

MULTNOMAH COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE BY-LAWS

February 2, 2009

The Oregon Republican Party has elected to participate in the elections for precinct committeepersons as provided in ORS 248.015 to 248.029, as amended. All references to those statutory provisions in these bylaws are conditioned upon the party's intention to rely upon those statutes. If the party elects not to be bound by those statutes, all references to those statutes in these by-laws shall be null and void. These bylaws do not bind the County Central Committee to comply with any other portion of chapter 248, unless the Oregon Republican Party specifically agrees to be bound by any other portion of chapter 248.

The elected and appointed Republican Precinct Committeepersons for Multnomah County adopt these bylaws for the Multnomah County republican Central Committee ["Central Committee"].

ARTICLE I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 1. By-laws to govern Central Committee

These by-laws shall become effective upon their adoption and shall govern the Central Committee

SECTION 2. Robert's Rules to be the source for parliamentary authority

In matters of procedure not covered by these laws, Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, will be the source of parliamentary authority.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION IN THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

SECTION 1. Definitions

The term "Committeeperson" shall mean "Multnomah County Republican Precinct Committeeman" or "Multnomah County Republican Precinct Committeewoman".

SECTION 2. Membership

The membership of the Central Committee shall consist if the following:

- A. All elected and certified Committeepersons.

- B. All appointed and certified Committeepersons.
- C. The elected officers of the Central Committee including Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the Oregon Republican Party ["ORP"].

SECTION 3. Participation

All members of the Central Committee will be entitled to participate in debate and voting at each meeting of the Central Committee. However, only elected Committeepersons will be entitled to vote for officers at the Organizational Meeting. [ORS 248]

SECTION 4. Votes

Each Member of the Central Committee shall be entitled to only one vote.

SECTION 5. Proxies

Proxies shall in no instance be permitted to participate at any meeting of the Central Committee.

SECTION 6. Resignations

Committeepersons desiring to resign shall submit their resignation in writing to the Secretary of the Central Committee who will forward the resignation to the Director of Elections of Multnomah County. Members of the Executive Committee, who are not Committeepersons, should submit their resignations in writing to the Central Committee Chairman. Oral or third party resignations are not valid. [ORS 248.024]

SECTION 7. Vacancies

The members of the Central Committee may fill a vacancy in the office of Committeeperson pursuant to ORS 248.026. No person shall be appointed to the Central Committee until the Secretary or Chairman has received his or her signed application form (said form to be prepared by the Executive Committee.)

ARTICLE III. TERMS OF OFFICE

SECTION 1. Terms will begin as follows:

- A. Elected Committeepersons will begin their terms upon the 24th day after the primary election. [ORS 248.015]
- B. Appointed Committeepersons will begin their terms upon certification of their appointment from the Multnomah County Director of Elections.
- C. Elected officers of the Central Committee including Central Committee Delegates and alternates to the ORP, will begin their terms upon their election to office.

SECTION 2. Terms will end as follows:

- A. Elected Committeepersons' terms of office will end upon the 23rd day after the next primary election.
- B. Appointed Committeepersons' terms of office will end upon the 23rd day after the next primary election.
- C. Central Committee elected officers' terms will end upon the election of their successors.

ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS

SECTION 1. Organizational Meeting.

Upon call of the retiring Chairman of the Central Committee, the county central committee shall hold an organizational meeting no earlier than the date of the General election, nor later than November 25th, of even numbered years.

- A. Notice of such meetings must be mailed no later than 30 days prior to the date of the meeting to all certified Republican precinct committee-persons elected during the Primary election of that year or appointed pursuant to county rule. A copy of the notice must also be sent to the State Central Committee no later than 30 days prior to the date of the meeting.
- B. The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers for the County Central Committee and to elect delegates and alternate delegates to the State Central Committee pursuant to these by-laws and to conduct any other business deemed appropriate by the County Central Committee.
- C. A person appointed to fill a vacancy in the office of the precinct Committeeperson may not vote on the election of County Central Committee officers at the organizational meeting of the newly elected committee, but may vote to fill any vacancy in a committee office after the organizational meeting.
- D. Failure to reorganize shall be remedied according to ORP by-laws.

