

1                   **MULTNOMAH COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE**  
2   **BY-LAWS**

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

11          The elected and appointed Republican Precinct Committeepersons for Multnomah County  
12          adopt these bylaws for the Multnomah County Republican Central Committee [“Central  
13          Committee”].

14   **ARTICLE I. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

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

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

18          **SECTION 2. Robert’s Rules to be the source for parliamentary authority**

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

21   **ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION IN THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

22          **SECTION 1. Definitions**

23          The term “Committeeperson” shall mean “Multnomah County Republican Precinct  
24          Committeeman” or “Multnomah County Republican Precinct Committeewoman”.

25          **SECTION 2. Membership**

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

- 27          A.     All elected and certified Committeepersons.
- 28          B.     All appointed and certified Committeepersons.

1 C. The elected officers of the Central Committee including Delegates and Alternate  
2 Delegates to the Oregon Republican Party ["ORP"].

3 **SECTION 3. Appointment of Committeepersons**

4 A. Persons to be appointed as Committeepersons must be present at the Central  
5 Committee meeting or Executive Committee Meeting at which they are nominated for appointment.

6 B. Persons to be appointed as a Committeeperson must be nominated by a currently elected  
7 Committeeperson.

8 C. Each nominee will be allowed three minutes to present why they should be appointed as  
9 Committeepersons.

10 D. After Nominee's presentation to the Executive Committee or if nominated at a Central  
11 Committee meeting , a simple majority present and eligible to vote will be required to accept the  
12 nomination.

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14 **SECTION 3. Participation**

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

18 **SECTION 4. Votes**

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

20 **SECTION 5. Proxies**

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

22 **SECTION 6. Resignations**

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

28 **SECTION 7. Vacancies**

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

### 5 **ARTICLE III. TERMS OF OFFICE**

#### 6 **SECTION 1. Terms will begin as follows:**

- 7 A. Elected Committeepersons will begin their terms upon the 24th day after the primary  
8 election. [ORS 248.015]
- 9 B. Appointed Committeepersons will begin their terms upon certification of their  
10 appointment from the Multnomah County Director of Elections.
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- 12 C. Elected officers of the Central Committee including Central Committee Delegates  
13 and Alternates to the ORP, and House District Captains will begin their terms upon  
14 their election to office.

#### 15 **SECTION 2. Terms will end as follows:**

- 16 A. Elected Committeepersons' terms of office will end upon the 23rd day after the next  
17 primary election.
- 18 B. Appointed Committeepersons' terms of office will end upon the 23rd day after the  
19 next primary election.
- 20 C. Central Committee elected officers' terms will end upon the election of their  
21 successors.
- 22 D. House District Captains terms will end at the beginning of the Organizational  
23 Meeting.

### 24 **ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS**

#### 25 **SECTION 1. Organizational Meeting**

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

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

14 **SECTION 2. Regular Meeting**

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

19 **SECTION 3. Special Meeting**

20           Special meetings of the Central Committee may be called at the direction of the Chairman  
21           with the concurrence of the Executive Committee provided that notice of the Special meeting is sent  
22           by the Secretary to all members 1 of the Central Committee at least ten (10) calendar days prior to  
23           the scheduled meeting date.

24 **SECTION 4. Petitioned Meeting**

25           The members of the Central Committee may call themselves into a Petitioned meeting by  
26           presenting to the Secretary at least twenty-five (25) calendar days prior to the scheduled date of the  
27           meeting a petition or petitions signed by at least twenty percent (20%) of the then elected or  
28           appointed and certified Committeepersons setting forth the proposed date, time and purpose of the

1 meeting. Notice of such a Petitioned meeting, including a copy of the Petition that discloses the  
2 identity of the proponents, must be sent by the Secretary to all members of the Central Committee at  
3 least eighteen (18) calendar days prior to the scheduled meeting date. In the event the Petitioned  
4 meeting is for recall of one or more County officers, the Petition shall declare the causes for  
5 removal, and the Secretary shall state in the Notice that consideration for removal from office(s)  
6 will take place and that if such office holder is recalled, a special election will be held at such  
7 meeting to fill the vacancy so created. In addition, the Secretary shall provide written notice to the  
8 office holder(s) subject to removal.

