for partisan offices. County and State Parties hold separate conventions.

6. Officiary Delegates. Those elected County Party officials, members of the State Central Committee, Republican County Officials, and Republican State Legislators who, by reason of their position, are designated as Officiary Delegates to the County and State Conventions.

7. Organizing Conventions: Conventions held in each odd-numbered year to elect officers and certain special delegates. County and State Parties hold separate conventions.

8. Precinct Officials. The Precinct Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

9. Precincts: Geographically described voting districts as designated by the County Clerk and approved by the County Commission.

10. Precinct Caucus Meetings or Caucus Meetings. Meetings held in even-numbered years of persons residing in the voting districts.

11. Relative Republican Strength: A number calculated by aggregating the total combined County Republican votes cast at the previous election for Governor/ Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Auditor, and State Treasurer, excluding the vote for any candidate who had no opposition.

12. State Central Committee: Central Committee for the State Party.

13. Utah Republican Party or State Republican Party or State Party: The Republican Party of the State of Utah.

14. Washington County Republican Party or County Party or Party: The Washington County Republican Party of Utah.

ARTICLE III REPUBLICAN PARTY DOCTRINE

A. Party Platform. The Utah Republican Party Platform sets forth the principles that embrace the Party's conservative philosophy and ideology. It is important that all Republicans know and understand the Party Platform, but it is essential that the elected Republican Party officials, County officials and State legislators are guided by these principles. A candidate running for an elected office is required to make a disclosure to the Convention Delegates regarding his/her acceptance or rejection of all or parts of the Party Platform.

B. Candidate Disclosure. Republican candidates who wish to run for an elected office (County Officers, Representatives to the State Central Committee, County Officials, and State Legislators who are nominated at the County Convention) shall submit a disclosure statement to the County Party Secretary at least fifteen (15) days prior to the County Party Convention. The disclosure statement shall specify either:

(1) I have read the Utah Republican Party Platform. I support that Platform and accept it as the standard by which my performance as a candidate and as an officeholder should be evaluated. I certify that I am neither a candidate, officer, delegate nor position holder in any party other than the Republican Party.

or

(2) I have read the Utah Republican Party Platform. Except for the provisions specifically noted below, I support that Platform and accept it as the standard by which my performance as a candidate and as an officeholder should be evaluated. I certify that I am neither a candidate, officer, delegate nor position holder in any party other than the Republican Party.

1. The disclosure statement shall be submitted in a format prescribed by the County Executive Party. A form for such submission shall be available through the County Party Secretary or the County Party internet site.

2. Candidate disclosure statements and any exceptions noted therein shall be compiled on the Washington County Republican Party internet site at least two (2) weeks prior to the County Party Convention, and shall be made available to delegates attending the Convention. Should any candidate fail to submit the Disclosure Statement, the Party Chairman will announce this failure immediately prior to commencement of nominations for that candidate's office.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS, OFFICIALS AND DELEGATES

A. Party Officers. The officers of the County Party shall be the following: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Legislative District Chairs (Districts 71 & 73 combined). All officers of the County Party are elected for a term of two (2) years.

1. Duties of Officers.

a. Chair. The Chair, in addition to the duties charged by statute, shall be the chief executive officer of the Republican Party in Washington County and shall preside over all meetings of the Central Committee and the Executive Committee. The Chair shall effectuate the policies and shall perform all duties as may be prescribed by these By-Laws or as may be assigned by the Executive Committee or the Central Committee.

b. Vice-Chair. The Vice-Chair shall assist the Chair and exercise the powers of the Chair during any absence or disability and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Chair, the Executive Committee or the Central Committee.

c. Secretary. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Central Committee and the Executive Committee and shall be custodian of the minutes, files and records of each of these committees as delegated. The Secretary

shall also receive letters of intent as set forth in Article III, herein, and report filings to the Executive Committee on the day following the filing deadline.

d. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall account for all monies of the County Party and keep regular books of account. The Treasurer shall, whenever required to do so by the Central Committee or Executive Committee, make and exhibit a report of the treasury and submit the books, records, and vouchers for examination and/or audit. The Treasurer will submit all reports required by state and federal election laws.

e. Legislative District Chairs. Each Legislative District Chair shall be responsible for the organization in his/her legislative district and for performance of such other duties as may be assigned by the Executive Committee or the Central Committee. Said Legislative District Chairs may appoint Vice-Chairs with the approval of the Executive Committee, as may be necessary.