SECTION 2. Regular Meeting

The Central Committee will convene for at least four (4) Regular meetings per year. The dates of the meeting shall be set by the Executive Committee. Notice of all regular meetings will be mailed by the Secretary at the direction of the Chairman to all members of the Central Committee at least ten (10) calendar days prior to the scheduled meeting date. Email notification shall be permitted.

SECTION 3. Special Meeting

Special meetings of the Central Committee may be called at the direction of the Chairman with the concurrence of the Executive Committee provided that notice

of the Special meeting is mailed by the Secretary to all members of the Central Committee at least ten (10) calendar days prior to the scheduled meeting date. Email notification shall be permitted.

SECTION 4. Petitioned Meeting

The members of the Central Committee may call themselves into a Petitioned meeting by presenting to the Secretary at least twenty-five (25) calendar days prior to the scheduled date of the meeting a petition or petitions signed by at least twenty percent (20%) of the then elected or appointed and certified Committeepersons setting forth the proposed date, time and purpose of the meeting. Notice of such a Petitioned meeting must be mailed by the Secretary to all members of the Central Committee at least eighteen (18) calendar days prior to the scheduled meeting date. Email notification shall be permitted.

SECTION 5. Notices

A. All notices shall be in writing specifying time, place, date of the meeting in accordance with Section 1, 2, 3 and 4 above, and must be sent by first class mail. Failure to give the above required notice of the meeting shall invalidate the business of the meeting. Email notification shall be permitted.

B. If the meeting is for the purpose of electing or recalling officers or amending these bylaws, notice of the proposed action or a copy of the proposed amendment must accompany the meeting notice.

SECTION 6. Quorum

A quorum for all meetings shall consist of ten percent (10%) of the number of elected or appointed and certified Committeepersons. A quorum shall be posted at meetings. No business shall be valid unless a quorum is present.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS AND DELEGATES

SECTION 1. Elected Officer and Delegates

A. At the Organizational meeting the following officers and delegates shall be elected:

1. Chairman
2. Vice Chairman
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Delegates to the ORP State Central Committee

The number of delegates to the ORP central committee shall be in accordance with ORP By-laws Article II Section A. [Note: The

Chairman and Vice Chairman shall be first and second Delegates respectively to the ORP in accordance with ORP by-laws.] Delegates and Alternate Delegates shall be seated in order of number of votes received.

B. At a regular or special meeting after the primary election and before the ORP State Convention delegates to the State Convention shall be elected.

The number of Delegates to the Oregon Republican State Convention (State Convention) shall be in accordance with the ORP by-laws. Delegates and Alternate Delegates shall be seated in order of number of votes received.

C. The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer are "Committee Directors" as defined by ORS

SECTION 2. Qualifications for Office

Any registered Republican residing in Multnomah County is eligible to hold a position as officer or delegate of the Central Committee.

SECTION 3. Term of Office

A. The elective term of office for the officers specified in the article shall be approximately two (2) years commencing with their election at the Organizational Meeting and continuing until their successors are elected at the next Organizational meeting.

B. Persons elected to fill a vacancy shall be elected to complete the unexpired term of office.

SECTION 4. Vacancies in office of Officer, Delegate or Alternate Delegate

A. An office shall be declared vacant by the Executive Committee when an officer is elected to any salaried elective office or resigns, dies or moves out of Multnomah County.

B. In the event the office of Chairman becomes vacant the Vice Chairman shall within thirty (30) calendar days of the vacancy call a Special meeting of the Central Committee for the purpose of electing a new Chairman. If the vacancy occurs within fifty (50) calendar days prior to an Organizational Meeting, the Vice Chairman shall convene the Organizational Meeting.

C. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to select one of its members as a "Temporary Officer" to perform the duties of all other vacant offices until a successor is elected. The Executive Committee shall promptly notify the membership of the vacancy and the action taken.

D. When a vacancy occurs in a Delegate or Alternate Delegate position, Delegates and Alternate Delegates shall move up within each category and an election shall be held to fill the last Delegate or Alternate position.

E. The Executive Committee shall set a date for the election meeting and direct the Secretary (or temporary secretary) to mail the required notices when a vacancy occurs.

F. The Central Committee shall proceed immediately to the election of a person to fill an office when an officer has been recalled.