9 **SECTION 5. Notices**

- 10       A. All notices shall be in writing specifying time, place, date of the meeting in  
11       accordance with Section 1, 2, 3 and 4 above, and must be sent by to all members of  
12       the Central Committee (Email notification is allowed) Failure to give the above  
13       required notice of the meeting shall invalidate the business of the meeting.  
14       Notification may be sent using electronic formats, default notification will be by first  
15       class mail.
- 16       B. If the meeting is for the purpose of electing or recalling officers or amending these  
17       bylaws, notice of the proposed action or a copy of the proposed amendment must  
18       accompany the meeting notice.

19 **SECTION 6. Quorum**

20       A quorum for all meetings shall consist of ten percent (10%) of the number of elected or  
21       appointed and certified Committeepersons, unless it is a Petitioned meeting to recall one or more  
22       officers, in which case the quorum shall consist of forty percent (40%) of the number of elected or  
23       appointed and certified Committee persons.. A quorum shall be reported at meetings. No business  
24       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 elected:  
28       1. Chairman

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

5                   The number of delegates to the ORP central committee shall be in accordance with ORP By-  
6 laws Article II Section A. [Note: The Chairman and Vice Chairman shall be first and second  
7 Delegates respectively to the ORP in accordance with ORP by-laws.] Delegates and Alternate  
8 Delegates shall be seated in order of number of votes received.

- 9                   B.       At a regular or special meeting before the ORP State Convention delegates to the  
10                   State Convention shall be elected.

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

- 14                   C.       The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer are “Committee Directors”  
15                   as defined by ORS.

16 **SECTION 2. Qualifications for Office**

17                   Anyone registered as Republican for at least six months and residing in Multnomah County  
18 is eligible to hold a position as officer or delegate of the Central Committee

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

- 20                   A.       An office shall be declared vacant by the Executive Committee when an officer is  
21                   elected to any salaried elective office or resigns, dies or moves out of Multnomah  
22                   County.
- 23                   B.       In the event the office of Chairman becomes vacant the Vice Chairman shall within  
24                   thirty (30) calendar days of the vacancy call a Special meeting of the Central  
25                   Committee for the purpose of electing a new Chairman. If the vacancy occurs within  
26                   fifty (50) calendar days prior to an Organizational Meeting, the Vice Chairman shall  
27                   serve as Chair until and convene the Organizational Meeting.

- 1 C. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to select one of its members as a  
2 “Temporary Officer” to perform the duties of all other vacant offices until a  
3 successor is elected. The Executive Committee shall promptly notify the membership  
4 of the vacancy and the action taken.
- 5 D. When a vacancy occurs in a Delegate or Alternate Delegate 1 position, Delegates  
6 and Alternate Delegates shall move up within each category and an election shall be  
7 held to fill the last Delegate or Alternate position.
- 8 E. The Executive Committee shall set a date for the election meeting and direct the  
9 Secretary (or temporary secretary) to mail the required notices when a vacancy  
10 occurs.
- 11 F. The Central Committee shall proceed immediately to the election of a person to fill  
12 an office when an officer has been recalled.

13 **SECTION 4. Recall**

14 At any called Petitioned meeting of the Central Committee, any one or all of the elected  
15 Officers, Delegates or Alternate Delegates of the Central Committee may be recalled by a majority  
16 vote, provided that the petition prescribed in Article IV, Section 4, states the name of the officer(s),  
17 delegate(s) or alternate delegate(s) to be recalled and the reason for the recall. At the meeting,  
18 twenty (20) minutes will be allowed for each of the officers, delegates or alternate delegates so  
19 named to utilize as he or she may desire, which shall include the right to question anyone speaking  
20 in favor of recall. The officials named for removal may also call upon others to speak on their  
21 behalf, and persons called upon to speak need not be members of the body. Additional floor debate  
22 will be limited to ten (10) minutes for each position in question.

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

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

25 A. CHAIRMAN

- 26 1. Have a general charge of the affairs of the Republican Party in Multnomah  
27 County subject to the control of the Central Committee and the Executive  
28 Committee. The Chairman shall promote the interest of the Republican Party.