2. Election of Officers.

a. Election. Officers shall be elected for a term of two (2) years at the County Organizing Convention held in odd-numbered years in accordance with the provisions of the Utah election laws and the Constitution and Bylaws of the State Republican Party.

b. Filing. Any individual desiring to run for a Party office must file a letter of intent with the Secretary of the Party no less than fifteen (15) days prior to the County Organizing Convention in order for his or her name to appear on the ballot.

c. Nominations from the Floor. In the event no candidate files for an office to be filled by an election at an Organizing Convention, nominations may be made from the floor.

d. Qualifications. All candidates shall be Utah citizens who have resided in Washington County for at least one (1) year, must be at least eighteen (18) years of age, registered Republicans, and not an officer, delegate, candidate or registered affiliated voter of any other rival political party. An Officer shall not be a candidate for an elected (partisan) public office and resignation as a Party Officer will be automatic immediately upon such filing.

3. Replacement of Officers.

a. Vacancies. See Article XIII, Section C.

b. Removal. Any officer may be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all the voting members in attendance at a properly noticed and convened meeting of the County Central Committee.

B. Area Representatives. Area Representatives are appointed by legislative chairs, not to exceed ten (10) per district, to oversee and coordinate the activities of designated

County Precincts within the district. These representatives serve at the will of the legislative chairs and are automatic members of the County Central Committee.

C. Precinct Officials. County Precincts shall be presided over by a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. The position of Treasurer is optional.

1. Election. Officials are elected at the biennial Caucus Meeting held on even numbered years and serve a term of two (2) years. The Secretary and Treasurer may be elected or appointed at the discretion of the newly elected chair.

2. Qualifications. Officials shall be U.S. citizens who have resided in Washington County and the designated precinct boundaries for at least thirty (30) days prior to the caucus meeting, at least eighteen (18) years of age, registered Republicans, and not officers, delegates, candidates or registered affiliated voters of any other rival political party.

3. Replacement. See Article XIII, Section D.

D. State and County Delegates.

1. Election. Delegates are elected at caucus meetings for a term of two years. Precincts elect the number of State and County Delegates authorized based upon Relative Republican Strength allocation.

2. Qualification. Delegates must be U.S. citizens who have resided in Washington County and the designated precinct boundaries for at least thirty (30) days prior to the caucus meeting, at least eighteen (18) years of age, registered Republicans, and not officers, delegates, candidates or registered affiliated voters of any other rival political party.

3. Replacement and Substitution.

a. General. The *replacement* of a delegate involves the permanent appointment of a delegate to fill a vacancy. The *substitution* of a delegate involves an appointment from an alternate delegate pool substituting a delegate who for personal reasons is unable to perform the duties required of the delegate. A substitution may be permanent or temporary in nature.

b. Replacement. If a delegate dies, resigns or is disqualified, the appointment of a replacement shall be in accordance with Article XIII, B of these bylaws.

c. Substitution. If a delegate is unable to attend a convention, the precinct chair shall use his/her discretion to either grant a substitution or require the resignation of the delegate. The chair may make a permanent or temporary substitution.

1) A permanent substitution will cause the appointment of a new delegate from the appropriate delegate pool and the former delegate will revert to an alternate in the precinct delegate pool.

2) A temporary substitution appoints the alternate delegate for a specific time frame, after which the delegate reverts back to the alternate delegate pool.

d. Time Restraints. Replacement or substitution of delegates shall be governed by the time restraints recited in the State and County Bylaws and requires the completion of a Replacement Form for approval by the Executive Committee.

e. No Representation. If the precinct does not have an alternate delegate pool, and the delegate refuses to resign, there will be neither a substitution nor a replacement and there will be no representation at the convention.

