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MULTNOMAH COUNTY

REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE

BY-LAWS

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

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

15 **ARTICLE I. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

16 **SECTION 1. By-laws to govern Central Committee**

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

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

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

22 **ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION IN THE**
23 **CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

24 **SECTION 1. Definitions**

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

27 **SECTION 2. Membership**

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

29 A. All elected and certified Committeepersons.

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

4 **SECTION 3. Participation**

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

8 **SECTION 4. Votes**

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

10 **SECTION 5. Proxies**

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

12 **SECTION 6. Resignations**

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

18 **SECTION 7. Vacancies**

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

23 **ARTICLE III. TERMS OF OFFICE**

24 **SECTION 1. Terms will begin as follows:**

25 A. Elected Committeepersons will begin their terms upon the 24th day after the
26 primary election. [ORS 248.015]

27 B. Appointed Committeepersons will begin their terms upon certification of their
28 appointment from the Multnomah County Director of Elections.

29 C. Elected officers of the Central Committee including Central Committee Delegates
30 and Alternates to the ORP, and House District Captains will begin their terms upon
31 their election to office.

1 **SECTION 2. Terms will end as follows:**

2 A. Elected Committeepersons' terms of office will end upon the 23rd day after the
3 next primary election.

4 B. Appointed Committeepersons' terms of office will end upon the 23rd day after the
5 next primary election.

6 C. Central Committee elected officers' terms will end upon the election of their
7 successors.

8 D. House District Captains terms will end At the beginning of the Organizational Meeting.

9 **ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS**

10 **SECTION 1. Organizational Meeting.**

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

14 A. Notice of such meetings must be sent no later than 30 days prior to the date of the
15 meeting to all certified Republican precinct committee-persons elected during the
16 Primary election of that year or appointed pursuant to county rule. A copy of the
17 notice must also be sent to the State Central Committee no later than 30 days prior to
18 the date of the meeting.

19 B. The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers for the County Central Committee
20 and to elect delegates and alternate delegates to the State Central Committee pursuant
21 to these by-laws.

22 C. A person appointed to fill a vacancy in the office of the precinct Committeeperson
23 may not vote on the election of County Central Committee officers at the
24 organizational meeting of the newly elected committee, but may vote to fill any
25 vacancy in a committee office after the organizational meeting.

26 D. Failure to reorganize shall be remedied according to ORP by-laws.

27 **SECTION 2. Regular Meeting**

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

32 **SECTION 3. Special Meeting**

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

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1 of the Special meeting is sent by the Secretary to all members of the Central Committee at
2 least ten (10) calendar days prior to the scheduled meeting date.

3 **SECTION 4. Petitioned Meeting**

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

11 **SECTION 5. Notices**

12 A. All notices shall be in writing specifying time, place, date of the meeting in
13 accordance with Section 1, 2, 3 and 4 above, and must be sent by to all members of
14 the Central Committee (Email notification is allowed) Failure to give the above
15 required notice of the meeting shall invalidate the business of the meeting.
16 Notification may be sent using electronic formats, default notification will be by
17 first class mail.

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

21 **SECTION 6. Quorum**

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

25 **ARTICLE V. OFFICERS AND DELEGATES**

26 **SECTION 1. Elected Officer and Delegates**

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

- 29 1. Chairman
- 30 2. Vice Chairman
- 31 3. Secretary
- 32 4. Treasurer
- 33 5. Delegates to the ORP State Central Committee

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

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

4 B. At a regular or special meeting before the ORP State Convention delegates to the
5 State Convention shall be elected.

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

9 C. The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer are “Committee Directors”
10 as defined by ORS

11 **SECTION 2. Qualifications for Office**

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

14 **SECTION 3. Vacancies in office of Officer, Delegate or Alternate Delegate**

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

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

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

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

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

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

9 **SECTION 4. Recall**

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

18 **SECTION 5. Powers and duties of the officers and delegates.**

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

20 **A. CHAIRMAN**

21 1. Have a general charge of the affairs of the Republican Party in Multnomah
22 County subject to the control of the Central Committee and the Executive
23 Committee. The Chairman shall promote the interest of the Republican Party.

24 2. Call meetings as provided in these by-laws.