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- 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 1 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



1 responsibility for Contribution and Expense reporting to the new officers.  
2 [ORP by-laws Article XXI, Section F]

3 **B. VICE CHAIRMAN**

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

8 **C. SECRETARY**

- 9 1. Keep the minutes of all meetings of the Central Committee and the Executive  
10 Committee. The minutes shall be kept in duplicate form with the original  
11 filed at the Central Committee headquarters within ten (10) calendar days of  
12 the meeting. The Secretary shall keep a duplicate copy of the minutes in  
13 his/her possession. In the event there is no Central Committee headquarters,  
14 the Secretary shall retain the original and the duplicate shall be delivered to  
15 the Chairman within ten (10) calendar days of the meeting.
- 16 2. Mail all notices in accordance with the provisions of Oregon State law, these  
17 by-laws or directives from the Chairman, the Central Committee or the  
18 Executive Committee.
- 19 3. Provide proper notification to the Multnomah County Director of Elections of  
20 the appointment of any Committeeperson.
- 21 4. Provide proper notification to the Multnomah County Director of Elections of  
22 the resignation of any Committeeperson.
- 23 5. Maintain a current roster of the membership of 1 the Central Committee  
24 designating whether elected or appointed Committeeperson. The roster shall  
25 be in duplicate. The original shall be filed at Central Committee headquarters  
26 (or when there is no headquarters, with the Chairman) and the duplicate shall  
27 be kept in the possession of the Secretary.

- 1           6.     Verify the accuracy of the roster of certified Committeepersons with the
- 2                     Multnomah County Director of Elections prior to any meeting of the Central
- 3                     Committee.
- 4           7.     Make available to the members of the Central Committee and Executive
- 5                     Committee a copy of the minutes of the prior meeting.
- 6           8.     Provide copies of the by-laws at any regular meeting of the Central
- 7                     Committee.
- 8           9.     Prior to the Organizational meeting, provide nominating petitions as
- 9                     requested.

10       **D.     TREASURER**

- 11           1.     Shall be familiar with law applicable to the position and shall be responsible
- 12                     for submitting the required financial statements to the Secretary of State.
- 13                     [ORS Ch. 260]
- 14           2.     Shall act as the fiscal agent of the Central Committee for the receipt and
- 15                     disbursements of all funds. Money belonging to the Central Committee shall
- 16                     be deposited and maintained as directed by the Executive Committee.
- 17           3.     Shall maintain adequate records as prescribed in ORS 260.055. The Treasurer
- 18                     shall keep in his/her possession.
- 19           4.     Shall see that the daily journal of receipts is properly maintained and shall
- 20                     pay all authorized bills promptly. In case of doubt as to the authority for
- 21                     paying a bill, the Treasurer may require a written order from the Chairman.
- 22           5.     All checks issued by the Central Committee must be signed by any two (2) of
- 23                     the following: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- 24           6.     Shall give a complete written report at all Central Committee and Executive
- 25                     Committee meetings.
- 26           7.     It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to prepare a financial report covering the
- 27                     period from the date of the last audit until the latest practicable date prior to
- 28                     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 a 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 or, 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. DELEGATES 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

1 decision made by this committee, if duly presented according to the terms of these by-laws and in  
2 accordance with the ORP bylaws, state and federal law, has precedence over any other decisions,  
3 policy or rule enacted by any other person, officer, organization or committee in the county  
4 organization.

5 **SECTION 2. Executive Committee**

6 **A. COMPOSITION**

7 The Executive Committee is comprised of the following individuals:

8 Voting Members [elected people only]

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

16 Non-Voting Members

- 17 1. Alternate Delegates if not serving as Delegates
- 18 2. One (1) or two (2) Captains per House District (15 or more) appointed by the  
19 Chairman.
- 20 3. Chairpersons of Standing Committees Alternate Delegates may substitute in  
21 the absence of delegates and if a delegate is also an officer. They will be  
22 seated in the order of election. Only one vote per person for those holding  
23 more than one position.