E. Alternate Delegates.

1. Election. Alternate Delegates are elected for a term of two years at caucus meetings coincidental with the election of regular delegates. Each precinct elects two (2) Alternate County Delegates and one (1) Alternate State Delegate.

2. Qualifications. Alternate Delegates shall meet the same qualifications as regular delegates.

3. Replacement. If a vacancy occurs in a precinct alternate delegate pool, the procedures set forth in Article XIII, Section B shall prevail.

F. Officiary Delegates.

1. Officiary Delegates are those elected County Party officials, members of the State Central Committee, Republican County Officials, and Republican State Legislators who, by reason of their position, are designated as Officiary Delegates to the County and State Conventions. The total number of State delegates authorized by the State Party, less the number of officiary delegates, is divided among the precincts.

2. Designations.

a. County Party Officials: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Legislative Chairs.

b. County Officials: Commissioners, Assessor, Attorney, Clerk/Auditor, Recorder, Sheriff and Treasurer.

c. State Legislators: Elected officials residing in Washington County from House and Senate Districts with boundaries including all or parts of Washington County.

3. Mandatory Resignation. State or County Delegates elected by the precinct at caucus meetings who subsequently become officary delegates by virtue of the election process shall resign from the precinct delegate positions.

G. Election Judges.

1. Responsibilities. Election Judges have the legal duty and responsibility to conduct the election according to the procedures set forth in the Utah Code. The judges have complete control of voting taking place at the polls.

2. Application. Precinct officials are responsible to solicit a minimum of three (3) qualified precinct volunteers to make application to be Election Judges. Completed applications are submitted to the County Clerk, who makes assignments from the pool of judges. Applications must be renewed every two years coincidental to the biennial caucus meetings.

3. Qualifications. Applicants must be registered voters, competent and trustworthy persons. They must attend required training classes and declare themselves physically able to perform the duties of an Election Judge.

ARTICLE V

COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE

A. Powers. The County Central Committee shall be the governing and policy-making body of the Party and shall exercise those powers conferred upon it by law, these By-Laws and by the Utah State Republican Party.

B. Membership. Voting members of the Central Committee include the following:

1. Members of the County Executive Committee and the members of the State Central Committee duly elected or appointed at the County Convention.

2. All Precinct Chairs and Vice-Chairs elected at the most recent Republican Party Caucus meetings held in their respective Precincts or replacements appointed pursuant to these Bylaws.

3. Area Representatives appointed by the County Executive Committee, not to exceed ten (10) per legislative district and ratified by the Central Committee.

4. Elected Republican County officials and legislators representing districts with boundaries identical to or completely within the boundaries of Washington County.

C. Regular Meetings.

1. Regular Meeting Defined. A meeting called and scheduled by the Executive Committee, which is designated as a "Regular Meeting" by the Executive Committee.

2. The County Central Committee shall hold a regular meeting meet at least twice annually.

D. Special Meetings.

1. Special Meeting Defined. A meeting scheduled pursuant to the procedures set forth in the County Bylaws, which is designated as a “Special Meeting” by the Executive Committee.

2. The Chair or ten percent (10%) of the voting members of the County Central Committee may call a special meeting of the County Central Committee.

E. Quorum. In order to conduct binding business, the County Central Committee must have a quorum in attendance, defined as thirty percent (30%) of the eligible voting members.

F. Notice of Meetings. Notices for regular meetings shall include the date, time, place and agenda and shall be postmarked at least two weeks prior to the meeting. Notice for a special meeting shall be postmarked at least one week prior to the meeting. The Committee shall not conduct business at any meeting that has not been properly noticed

ARTICLE VI
COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A. Powers. The executive powers of the Central Committee shall be vested in the Executive Committee. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to coordinate County Party affairs with the State officials and to cooperate with the State Central Committee and its officers in conducting political campaigns and in carrying out the directions of the Central Committee. The Executive Committee may create and dissolve committees as the need arises.