25 3. Appoint, dismiss, supervise and direct all employees (if any) of the Central
26 Committee.

27 4. Appoint various Committee Chairmen and members of the Committees as
28 stated in Article VI.

29 5. Report to the membership at each meeting of the Central Committee. This
30 report shall include a summary of the Chairman's activities and the actions
31 taken by the Executive Committee during the interval between meetings of
32 the Central Committee.

33 6. A Sergeant-at-arms shall be appointed by the Chairman.

34 7. Within five (5) business days of the county organizational meeting, the
35 newly elected Chairman shall cause notice provided, in writing, of the name
36 of each county officer and the name of each

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

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

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

17 **B. VICE CHAIRMAN**

18 1. Perform such duties as assigned by the Chairman.

19 2. Assume and perform the duties of the Chairman in the event of the
20 Chairman's temporary inability to perform the duties of office (with the
21 exception of serving as a delegate to the ORP.)

22 **C. SECRETARY**

23 1. Keep the minutes of all meetings of the Central Committee and the
24 Executive Committee. The minutes shall be kept in duplicate form with the
25 original filed at the Central Committee headquarters within ten (10) calendar
26 days of the meeting. The Secretary shall keep a duplicate copy of the minutes
27 in his/her possession. In the event there is no Central Committee
28 headquarters, the Secretary shall retain the original and the duplicate shall be
29 delivered to the Chairman within ten (10) calendar days of the meeting.

30 2. Mail all notices in accordance with the provisions of Oregon State law,
31 these by-laws or directives from the Chairman, the Central Committee or the
32 Executive Committee.

33 3. Provide proper notification to the Multnomah County Director of Elections
34 of the appointment of any Committeeperson.

35 4. Provide proper notification to the Multnomah County Director of Elections
36 of the resignation of any Committeeperson.

1 5. Maintain a current roster of the membership of the Central Committee
2 designating whether elected or appointed Committeeperson. The roster shall
3 be in duplicate. The original shall be filed at Central Committee headquarters
4 (or when there is no headquarters, with the Chairman) and the duplicate shall
5 be kept in the possession of the Secretary.

6 6. Verify the accuracy of the roster of certified Committeepersons with the
7 Multnomah County Director of Elections prior to any meeting of the Central
8 Committee.

9 7. Make available to the members of the Central Committee and Executive
10 Committee a copy of the minutes of the prior meeting.

11 8. Provide copies of the by-laws at any regular meeting of the Central
12 Committee.

13 9. Prior to the Organizational meeting, provide nominating petitions as
14 requested.

15 **D. TREASURER**

16 1. Shall be familiar with law applicable to the position and shall be
17 responsible for submitting the required financial statements to the Secretary
18 of State. [ORS Ch. 260]

19 2. Shall act as the fiscal agent of the Central Committee for the receipt and
20 disbursements of all funds. Money belonging to the Central Committee shall
21 be deposited and maintained as directed by the Executive Committee.

22 3. Shall maintain adequate records as prescribed in ORS 260.055. The
23 Treasurer shall keep in his/her possession.

24 4. Shall see that the daily journal of receipts is properly maintained and shall
25 pay all authorized bills promptly. In case of doubt as to the authority for
26 paying a bill, the Treasurer may require a written order from the Chairman.

27 5. All checks issued by the Central Committee must be signed by any two (2)
28 of the following: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer.

29 6. Shall give a complete written report at all Central Committee and
30 Executive Committee meetings.

31 7. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to prepare a financial report covering
32 the period from the date of the last audit until the latest practicable date prior
33 to the Organizational Meeting. The reports shall be included with the
34 Secretary's last official notice for the Organizational Meeting. Such report
35 shall be filed at the Central

1 Committee headquarters.

2 **E. DELEGATES TO THE ORP**

3 1. Shall be members of the Multnomah County Republican Central
4 Committee and the Executive Committee and be expected to attend all
5 meetings.

6 2. Shall be a member of a Standing Committee.

7 3. Shall attend all meetings of the ORP as representatives of the Central
8 Committee. If a delegate is unable to attend any meeting of the ORP, that
9 delegate shall give timely notification to the Chairman who will assume the
10 responsibility to see that the absent delegate is represented by an Alternate
11 Delegate or, if none are available, by proxy.