24 **B. FUNCTIONS**

- 25 1. The Executive Committee possesses and exercises all the powers and duties  
26 of the Central Committee except those powers and duties specifically  
27 reserved to the Central Committee by Oregon State Law, ORP bylaws or  
28 these bylaws during the intervals between meetings of the Central

1 Committee, *provided that* the exercise of the Executive Committee’s power  
2 to adopt resolutions on behalf of the members of the Central Committee  
3 between Central Committee meetings shall require a two-thirds vote

- 4 2. The Executive Committee may not enter into any lease, employment contract  
5 or other contractual obligation with could exceed their current term of office.
- 6 3. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once every two months on call  
7 of the Chairman.
- 8 4. A quorum at any meeting of the Executive Committee will consist of a  
9 majority of the voting members of the Executive Committee. Elected House  
10 District captains not in attendance at an Executive Committee Meeting are  
11 not counted in determining quorum.
- 12 5. All meetings of the Executive Committee 1 shall be open to all Central  
13 Committee members except when discussing personnel or legal matters.
- 14 6. Notice of all Executive Committee Meetings must be sent to all members of  
15 the Executive Committee at least three (3) calendar days prior to the  
16 scheduled meeting. All notices shall specify the time, place and date of the  
17 meeting.

18 **SECTION 3. Qualifications for appointment**

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

21 **SECTION 4. Standing Committees**

22 Standing Committees shall be organized within the Central Committee for a specific  
23 purpose, composition, and function. These Standing Committees shall report on their activities as  
24 appropriate at Regular Meetings of the Central Committee and Executive Committee meetings.

25 None of the Standing Committees are empowered to expend funds on behalf of the Central  
26 Committee without prior consent of the Executive Committee. Unless otherwise stated herein, the  
27 Standing Committees will each consist of a Chairman to be appointed by the Central Committee  
28 Chairman and at least four (4) additional members to be appointed by the Standing Committee

1 Chairman with the approval of the Central Committee Chairman. [Unless already a voting member,  
2 Chairpersons of the Standing Committees are non-voting members of the Executive Committee.]

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

- 4 **A. THE FINANCE COMMITTEE** will develop programs to raise funds for the  
5 operation of the Central Committee and for the benefit of Republican Candidates.
- 6 **B. THE BUDGET COMMITTEE** shall present an annual budget at the January  
7 regular meeting of the Central Committee. Copies of the proposed budget shall be  
8 mailed to members of the Central Committee at least ten (10) calendar days prior to  
9 the January meeting. The Central Committee may accept, amend, or reject the  
10 proposed budget. If rejected, the Budget Committee will prepare a new budget  
11 report for presentation at the next Regular meeting of the Central Committee. (Note:  
12 The Central Committee Treasurer shall be chairman and the Finance Chairman shall  
13 be a member of the Budget Committee.)
- 14 **C. THE RESEARCH COMMITTEE** will collect, assemble and disseminate  
15 information on current public issues and voting trends for the benefit of Elected  
16 Republicans, Republican Candidates and the general members of the Central  
17 Committee.
- 18 **D. THE PRECINCT ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE** shall locate and train  
19 persons willing to be appointed as Committeepersons in their own or adjacent  
20 precincts, develop programs to educate Committeepersons to participate in the  
21 political process at all levels, and organize and oversee registration activities.
- 22 **E. THE CANDIDATE RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING COMMITTEE** shall  
23 locate persons qualified and willing to run as Republican candidates for public office  
24 and shall formulate effective programs for preparing those persons to run for office.
- 25 **F. THE AUDIT COMMITTEE** shall direct that at least once a year, the Treasurer's  
26 records are reviewed according to agreed upon procedures, by a person (other than  
27 the Treasurer) selected by the Audit Committee. They may also make  
28 recommendations in regards to financial policy or procedure. A copy of their report

1 shall be made available to the Executive Committee and a written financial statement  
2 shall be made available to each member of the Central Committee at the next  
3 meeting. A complete copy of this report shall be kept at the party's headquarters.

4 **G. THE VOTER INTEGRITY COMMITTEE** shall monitor elections in Multnomah  
5 County and keep the Central Committee informed of problems with the Multnomah  
6 County Elections office and in the Legislature.

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

9 **I. THE CANDIDATES ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE (CAC)** will be composed of  
10 members appointed by the Chairman and an equal number of elected members. The  
11 elected members are to be selected by the Central Committee Chairman from those  
12 persons elected as Delegates to the ORP Central Committee, other than the Central  
13 Committee Chairman. The CAC will work under a rule whereby they will allocate at  
14 least 10% of the funds available for candidate assistance evenly between all the  
15 Multnomah County Republican Candidates running in partisan races who present  
16 CAC with campaign information with which to make allocation evaluations. The  
17 remaining funds will be allocated among specific candidates meeting the above  
18 criteria according to the need and viability of each candidate. Need and viability to  
19 be determined by CAC.