B. Membership. The voting members of the Executive Committee shall include the elected officers specified in Article II. The County members of the State Central Committee members, excluding Chair and Vice Chair, are ex-officio non-voting members of the County Executive Committee.

C. Quorum. In order to conduct binding business, the County Executive Committee must have a quorum in attendance, defined as a majority of voting members of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VII
STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

A. Duties. County members of the State Central Committee shall represent the County at the State Central Committee meetings.

B. Membership. The number of County representatives to the State Central Committee is determined by the State Party. The County Chair and Vice-Chair are automatic members. State Central Committee Members, excluding Party Chair and Vice Chair, shall be elected at the County Organizing Convention. Any individual desiring to run for the State Central Committee must file a letter of intent with the Secretary of the Party no less than fifteen (15) days prior to the County Organizing Convention in order for his or her name to appear on the ballot. All candidates shall be Utah citizens who have resided in Washington County for at least one (1) year, must be at least eighteen (18) years of age, a registered Republican, and not an officer, delegate, candidate or registered affiliated voter of any other rival political party. In the event no candidate files for an office to be filled by an election at an Organizing Convention, nominations may be made from the floor.

ARTICLE VIII COMMITTEES

A. Committees. The following committees may be appointed by the County Chair with approval of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall oversee the activities of all committees. The Executive Committee shall create and dissolve a committee as necessary.

1. Bylaws Committee. The Bylaws Committee shall review the County Bylaws and recommend any revisions to the Executive Committee for approval by the Central Committee.

2. Caucus Oversight. The Caucus Oversight Committee shall provide direction and administrative support for the biennial caucus meetings. In addition, the Caucus Oversight Committee shall:

a. Coordinate with Area Representatives to arrange for caucus meeting sites at least sixty (60) days prior to the scheduled meetings;

b. Standardize sign-in and reporting procedures to be used at the caucus meetings as set forth by the State and County Parties, including the collection and distribution of reports and funds generated at the meetings;

c. Establish control standards and procedures for the handling of donations collected at the caucus meetings;

d. Arrange for the procurement and distribution of registered voter lists to the precinct chairs prior to the meetings;

e. Arrange for data entry of elected precinct officers, delegates and attendees into the County database;

f. Recommend and arrange for education and training of precinct officials.

3. Convention Committee. The Convention Committee shall organize and coordinate the various elements of the County Conventions as recommended by the Executive Committee.

4. Education Committee. The Education Committee shall administer the education and training needs of the Party as prescribed by the Executive Committee, which includes preparing lesson outlines and training aids, as well as enlisting qualified instructors.

5. Election Campaign Committee. The Election Campaign Committee shall present a plan to the Executive Committee for the conduct of the County election campaign efforts, including but not limited to, expenses, headquarters facilities, manpower requirements, office supplies and equipment, signs, media support, advertising, postage and printing. This Committee will organize and coordinate the efforts of the election campaign as approved and authorized by the Executive Committee.

6. Finance Committee. The Finance Committee shall develop for approval by the Executive Committee a program to raise and/or solicit funds to finance the activities and programs of the County Party.

7. Historian Committee. The Historian Committee shall keep a record of all events and major issues of the County Party. This history should include pictures, historical data (including names, dates, number in attendance, etc), news clippings, flyers, and whatever else may be applicable for future review, planning, and goal setting.

8. Lincoln Day Breakfast Committee. The Lincoln Day Breakfast Committee shall organize and coordinate the various elements of the event as prescribed by the Executive Committee.

9. Membership Committee. The Membership Committee shall present a plan to the Executive Committee for the administration and development of a County Republican Membership Program that provides the tools to identify and communicate with Republicans in Washington County, Utah. This committee is also responsible for gathering and maintaining a roster of volunteers. The roster should list when possible the skills and desired volunteer work of said volunteers.

10. Publicity Committee. The Publicity Committee shall develop a program to utilize Washington County media resources to get the Party message out to the residents of Washington County and promote the activities initiated by the Executive Committee through the various standing committees.

