

Island County Republican Party Convention April 9, 2016

Standing Rules

The current edition of Roberts Rules of Order will prevail in any rules where they are applicable and where they are not inconsistent with the bylaws of the ICRP and these standing rules.

GENERAL DELEGATE RULES:

- 1) All voting members (elected delegates and alternates, and elected public officials) are required to pay a convention fee of \$20.00 to attend and participate in the convention.
- 2) All voting members must register with the Credentials Committee and wear their identification badges at all times while acting in official capacity during the convention.
- 3) A delegate or alternate who arrives late (after the first report of the Credentials Committee) must immediately complete his registration with the committee before taking his place as a delegate, alternate or elected official.
- 4) Delegates and alternates must be seated in their assigned area five minutes before the official opening time of the convention.
- 5) Seating on the convention floor will be as follows:
 - a) Voting delegates will be seated together in front of the arena.
 - b) Alternate delegates will be separated by space and seated behind the voting delegates.
 - c) Only credentialed and authorized persons are allowed on the floor.
 - d) Guests who are neither voting delegates nor alternate delegates will be seated separately; they will not be allowed seating in close proximity to the voting or alternate delegates.
 - e) Other observers may be seated in the rear of the building/convention hall and may not join the delegates or alternates while convention business is being conducted.
- 6) A delegate who must leave the convention floor for only a short period of time is not required to surrender his voting privileges to an alternate.
- 7) A delegate permanently leaving the convention must report to the Credentials Committee and surrender his badge.
- 8) Upon departure of a regular delegate and the surrendering of his badge, an alternate will be chosen to take the place of the absent delegate as follows:
 - a) The Credentials Committee must verify the previous delegate's withdrawal; no alternate or other person can substitute for a delegate who remains registered.

- b) The alternate will be re-registered and issued a new badge identifying him as a voting delegate.
 - c) The new voting delegate will then take his place with the regular delegates assuming all rights, privileges and responsibilities of a full delegate.
- 9) Only registered voting members of the convention shall be entitled to make motions, debate and cast votes.
 - 10) If a delegate or alternate is unable to attend the convention, they may not ask someone to go in their place nor may a member be designated at the convention to take the absent delegate's or alternate's chair.

PLATFORM COMMITTEE RULES:

- 1) All resolutions must be submitted to the Platform Committee no later than 10:30 am on April 9, 2016.
- 2) The Platform Committee will reject such resolutions that may conflict with the bylaws or other rules but may suggest provisos when deemed necessary
- 3) The Platform Committee shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, written or electronic versions of the resolutions submitted by individual delegates and shall provide them to the delegates prior to the introduction of resolutions by individual delegates in the convention assembly.
- 4) Resolutions from individual members must be in writing, signed by the maker and seconded (each of whom must be voting members of the convention).
- 5) All resolutions must be submitted directly to the Platform Committee for screening before being presented to the convention assembly.
- 6) All original main motions and amendments must be submitted in writing and, immediately upon presentation, sent to the presiding officer.
- 7) To obtain the floor for debate or to present motions (except motions that are in order when another has the floor), voting members shall approach the microphone and, in turn, address the chair stating his name and precinct then wait to be recognized.
- 8) Debates will be limited to two minutes for each speaker and six minutes for each question; no member shall speak more than once on the same question until all those who wish to speak have done so. The entire platform discussion will be limited to two hours.
- 9) Delegates who wish to move the previous question do not need to go to the microphone in order to make the motion, but may introduce the motion at any time when a debatable motion is pending, provided no other delegate has been assigned the floor by the chair.

VOTING AT CONVENTION:

Every delegate must receive a majority vote in order to be elected to the state convention. This means 50% plus 1 vote is necessary for election. Voting will continue until 22 delegates and 22 alternates have been selected.

- 1) **Voters' Credentials:** The Credentials Committee at the time of registration shall issue a voter's card to each voting member of the convention. The card shall be presented to the Tellers Committee when the voter submits a ballot. In the event a voter misplaces his card, he shall check with the Credentials Committee and be issued a duplicate card. This card will be used for the consent agenda items and at any other time a vote is taken without a written ballot.
- 2) **Ballots:** Ballots shall be issued only to those who present a voter's card. Ballots shall contain the names of all nominated candidates listed in alphabetical order. Space on the ballot for write-in names will be provided. In the event a voter makes an error on the ballot, he must make changes on the ballot that clearly indicate his choice. If the ballot is illegible, it will not be counted. Tellers will set it aside and report on it.
- 3) **Nominations from the Floor:** Nominations from the floor for delegates to the state convention shall be in order and remain open until the chair has called for further nominations three (3) times without response. The county organization shall not be responsible for publishing, posting or alphabetizing nominations from the floor on the first ballot.
- 4) **Majority Vote Required for the State Convention Delegates:** Where there are more nominees than positions to be elected, all voting shall be by written ballot. Each delegate may vote for as many candidates as there are positions to be voted for on that ballot. There shall be no cumulative voting. Those candidates for delegate to the state convention who receive a majority of the votes cast (over fifty percent represents a majority) shall be deemed elected with succeeding ballots being conducted until all delegate positions have been elected by a majority of the votes cast except as provided in sub. Part 3 below.