SECTION 5. Recall

At any called Petitioned meeting of the Central Committee, any one or all of the elected Officers, Delegates or Alternate Delegates of the Central Committee may be recalled by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, provided that the petition prescribed in Article IV, Section 4, states the name of the officer(s), delegate(s) or alternate delegate(s) to be recalled and the reason for the recall. At the meeting, fifteen (15) minutes will be allowed for each of the officers, delegates or alternate delegates so named to utilize as he or she may desire. Additional floor debate will be limited to ten (10) minutes for each position in question.

SECTION 6. Powers and duties of the officers and delegates.

The powers and duties of the officers and delegates shall be:

A. CHAIRMAN

1. Have a general charge of the affairs of the Republican Party in Multnomah County subject to the control of the Central Committee and the Executive Committee. The Chairman shall promote the interest of the Republican Party.
2. Call meetings as provided in these by-laws.
3. Appoint, dismiss, supervise and direct all employees (if any) of the Central Committee.
4. Appoint various Committee Chairmen and members of the Committees as stated in Article VI.
5. Report to the membership at each meeting of the Central Committee. This report shall include a summary of the Chairman's activities and the actions taken by the Executive Committee during the interval between meetings of the Central Committee.
6. A Sergeant-at-arms shall be appointed by the Chairman.
7. Within five (5) business days of the county organizational meeting, the newly elected Chairman shall cause notice provided, in writing, of the name of each county officer and the name of each

delegate and alternate to the ORP State Central Committee. The county central committee must also provide a current copy of all county by-laws and rules to the State Central Committee no later than November 30 of each even-numbered year. [ORP by-laws Article XXI, Section D]

8. Within five (5) business days of election, the newly elected Chairman of the County Central Committee shall cause a notice to be provided to the County Clerk's Office designating the newly elected County Chairman as the official authorized to communicate with and receive notices from the county clerk on behalf of the Party's affiliate within the county. [ORP by-laws Article XXI, Section E]

9. Within five (5) business days of the election, the newly elected Chairman of the county central committee shall cause all appropriate forms to be filed with the Secretary of State's office which will provide adequate notice to that office of the change in party leadership and which will officially transfer responsibility for Contribution and Expense reporting to the new officers. [ORP by-laws Article XXI, Section F]

B. VICE CHAIRMAN

1. Perform such duties as assigned by the Chairman.
2. Assume and perform the duties of the Chairman in the event of the Chairman's temporary inability to perform the duties of office (with the exception of serving as a delegate to the ORP.)

C. SECRETARY

1. Keep the minutes of all meetings of the Central Committee and the Executive Committee. The minutes shall be kept in duplicate form with the original filed at the Central Committee headquarters within ten (10) calendar days of the meeting. The Secretary shall keep a duplicate copy of the minutes in his/her possession. In the event there is no Central Committee headquarters, the Secretary shall retain the original and the duplicate shall be delivered to the Chairman within ten (10) calendar days of the meeting.
2. Mail all notices in accordance with the provisions of Oregon State law, these by-laws or directives from the Chairman, the Central Committee or the Executive Committee.
3. Provide proper notification to the Multnomah County Director of Elections of the appointment of any Committeeperson.
4. Provide proper notification to the Multnomah County Director of Elections of the resignation of any Committeeperson.

5. Maintain a current roster of the membership of the Central Committee designating whether elected or appointed Committeeperson. The roster shall be in duplicate. The original shall be filed at Central Committee headquarters (or when there is no headquarters, with the Chairman) and the duplicate shall be kept in the possession of the Secretary.
6. Verify the accuracy of the roster of certified Committeepersons with the Multnomah County Director of Elections prior to any meeting of the Central Committee.
7. Make available to the members of the Central Committee and Executive Committee a copy of the minutes of the prior meeting.
8. Provide copies of the by-laws at any regular meeting of the Central Committee.
9. Prior to the Organizational meeting, provide nominating petitions as requested.