12 **F. ALTERNATE DELEGATES TO THE ORP**

13 1. Be members of the Multnomah County Republican Central Committee and
14 an Alternate to the Executive committee.

15 2. Shall be a member of a Standing Committee.

16 3. Shall attend the meetings of the ORP when notified by the Chairman that a
17 delegate is unable to attend.

18 **G. DELEGATES TO THE STATE CONVENTION**

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

23 **H. ALTERNATE DELEGATES TO THE STATE CONVENTION**

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

26 **ARTICLE VI. COMMITTEES**

27 **SECTION 1. The Central Committee**

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

1 **SECTION 2. Executive Committee**

2 **A. COMPOSITION**

3 The Executive Committee is comprised of the following individuals:

4 **Voting Members [elected people only]**

- 5 1. Chairman (who is the presiding officer)
- 6 2. Vice Chairman
- 7 3. Secretary (who is the recording secretary)
- 8 4. Treasurer
- 9 5. Delegates to ORP Central Committee
- 10 6. One (1) or two (2) Captains per House District (15 or more) if elected by a
- 11 majority of precinct committeepersons of those present at a district meeting.

12 **Non-Voting Members**

- 13 1. Alternate Delegates if not serving as Delegates
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- 15 2. One (1) or two (2) Captains per House District (15 or more) appointed by
- 16 the Chairman.
- 17 3. Chairpersons of Standing Committees

18 Alternate Delegates may substitute in the absence of delegates and if a

19 delegate is also an officer. They will be seated in the order of election. Only

20 one vote per person for those holding more than one position.

21 **B. FUNCTIONS**

- 22 1. The Executive Committee possesses and exercises all the powers and
- 23 duties of the Central Committee except those powers and duties specifically
- 24 reserved to the Central Committee by Oregon State Law, ORP by-laws or
- 25 these bylaws during the intervals between meetings of the Central Committee.
- 26 2. The Executive Committee may not enter into any lease, employment
- 27 contract or other contractual obligation with could exceed their current term
- 28 of office.
- 29 3. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once every two months on
- 30 call of the Chairman.
- 31 4. A quorum at any meeting of the Executive Committee will consist of a
- 32 majority of the voting members of the Executive Committee. Elected House
- 33 District captains not in attendance at an Executive Committee Meeting are not
- 34 counted in determining quorum.

1 5. All meetings of the Executive Committee shall be open to all Central
2 Committee members except when discussing personnel or legal matters.

3 6. Notice of all Executive Committee Meetings must be sent to all members
4 of the Executive Committee at least three (3) calendar days prior to the
5 scheduled meeting. All notices shall specify the time, place and date of the
6 meeting.

7 **SECTION 3. Qualifications for appointment**

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

10 **SECTION 4. Standing Committees**

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

21 The Standing Committees of the Central Committee are as follows:

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

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

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

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

37 **D. THE PRECINCT ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE** shall locate and train
38 persons willing to be appointed as Committeepersons in their own or adjacent

precincts, develop programs to educate Committeepersons to participate in the political process at all levels, and organize and oversee registration activities.

E. THE CANDIDATE RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING 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 VOTER INTEGRITY COMMITTEE shall monitor elections in Multnomah County and keep the Central Committee informed of problems with the Multnomah County Elections office and in the Legislature.

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 non 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,

1 appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of at least seven (7) members
2 who will elect a committee chairman and secretary from amongst themselves.

3 **2. FUNCTION**

4 The Nominating Committee shall select nominees for the positions of
5 Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, treasurer, Delegates and Alternate
6 Delegates to the ORP. The Nominating Committee will submit its report o the
7 Secretary of the Central Committee at least twenty (20) calendar days prior to
8 the date of the Organizational meeting. The report of the Nominating
9 Committee will not be subject to any amendment.

