

Washington County Republican Party
Organizing Convention Rules 041317

Delegate Registration	9:00 am.
Convention Call to Order	10:00 am.
No Delegates will be certified after 10:10 am.	

Excerpt from Article IX of the Bylaws

- 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 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 filed a letter of intent on or before 5:00 pm, Tuesday, April 18, 2017, (**this deadline will supersede the standard deadline**) 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 County Executive Committee 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 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.

Excerpt from Article III, A, 2 of the Bylaws

2. Election of Executive 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 County Executive Committee office must file a letter of intent with the Executive Committee Secretary no less than fifteen (15) days prior to the County Organizing Convention in order for his or her name to appear on the ballot. (**This deadline will be suspended for the bold provision stated above**)
 - 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 U.S. Citizens who have resided in Washington County for at least one (1) year, must reside within the area they are elected to represent, must be at least eighteen (18) years of age, registered Republicans, and not an officer, delegate, candidate or registered affiliated voter of any other 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.

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