D. TREASURER

1. Shall be familiar with law applicable to the position and shall be responsible for submitting the required financial statements to the Secretary of State. [ORS Ch. 260]
2. Shall act as the fiscal agent of the Central Committee for the receipt and disbursements of all funds. Money belonging to the Central Committee shall be deposited and maintained as directed by the Executive Committee.
3. Shall maintain adequate records as prescribed in ORS 260.055. The Treasurer shall keep in his/her possession.
4. Shall see that the daily journal of receipts is properly maintained and shall pay all authorized bills promptly. In case of doubt as to the authority for paying a bill, the Treasurer may require a written order from the Chairman.
5. All checks issued by the Central Committee must be signed by any two (2) of the following: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer.
6. Shall give a complete written report at all Central Committee and Executive Committee meetings.
7. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to prepare a financial report covering the period from the date of the last audit until the latest practicable date prior to the Organizational Meeting. The reports shall be included with the Secretary's last official notice for the Organizational Meeting. Such report shall be filed at the Central

Committee headquarters.

E. DELEGATES TO THE ORP

1. Shall be members of the Multnomah County Republican Central Committee and the Executive Committee and be expected to attend all meetings.
2. Shall be a member of the Standing Committee.
3. Shall attend all meetings of the ORP as representatives of the Central Committee. If a delegate is unable to attend any meeting of the ORP, that delegate shall give timely notification to the Chairman who will assume the responsibility to see that the absent delegate is represented by an Alternate Delegate, if none are available, by proxy.

F. ALTERNATE DELEGATES TO THE ORP

1. Be members of the Multnomah County Republican Central Committee and an Alternate to the Executive committee.
2. Shall be a member of a Standing Committee.
3. Shall attend the meetings of the ORP when notified by the Chairman that a delegate is unable to attend.

G. DELEGATE TO THE STATE CONVENTION

Attend the State Convention as representatives of the Central Committee. If a delegate is unable to attend the State Convention, that delegate will give timely notification to the Chairman who will assume the responsibility to see that an alternate delegate is present.

H. ALTERNATE DELEGATES TO THE STATE CONVENTION

Attend the State Convention when notified by the Chairman that a delegate is unable to attend.

ARTICLE VI. COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. The Central Committee

The Central Committee is the operating committee of the county organization from which all power and authority are derived. Membership is pursuant to Article II of the by-laws. Any decision made by this committee, if duly presented according to the terms of these by-laws and in accordance with the ORP bylaws, state and federal law, has precedence over any other decisions, policy or rule enacted by any other person, officer, organization or committee in the county organization.

SECTION 2. Executive Committee

A. COMPOSITION

The Executive Committee is comprised of the following individuals:

Voting Members [elected people only]

1. Chairman (who is the presiding officer)
2. Vice Chairman
3. Secretary (who is the recording secretary)
4. Treasurer

5 to 11 – Delegates to ORP Central Committee [presently seven (7)]
12 to 26 – One (1) or two (2) Captains per House District (15 or more) if elected by a majority of precinct committeepersons of those present at a district meeting.

Non-Voting Members

Or 12 to 26 One (1) or two (2) Captains per House District (15 or more) appointed by the Chairman.

27 to 35 Chairpersons of Standing Committees

Alternate Delegates may substitute in the absence of delegates and if a delegate is also an officer. They will be seated in the order of election. Only one vote per person for those holding more than one position.

B. FUNCTIONS

1. The Executive Committee possesses and exercises all the powers and duties of the Central Committee except those powers and duties specifically reserved to the Central Committee by Oregon State Law, ORP by-laws or these bylaws during the intervals between meetings of the Central Committee.
2. The Executive Committee may not enter into any lease, employment contract or other contractual obligation with could exceed their current term of office.
3. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once every two months on call of the Chairman.
4. A quorum at any meeting of the Executive Committee will consist of a majority of the voting members of the Executive Committee.
5. All meetings of the Executive Committee shall be open to all Central Committee members except when discussing personnel or

legal matters.

SECTION 3. Qualifications for appointment

Any registered Republican residing in Multnomah County is eligible to hold an appointed position.

SECTION 4. Standing Committees

Standing Committees shall be organized within the Central Committee for a specific purpose, composition, and function. These Standing Committees shall report on their activities as appropriate at Regular Meetings of the Central Committee and Executive Committee meetings. None of the Standing Committees are empowered to expend funds on behalf of the Central Committee without prior consent of the Executive Committee. Unless otherwise stated herein, the Standing Committees will each consist of a Chairman to be appointed by the Central Committee Chairman and at least four (4) additional members to be appointed by the Standing Committee Chairman with the approval of the Central Committee Chairman. [Unless already a voting member, Chairpersons of the Standing Committees are non-voting members of the Executive Committee.]