11. Social Committee. The Social Committee shall plan and coordinate social activities as directed by the Executive Committee.

12. Technology Committee. The Technology Committee shall administer the Party's website and assist all other committees with technology needs as directed by the Executive Committee.

B. Special Committees: The County Chair may establish other Special Committees as needed. These committees shall be recommending bodies only.

ARTICLE IX BUDGET

A. The County Budget. The Party Treasurer shall submit to the Executive Committee a budget for the next fiscal year in sufficient time to allow review by the Executive Committee and approval by the County Central Committee at the last meeting of the current fiscal year.

B. Fiscal Year. The accounting yearend for the Party shall be December 31 of each year.

ARTICLE X CAUCUS MEETING PROCEDURES

A. Precinct Caucus Meetings. Precinct caucus meetings shall be held in each even-numbered year. The State Party shall designate the date thereof at least four weeks prior to the date of the caucus meetings. The County Party shall designate the locations through the Caucus Oversight Committee and the Area Representatives. The County Party shall give notice of each individual caucus meeting by notifying the local news media and posting at least three notices in each precinct. The current precinct officers shall conduct the entire meeting, even though new precinct officers are elected in the process.

1. Caucus Participants. Caucus meetings shall be open to the public. Each participant shall be a Utah citizen who resides in the precinct and will be eighteen years of age prior to that year's general election. A participant shall not be a simultaneous officer, delegate, candidate or registered affiliate voter of any other rival political party. Precinct Chairs shall be provided with current voter registration lists well in advance of the scheduled meetings. (Voter registration materials shall be available at the meeting for those who wish to affiliate as Republicans that night).

2. Meeting Time and Agenda. The caucus meetings shall convene at 7:00 p.m. and shall begin with a prayer, Pledge of Allegiance and reading and discussion of the Party platform. The agenda shall provide for the election of precinct officers, County Delegates and State Delegates, as well as a solicitation of funds for the operation of the County Party. The Caucus meetings shall also solicit volunteers for election judges and volunteers to support the County election campaign efforts.

3. Documentation Requirements. A sign-in sheet shall be provided to record the names, addresses and telephone numbers of those in attendance. E-mail addresses shall be requested, but are not mandatory. It is important to complete the forms provided by the State Party, along with any additional information requested by

the County at the conclusion of the meeting for all officers and delegates elected. Those volunteering to be election judges should also fill out the required form. The specified information and forms must be provided to County officials no later than 10:00 a.m. the morning following the caucus meetings. All donations shall be properly documented and deposited with the County officials.

B. Election of Officials and Delegates:

1. Requirements. Elected officials and delegates must be U.S. citizens who have resided in Washington County and the designated precinct boundaries for at least thirty (30) days prior to the caucus meeting, at least eighteen (18) years of age, registered Republicans, and not officers, delegates, candidates or registered affiliated voters of any other rival political party. Caucus officials and delegates who are not registered Republicans at the time of the caucus meeting are required to register as members of the Republican Party within ten (10) days following the caucus meeting.

2. Precinct Officials. A Chair and Vice-Chair shall be elected at each caucus meeting. See Article IV.

3. Delegates to State Convention. At the caucus meetings, Precincts shall elect the number of State Delegates authorized and, in addition, shall elect one (1) alternate State Delegate. The number of State Delegates to be elected by the County is determined by the State Party and is based on the Relative Republican Strength. That number, the net of the automatic delegates specified in Section 5 below, is then divided among the precincts by the County Executive Committee using the same formula. The County Party shall submit the State delegate list to the State Party no later than two (2) weeks prior to the State nominating Convention.

4. Delegates to County Convention. At the caucus meetings, Precincts shall elect the number of County Delegates authorized. In addition Precincts shall elect two (2) alternate County Delegates. The County Executive Committee shall designate, based upon the Relative Republican Strength of each precinct, the number of delegates to be elected at each precinct caucus meeting. The total number of County delegates shall not be less than three hundred (300).