The following rules of elimination shall be used:

- a) On the second ballot, each candidate who received less than 10% of the total vote on the first ballot shall be eliminated.
- b) On the third ballot, each candidate who received less than 20% of the total vote on the previous ballot shall be eliminated.
- c) On the fourth ballot, sufficient candidates receiving the lowest number of votes on the previous ballot shall be eliminated so that the ballot includes twice the number of unfilled positions to be voted on. These candidates receiving the most votes shall be elected without regard to whether they have a majority of the votes cast.
- d) However, regardless of the foregoing rules for elimination, every ballot shall include a number of candidates not less than twice the number of unfilled positions to be voted on if sufficient candidates have been nominated. When this requirement conflicts with the above rules, the candidate receiving the highest votes on the previous ballot who was eliminated shall be included until the number of candidates remaining is twice the number of unfilled positions.
- e) In the event of ties for the election or elimination, the result shall be determined by lot or "random selection", i.e. drawing the longest or the shortest straw.

- f) Delegates to State Convention must complete registration and payment for the convention within ten (10) business days of their election. Should any delegate fail to complete registration and payment within said time, they will be granted an additional 5 days, but a late penalty will be enforced of at least 50% more than registration cost. Should any elected delegate fail to complete registration and payment within said time, their position is forfeited, and delegate status awarded to the first alternate. The county chair must initiate contact with the alternate within 24 hours. Said newly designated delegate shall complete registration and payment within five (5) business days, and shall forfeit their delegate position if they do not. The newly designated delegate shall receive a credit towards delegate registration any amount paid for alternate registration.
 - g) If the first ranked alternate declines the delegate position, the next ranked alternate shall be designated delegate; provided that all registration fees and forms shall be paid and completed for newly designated delegates not later than May 10, 2016. The county chair must contact these and any succeeding alternates within 24 hours.
 - h) State Headquarters shall make Delegate/Alternate Registration Packets available to all counties prior to their county or legislative district conventions.
- 5) Election of State Convention Alternates: Alternate delegates shall be allocated in the same manner as delegates under Rule 22. Nominations for the alternate delegate to the state convention shall be made from the floor. There shall be two ballots, if necessary, for the position of alternate delegate. On the first ballot all candidates receiving a majority of the votes cast shall be elected to position numbers in accordance to the highest vote-getter following in diminishing order. The second ballot shall fill the remaining vacant alternate delegate position by a plurality vote, also in diminishing order.
 - 6) Voting: Voting will take place as indicated on the agenda. The voter shall mark his ballot at a location provided for that purpose and will indicate his choice in the square beside the name of the nominee for whom he wishes to vote. An "X" or check mark in the square will be accepted as the voter's choice. The voter will fold his ballot in half. The ballots will be collected by the tellers.
 - 7) Tellers: The Tellers Committee shall consist of 4 persons including the chairman. Where there is doubt about recording a vote, such ballot shall be set aside for consideration of the full committee before completing the count. A majority vote will be required for the recording of the vote in question.
 - 8) There are NO proxy votes. Delegates must be present to vote.
 - 9) Preservation of the Ballots: After the votes have been recorded, the ballots and tally sheets shall be sealed and delivered to the secretary who must preserve them beyond the time when the election may be contested. After the close of convention, they may be destroyed.

MISCELLANEOUS RULES

- 1) The chairman shall appoint a committee of three members to approve the minutes of all meetings of the convention.

- 2) Notices for announcements to the convention shall be in writing, signed by the person giving notice, and presented to the secretary prior to recess for lunch.
- 3) Any person attending the convention shall conduct himself in such a manner as to be a credit to the convention. Any person not displaying exemplary behavior will be subject to removal by order of the presiding officer.
- 4) In accordance with *Rule 32 of the Washington State Republican Party Rules for State Convention, the unit rule shall not be permitted nor any County convention or District caucus adopt a resolution binding its delegates to vote as a unit at the State Convention.