The Standing Committees of the Central Committee are as follows:

A. THE FINANCE COMMITTEE will develop programs to raise funds for the operation of the Central Committee and for the benefit of Republican Candidates.

B. THE BUDGET COMMITTEE shall present an annual budget at the January regular meeting of the Central Committee. Copies of the proposed budget shall be mailed to members of the Central Committee at least ten (10) calendar days prior to the January meeting. The Central Committee may accept, amend, or reject the proposed budget.

If rejected, the Budget Committee will prepare a new budget report for presentation at the next Regular meeting of the Central Committee. (Note: The Central Committee Treasurer shall be chairman and the Finance Chairman shall be a member of the Budget Committee.)

C. THE RESEARCH COMMITTEE will collect, assemble and disseminate information on current public issues and voting trends for the benefit of Elected Republicans, Republican Candidates and the general members of the Central Committee.

D. THE PRECINCT ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE shall locate and train persons willing to be appointed as Committeepersons in their own or adjacent precincts and organize and oversee registration activities.

E. THE CANDIDATE RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE shall locate persons qualified and willing to run as Republican candidates for public office and shall formulate effective programs for preparing those persons to run for office.

F. THE AUDIT COMMITTEE shall direct that at least once a year, the Treasurer's records are reviewed according to agreed upon procedures, by a person (other than the Treasurer) selected by the Audit Committee. They may also make recommendations in regards to financial policy or procedure. A copy of their report shall be made available to the Executive Committee and a written financial statement shall be made available to each member of the Central Committee at the next meeting. A complete copy of this report shall be kept at the party's headquarters.

G. THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE shall develop programs to educate Committeepersons to participate in the political process at all levels.

H. THE PUBLICITY COMMITTEE shall publicize the activities of the Central Committee.

I. THE CANDIDATES ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE (CAC) will be composed of members appointed by the Chairman and an equal number of elected members. The elected members are to be selected by the Central Committee Chairman from those persons elected as Delegates to the ORP Central Committee, other than the Central Committee Chairman.

The CAC will work under a rule whereby they will allocate at least 10% of the funds available for candidate assistance evenly between all the Multnomah County Republican Candidates running in partisan races who present CAC with campaign information with which to make allocation evaluations. The remaining funds will be allocated among specific candidates meeting the above criteria according to the need and viability of each candidate. Need and viability to be determined by CAC.

SECTION 5. Ad Hoc Committees

In addition to the Standing Committees, the Central Committee Chairman may from time to time appoint various Ad Hoc Committees which will report to the Executive Committee. (Unless already a voting member, members of Ad Hoc Committees are not voting members of the Executive Committee.)

SECTION 6. Nominating Committees

A. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

1. COMPOSITION

Within sixty (60) calendar days of the Organizational Meeting, the retiring Chairman shall, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of at least seven (7) members who will elect a committee chairman and secretary from amongst themselves.

2. FUNCTION

The Nominating Committee shall select nominees for the positions

of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, treasurer, Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the ORP. The Nominating Committee will submit its report to the Secretary of the Central Committee at least twenty (20) calendar days prior to the date of the Organizational meeting. The report of the Nominating Committee will not be subject to any amendment.

B. REGULAR OR SPECIAL MEETING for the election of Delegates to the State Convention.

1. COMPOSITION

Within sixty (60) calendar days of the meeting to elect delegates to the State Convention, the chairman shall, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of at least seven (7) members who will elect a committee chairman and secretary from amongst themselves.

2. FUNCTION

The Nominating Committee shall select nominees for the positions of Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the ORP State Convention. The Nominating Committee will submit its report to the Secretary of the Central Committee at least twenty (20) calendar days prior to the date of the meeting. The report of the Nominating Committee will not be subject to any amendment.

C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will act as nominating Committee to fill any other vacancies

SECTION 7. The Credential Committee

The Credential Committee will consist of the House Captains. It will be their responsibility to keep an accurate count of the Committeepersons registered at each meeting of the Central Committee. The Chairman of the Central Committee shall appoint the Chairman of the Credential Committee.