5. If a precinct fails to elect sufficient delegates to the County or State Conventions, the Legislative Chair shall designate qualified members residing in the precinct, if possible, and if not, then within the Legislative District, subject to ratification by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE XI
UTAH ELECTION LAW

A. Pursuant to the requirements of Utah State Election Law, the following listings shall be made available to the public by the County Party within the time frames specified:

1. All officers of that party, within seven (7) days of their election or replacement.

2. Any other persons holding elected or appointed positions within that party, within fourteen (14) days of their election or appointment.

3. All persons who have filed as Republicans for partisan public elective office, whose jurisdiction would include or be contained in that party's boundaries, within seven (7) days of the filing deadline.

4. All persons who have been nominated as Republican candidates for public office by that party, within seven (7) days of their nomination or replacement.

B. All such listings shall include, at a minimum, the name, address, and phone number, where available, of each person listed.

C. The County Party shall make available to the public, within fourteen (14) days of the caucuses, a complete County-wide listing of the Republican State and County delegates residing in the County. Changes in delegate status shall be reflected in the listings within fourteen (14) days of their occurrence.

D. All delegate listings shall include, at a minimum, the name, precinct, Utah House District, Utah Senate District, Congressional District, address, phone number, and basis of eligibility of each delegate (e.g., election in the precinct caucus, election after the caucuses to fill an unfilled seat, or appointment to fill a vacancy occurring after the caucuses).

E. The County Party may charge up to, but not more than, the direct cost of the medium by which a listing is made available to the person(s) so requesting. Any listing made available by electronic mail or on the internet shall be made available at no charge.

ARTICLE XII COUNTY CONVENTIONS

A. Organizing Convention. On or before August 15 in each odd-numbered year, a County organizing convention shall be held to elect County Party officers and representatives to the State Central Committee. Notice of the Convention shall be mailed to every properly qualified County Delegate at least two (2) weeks prior to the Convention.

1. General. Delegates shall elect a County Party Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Legislative District Chairs and Representatives to the State Central Committee.

a. The Convention shall begin promptly at the designated time, date and place.

b. The most current edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall be used to facilitate orderly procedures and communications during such meetings.

c. The Convention shall follow the prepared agenda provided in the mailing notice to the delegates. Any deviation from the agenda must be put in the form of a motion and requires a second and approval by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates present.

d. A motion to amend the Convention rules and procedures or a motion for a resolution containing more than ten words must be made in writing and submitted to the Party Secretary by 12:00 noon ten days prior the Convention (Washington County Republican Party, Attn: Secretary, P.O. Box 1508, St. George, UT 84771).

e. Motions to amend the Convention rules and procedures containing ten words or less may be made verbally from the floor immediately following the second to the motion to adopt the rules and procedures.

2. Delegates. Delegates to this Convention shall be the same persons who were elected and certified as County Delegates at the Caucus Meetings of the Washington County Republican Party held in the previous year (except where delegates have been duly replaced), together with those persons designated as Officer Delegates.

a. Delegates are required to display a delegate name tag issued for the Convention and may be required to show picture I.D. during the balloting process.

b. Delegates to the Convention who are neither present nor certified ten minutes past the scheduled time of the convening of the Convention shall be disqualified as delegates. Only certified delegates may vote at the Convention.

3. Nominating. At the time and place set for the County Convention, the name of each person who is qualified and has filed a letter of intent may be placed in nomination for the office for which the declaration was filed.

a. Nominations for any contested office shall be made by a certified delegate. Each candidate for a contested office shall be allowed a combined time as specified in the Convention rules for nomination, second (optional) and acceptance speech. Uncontested candidates may be elected by acclamation by a motion from the Convention floor.

b. Prior to nominations for a specific position, the Convention Chair shall make a report of any candidate who failed to submit a platform disclosure statement as prescribed by these Bylaws.

c. In the event no candidate files for an office or position to be filled by an election, nominations may be made from the floor.