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

12 **1. COMPOSITION**

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

18 **2. FUNCTION**

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

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

27 **SECTION 7. The Credential Committee**

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

32 **ARTICLE VII. COUNTY ORGANIZATION**

33 **SECTION 1. House District Captains**

34 The House District Captains, elected by the district precinct Committeepersons or appointed
35 by the Chairman, will administer programs of material distribution and precinct organization.
36 It is the duty of the House District Captain(s) to act as liaison between the Committeepersons
37 and the Executive Committee. House District Captains must attend Central and Executive
38

1 Committee Meetings. House District Captains may be elected at a district meeting in their
2 House District [a district meeting may be held by notifying the Secretary and all of the
3 precinct Committeepersons in the district 10 (ten) days in advance giving the time and a
4 location within the district. District meetings may also occur at Central Committee
5 meetings, if listed in the agenda]. Appointed House District Captains serve at the
6 discretion of the Executive Committee.

7 **SECTION 2. Area Leaders.**

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

10 **ARTICLE VIII. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS.**

11 **SECTION 1. Nominating Committees**

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

14 **SECTION 2. Other Nominations: Petitions**

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

20 **SECTION 3. Other Nominations: Floor**

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

24 **SECTION 4. The Ballot**

25 A. Organizational Meeting

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

29 B. Regular or Special Meetings

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

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

1 The ballot shall be printed and all require a simple “X” in the appropriate box to cast
2 the vote.

3 **SECTION 5. Distribution of ballots**

4 Ballots shall be placed in envelopes and distributed to qualified Committeepersons as they
5 register with the Credentials Committee. Delegates leaving the meeting before the vote is
6 called for will turn their ballots in to the Credentials Committee who will judge them to be
7 invalid.

8 **SECTION 6. Replacement of ballots marked in error or ruined**

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

14 **SECTION 7. Ballot Boxes**

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

17 **SECTION 8. Counting of votes**

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

24 **SECTION 9. Invalid ballots**

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

29 **SECTION 10. Number Necessary to elect**

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

34 **SECTION 11. The limit for nominating speeches**

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

1 **ARTICLE IX. EMPLOYEES**

2 **SECTION 1.**

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

6 **SECTION 2.**

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

10 **SECTION 3.**

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

14 **SECTION 4.**

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

18 **ARTICLE X. FINANCES**

19 **SECTION 1. Budget**

20 A. No expenses shall be allowed which are not included in the budget, whether as
21 line item or from contingency as provided in subparagraph B.

22 B. The budget will include a minimum 5% of gross expenses proportional to actual
23 income to be listed as “contingency” which shall be available for party business by
24 the Chairman without consulting the Executive or Central Committees. This fund
25 cannot be used to circumvent any action (vote) taken by either Executive or Central
26 Committee.

27 C. The Executive Committee may amend the budget.

28 D. The budget shall be based upon a fiscal year ending December 31st.

29 E. Allocation of an expense item to a budget category shall be determined by the
30 Treasurer and/or the Budget Committee.

31 **SECTION 2. Expense Allowances**

32 A. The Budget Committee shall provide a budgeted expense allowance proportional
33 to actual income for the Central Committee Chairman and Vice Chairman and such
34 other persons as may appear advisable.

1 B. Vouchers with itemized expenses, mileage traveled and purpose of the expense
2 shall be prepared by the individual receiving reimbursement. All expense vouchers
3 for employees shall be approved by the Chairman prior to payment. Vouchers will be
4 reviewed periodically by elected officers.

5 C. All financial forms shall be approved by the Audit and Budget Committees.

6 **SECTION 3. Candidate Assistance**

7 A. After due consideration, the Central Committee, the Executive Committee or a
8 Candidate’s Assistance Committee may recruit and financially assist legally qualified
9 candidates in the Primary election. In any contested race, the Multnomah County
10 Republican Party shall treat legally qualified candidates equally. All Republican
11 Candidates shall have equal access to the use of party records and equipment in a
12 manner to be determined by the Executive Committee.

13 B. No Central Committee funds shall be used to pay for a candidate’s campaign
14 deficit or any part thereof.

15 C. The Central Committee will financially assist Republican Candidates after the
16 primary election as funds are available.

17 **ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS**

18 **SECTION 1.**

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

23 **SECTION 2.**

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

1 **GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

2 **Central Committee:** Multnomah County Republican Central Committee.

3 **Committeeperson:** Multnomah County Republican Precinct Committeeman or Multnomah County
4 Republican Precinct Committeewoman.

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

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

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

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