ARTICLE VII. COUNTY ORGANIZATION

SECTION 1. House District Captains

The House District Captains, elected by the district precinct Committeepersons or appointed by the Chairman, will administer programs of material distribution and precinct organization. It is the duty of the House District Captain(s) to act as liaison between the Committeepersons in their House District and the Executive Committee.

SECTION 2. Area Leaders.

The House District Captain(s) shall appoint area leaders who will be assigned various responsibilities.

ARTICLE VIII. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS.

SECTION 1. Nominating Committees

The Nominating Committees shall select a slate of candidates for all Central Committee officers and delegates as defined in Article VI Section 6A and 6B.

SECTION 2. Other Nominations: Petitions

The Central Committee Chairman shall accept nominations for inclusion on the ballot which are submitted in person or by certified mail with a signed statement of "Willingness to Serve", a petition of nomination bearing the signatures of ten (10) or more Committeepersons, and provided such nominations are submitted at least ten (10) calendar days prior to the date of the meeting.

SECTION 3. Other Nominations: Floor

No one may be nominated unless they have consented to serve. To be nominated for an office, the candidate must be present or have filed with the Chairman, in writing, his/her consent to be nominated. Nominations shall be allowed from the floor.

SECTION 4. The Ballot

A. Organizational Meeting

There shall be at least four (4) separate ballots: the first for the Central Committee Chairman; the second for all other Central Committee officers; the third for delegates to the ORP; the fourth for Alternate Delegates to the ORP.

B. Regular or Special Meetings

There shall be at least two (2) separate ballots; the first for Delegates to the State Convention; and the second for Alternate Delegates to the State Convention.

Only those names submitted by the Nominating Committee and those names nominated by the appropriate petition procedures (received not less than ten (10) calendar days prior to the date of the meeting) shall be printed on the ballot. All others shall be considered as write-in candidates.

The ballot shall be printed and all require a simple "X" in the appropriate box to cast the vote.

Identification on the ballot of the source of the nomination shall be required.

SECTION 5. Distribution of ballots

Ballots shall be placed in envelopes and distributed to qualified Committeepersons as they register with the Credentials Committee. Delegates

leaving the meeting before the vote is called for will turn their ballots in to the Credentials Committee who will judge them to be invalid.

SECTION 6. Replacement of ballots marked in error or ruined

The Chairman of the Credential Committee shall be responsible for the security of the extra supply of ballots. Should any Committeeperson mismark a ballot, it may be surrendered to the Chairman of the Credential Committee and will be replaced. All surrendered ballots shall be immediately marked "Void" and will be retained by the Chairman of the Credential Committee for review by the Election Judges.

SECTION 7. Ballot Boxes

Ballots shall be deposited by the voter into ballot boxes. Ballot shall be removed from the ballot boxes only by the appointed Election Judges.

SECTION 8. Counting of votes

The Chairman shall appoint three Election Judges who will determine the validity of ballots, supervise counting, tallying and announce the results. The Chairman will appoint an appropriate number of clerks to count the ballots. Each officer candidate may appoint one (1) observer to watch the counting of ballots related to the position they are seeking and report to the Election Judges any irregularities of procedure. During the counting and tallying of votes only Election Judges, appointed observers and clerks shall be present.

SECTION 9. Invalid ballots

Ballots which are not properly marked shall be deemed by the Election Judges to be invalid only for the position or positions where the error(s) occur. The Election Judges shall make no assumptions as to what the voter intended. All invalid ballots are to be kept separate, counted and included in the Election Judges' report.

SECTION 10. Number Necessary to elect

The Chairman shall be elected by a majority vote. All other positions shall be elected by a plurality of the votes cast. (Note: Majority=one more than half. Plurality=most votes cast.) If no candidate receives a majority vote for Chairman, there shall be a run-off election between the two (2) candidates who received the most votes.

SECTION 11. The limit for nominating speeches

Each candidate for Chairman shall be allotted a total of five (5) minutes for speeches and each candidate for other Central Committee offices shall be allotted a total of two (2) minutes. Candidates seeking the positions of Delegate to the ORP or State Convention shall be introduced but no time shall be allocated for speeches.