4. Balloting. The Convention shall furnish prepared ballots for the voting process. Provisions shall be made to accommodate voting for candidates nominated from the convention floor.

a. Ballots shall be issued to delegates at the time of certification. At the conclusion of the nominations and speeches for all contested offices and positions, the polls shall be declared open by the Chair of the Convention and closed five minutes after the Chair's final call.

b. Candidates for contested offices receiving the most votes in any particular contest shall be declared the winner by the Convention.

B. Nominating Convention. At the time and place designated by the County Central Committee, the Convention shall be held (each even-numbered year) to nominate candidates for partisan offices. Notice regarding the Convention shall be mailed to every properly qualified County Delegate at least two weeks prior to the Convention.

1. General. Delegates shall elect candidates for County officials and Utah House Representatives and Senators for districts with boundaries identical to or completely within the boundaries of Washington County.

a. The Convention shall begin promptly at the designated time, date and place.

b. The most current edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall be used to facilitate orderly procedures and communications during such meetings.

c. The Convention shall follow the prepared agenda provided in the mailing notice to the delegates. Any deviation from the agenda must be put in the form of a motion and requires a second and approval by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates present.

d. A motion to amend the Convention rules and procedures or a motion for a resolution containing more than ten words must be made in writing and submitted to the Party Secretary by 12:00 noon Ten days prior to the Convention (Washington County Republican Party, Attn: Secretary, P.O. Box 1508, St. George, UT 84771).

e. Motions to amend the Convention rules and procedures containing ten words or less may be made verbally from the floor immediately following the second to the motion to adopt the rules and procedures.

2. Delegates. Delegates to this Convention shall be the same persons who were elected and certified as County Delegates at the Caucus Meetings of the Washington County Republican Party last held (except where delegates have been duly replaced), together with those persons designated as Officiary Delegates.

a. Delegates are required to display a delegate name tag issued for the Convention and may be required to show picture I.D. during the balloting process.

b. Delegates to the Convention who are neither present nor certified ten minutes past the scheduled time of the convening of the Convention shall be disqualified as delegates. Only certified delegates may vote at the Convention.

3. Nominating. At the time and place set for the County Convention, the name of each person who is qualified and has properly filed may be placed in nomination for the office for which the declaration was filed.

a. Nominations shall be made for all contested offices and need not be seconded. Each candidate for a contested office shall be allowed a combined time as specified in the Convention Rules for nomination, second (optional) and acceptance speech. Uncontested candidates may be elected by acclamation by a motion from the Convention floor.

b. Prior to nominations for a specific office, the Convention Chair shall make a report of any candidate who failed to submit a platform disclosure statement as prescribed by these Bylaws.

c. When the number of candidates filing declarations of candidacy is no greater than the number of nominees required for the next General Election, those candidates shall be declared to be the Party's nominees for those offices and shall not be required to run at either the Nominating Convention or in the Primary Election.

4. Balloting. The Convention may use multiple ballots or preference voting. The Party Central Committee shall certify the method of election at least thirty (30) days prior to the Convention.

a. Following the nominating and acceptance speeches made on behalf of the candidates for office, the Delegates shall vote. The County Convention shall provide time and voting facilities so that all Delegates may vote. Each delegate shall cast one vote for each office to be filled.

b. When two candidates are nominated by the Nominating Convention for the same office, both candidates shall run in a primary election in accordance with Utah Code.

c. A candidate for an office who receives sixty percent (60%) or more of the votes cast at any point in the balloting process shall become the Party's candidate without the necessity of running in the Primary Election.

d. In the event three or more candidates are nominated for the same office and the Convention has chosen to use multiple ballots, the first ballot shall be used to reduce the number of candidates to three, if more than three candidates participate or by one, if three participate. Each subsequent ballot shall eliminate the lowest vote getter(s) until two candidates remain. The two top candidates shall participate in the final ballot.

e. The Party Secretary shall certify to the County Clerk the names of the Party's nominees by 5:00 p.m. on the Monday after the Convention.

ARTICLE XIII VACANCIES

A. General. A vacancy whether arising from death, resignation, or disqualification, in any of the committees established or described in these bylaws, subject to the exceptions noted below, shall be filled by the County Executive Committee.