SECTION 12. Order of positions

Voting shall follow a prescribed order and elections shall be completed for each office or group of offices before voting on the next category as follows:

A. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

1. Chairman
2. All other Central Committee offices: Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer.
3. Delegates to the ORP. [See Article VIII, Section 4]
4. Alternate Delegates to the ORP. [See Article VIII, Section 4]

B. REGULAR OR SPECIAL MEETING

1. Delegates to the State Convention. [See Article VIII, Section 4]
2. Alternate Delegates to the State Convention. [See Article VIII, Section 4]

ARTICLE IX. EMPLOYEES

SECTION 1.

Staff may be hired if funds are available. Each staff person shall be responsible for duties assigned by the Chairman. A job description shall be given to each staff person at the time of employment.

SECTION 2.

The Chairman shall not have the authority to bind a future Central Committee and no person shall be give an employment contract, oral or written, that extends beyond the next Organizational Meeting.

SECTION 3.

No person may serve concurrently as an employee of the Central Committee and as a member of the Executive Committee. However, an Executive Committee member may fill a staff position on a temporary basis not to exceed three (3) months.

SECTION 4.

In the event that an employee desires to run for paid public office, that employee must resign at the time he/she declares his/her candidacy. An employee may not run for an office or delegate position of the Central Committee.

ARTICLE X. FINANCES

SECTION 1. Budget

- A. No expenses shall be allowed which are not included in the budget, whether as line item or from contingency as provided in subparagraph B.
- B. The budget will include a minimum 5% of gross expenses proportional to actual income to be listed as “contingency” which shall be available for party business by the Chairman without consulting the Executive or Central Committees. This fund cannot be used to circumvent any action (vote) taken by either Executive or Central Committee.
- C. The Executive Committee may amend the budget.
- D. The budget shall be based upon a fiscal year ending December 31st.
- E. Allocation of an expense item to a budget category shall be determined by the Treasurer and/or the Budget Committee.

SECTION 2. Expense Allowances

- A. The Budget Committee shall provide a budgeted expense allowance proportional to actual income for the Central Committee Chairman and Vice Chairman and such other persons as may appear advisable.
- B. Vouchers with itemized expenses, mileage traveled and purpose of the expense shall be prepared by the individual receiving reimbursement. All expense vouchers for employees shall be approved by the Chairman prior to payment. Vouchers will be reviewed periodically by elected officers.
- C. All financial forms shall be approved by the Audit and Budget Committees.

SECTION 3. Candidate Assistance

- A. After due consideration, the Central Committee, the Executive Committee or a Candidate’s Assistance Committee may recruit and financially assist legally qualified candidates in the Primary election. In any contested race, the Multnomah County Republican Party shall treat legally qualified candidates equally. All Republican Candidates shall have equal access to the use of party records and equipment in a manner to be determined by the Executive Committee.
- B. No Central Committee funds shall be used to pay for a candidate’s campaign deficit or any part thereof.
- C. The Central Committee will financially assist Republican Candidates after the primary election as funds are available.

ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1.

The by-laws may be amended, altered, revised or repealed by a majority vote of those Committeepersons present and voting at any duly called meeting of the Central Committee provided that notice of the proposed amendment(s), alteration(s), revision(s) and/or repeal shall be given with the official notice of the meeting and provided a quorum exists.

SECTION 2.

Amendments to these by-laws may be proposed by the Central Committee action, recommendation by the Executive Committee, or by petition signed by not less than twenty percent (20%) of the then elected or appointed and certified Committeepersons. In any case, the Secretary shall include a copy of the proposed amendment with the official notice of the meeting.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Central Committee: Multnomah County Republican Central Committee.

Committeeperson: Multnomah County Republican Precinct Committeeman or Multnomah County Republican Precinct Committeewoman.

Organizational Meeting: Biennial Multnomah County Republican Organizational Meeting. ORP: Oregon Republican Party ORS: Oregon Revised Statutes

Candidate: Republican nominees for partisan elective city, county, state, or federal office in districts situated wholly or in part in Multnomah County during the period between the Organizational meeting, a primary election and the next general election.

State Convention: Oregon Republican State Convention Elected Republican: Republicans currently serving in partisan elective city, county, state or federal office in districts situated wholly or in part in Multnomah County.

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