B. State and County Delegates. Precinct Chairs shall make replacement appointments to fill delegate vacancies within precincts. If the vacancy cannot be filled within the precinct, an appointment of a qualified resident from the Legislative District in which that precinct lies shall be made by the Legislative District Chairman with approval from the Executive Committee. The Party Secretary shall be notified in writing of any delegate replacements within seven (7) days.

C. Executive Committee. The County Central Committee shall meet within one hundred twenty (120) days after the vacancy occurs, or the next County Convention, whichever is sooner, upon no less than fifteen (15) days prior notice, for the purpose of electing a successor. In the interim, the County Chair is authorized to fill any such vacancy on a temporary basis, with the advice and consent of the County Executive Committee.

D. Precinct Officials. In the event of a vacancy of a precinct official, the Precinct Chair, or Vice Chair, in the absence of a chair, of that precinct is empowered to appoint a successor. The appointment of a successor to any vacancy shall be limited to the remainder of the predecessor's unexpired term. The Precinct Chair shall notify the Party Secretary of the replacement in writing within seven (7) days.

E. Candidates.

1. In the event a Party candidate who is involved in a contested primary resigns, dies or becomes incapacitated before the primary election, the remaining candidate shall be designated as the Party nominee.

2. In the event a Party candidate resigns, dies or becomes incapacitated after nomination at a Convention or primary election, the candidate shall be replaced by the following method:

a. A candidate for County or legislative office with a district totally contained within the boundaries of Washington County shall be replaced by the County Central Committee.

b. A candidate for legislative office with boundaries that encompass more than one county shall be replaced by the State Delegates elected from within the respective Legislative District at a special legislative caucus.

- c. A candidate for any statewide, U.S. Senate or U.S. Representative office shall be replaced by the State Central Committee.

F. Republican State Legislator. When a vacancy occurs for any reason in the office of representative in the Legislature, the Central Committee shall elect, by majority vote, a person to fill the vacancy, which name shall be forwarded to the party liaison. In the event that there are more than two (2) candidates nominated, the Central Committee shall use multiple ballots as set forth in Article XII, Paragraph 4 d above.

ARTICLE XIV MODIFICATION

A. Amendments. These Bylaws may be amended by a two thirds (2/3) vote of those present at any properly noticed regular or special County Central Committee meeting having a quorum. Bylaws may also be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote by those delegates in attendance at a properly noticed regular or specifically called County Convention.

B. Severability. If any portion of these Bylaws is ever declared void, all other portions shall remain binding and effective.

ARTICLE XV RULES OF ORDER

A. The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all meetings of the Party, except to the extent they are inconsistent with the Bylaws and any special rules of order the Party may adopt.

B. State Republican Party Constitution and Bylaws shall prevail in all matters of conflict and/or omissions created by the contents of these Bylaws.

ARTICLE XVI NOTIFICATION

A. Computation of Time. In computing any period of time prescribed or allowed by these Bylaws, the day of the act or event from which the designated period of time begins to run shall not be included. The last day of the period so computed shall be included, unless it is a Saturday, a Sunday, or a legal holiday, in which event the period runs until the end of the next day which is not one of the aforementioned days. When the period of time prescribed or allowed is less than eight (8) days, intermediate Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays shall be excluded in the computation.

B. Legal Holidays. For purposes of these Bylaws the following-named days are legal holidays:

1. January 1, called New Year's Day; 2. The third Monday of January, observed as the anniversary of the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., also known as Human Rights Day; 3. The third Monday of February, observed as the anniversary of the birth of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, also known as Presidents' Day; 4. The last Monday of May, called Memorial Day; 5. July 4, called Independence Day; 6. July 24, called Pioneer Day; 7. The first Monday of September, called Labor Day; 8. The second Monday of October, called Columbus Day; 9. The fourth Thursday of November, called Thanksgiving Day; and 10. December 25, called Christmas. If any of the foregoing holidays falls on Saturday, then the preceding Friday shall be the holiday. If any of the foregoing holidays fall on a Sunday, then the following Monday shall be the holiday.