## 20 **SECTION 5. Ad Hoc Committees**

21 In addition to the Standing Committees, the Central Committee Chairman may from time to  
22 time appoint various Ad Hoc Committees which will report to the Executive Committee. (Unless  
23 already a voting member, members of Ad Hoc Committees are non voting members of the  
24 Executive Committee.)

## 25 **SECTION 6. Nominating Committees**

### 26 **A. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

#### 27 **1. COMPOSITION**

1 Within sixty (60) calendar days of the Organizational Meeting, the retiring  
2 Chairman shall, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee,  
3 appoint a Nominating Committee consisting 1 of at least seven (7) members  
4 who will elect a committee chairman and secretary from amongst themselves.

5 **2. FUNCTION**

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

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

14 **1. COMPOSITION**

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

20 **2. FUNCTION**

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

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



1 **SECTION 7. The Credential Committee**

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

6                                   **ARTICLE VII. COUNTY ORGANIZATION**

7 **SECTION 1. House District Captains**

8       The House District Captains, elected by the district precinct Committeepersons or appointed  
9 by the Chairman, will administer programs of material distribution and precinct organization. It is  
10 the duty of the House District Captain(s) to act as liaison between the Committeepersons and the  
11 Executive Committee. House District Captains must attend Central and Executive Committee  
12 Meetings. House District Captains may be elected at a district meeting in their House District [a  
13 district meeting may be held by notifying the Secretary and all of the precinct Committeepersons in  
14 the district 10 (ten) days in advance giving the time and a location within the district. District  
15 meetings may also occur at Central Committee meetings, if listed in the agenda]. Appointed House  
16 District Captains serve at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

17 **SECTION 2. Area Leaders.**

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

20                                   **ARTICLE VIII. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

21 **SECTION 1. Nominating Committees**

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

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

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

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

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

5 **SECTION 4. The Ballot**

6 **A. Organizational Meeting**

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

10 **B. Regular or Special Meetings**

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

13 **SECTION 5. Distribution of ballots.**

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

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

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

23 **SECTION 7. Ballot Boxes**

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

26 **SECTION 8. Counting of votes**

27 The Chairman shall appoint three Election Judges who will determine the validity of ballots,  
28 supervise counting, tallying and announce the results. The Chairman will appoint an appropriate

1 number of clerks to count the ballots. Each officer candidate may appoint one (1) observer to watch  
2 the counting of ballots related to the position they are seeking and report to the Election Judges any  
3 irregularities of procedure. During the counting and tallying of votes only Election Judges,  
4 appointed observers and clerks shall be present.

5 **SECTION 9. Invalid ballots**

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

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

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

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

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

20 **ARTICLE IX. EMPLOYEES**

21 **SECTION 1.**

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

25 **SECTION 2.**

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

1 **SECTION 3.**

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

5 **SECTION 4.**

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

9 **ARTICLE X. FINANCES**

10 **SECTION 1. Budget**

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

22 **SECTION 2. Expense Allowances**

- 23 **A.** The Budget Committee shall provide a budgeted expense allowance proportional to  
24 actual income for the Central Committee Chairman and Vice Chairman and such  
25 other persons as may appear advisable.
- 26 **B.** Vouchers with itemized expenses, mileage 1 traveled and purpose of the expense  
27 shall be prepared by the individual receiving reimbursement. All expense vouchers  
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1 for employees shall be approved by the Chairman prior to payment. Vouchers will be  
2 reviewed periodically by elected officers.

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

4 **SECTION 3. Candidate Assistance**

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

11 B. No Central Committee funds shall be used to pay for a candidate's campaign deficit  
12 or any part thereof.

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

15 **ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS**

16 **SECTION 1.**

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

21 **SECTION 2.**

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

26 **GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

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- 1 • Central Committee: Multnomah County Republican Central Committee. Committeeperson:  
2 Multnomah County Republican Precinct Committeeman or Multnomah County Republican  
3 Precinct Committeewoman.
- 4 • Organizational Meeting: Biennial Multnomah County Republican Organizational Meeting.
- 5 • ORP: Oregon Republican Party
- 6 • ORS: Oregon Revised Statutes
- 7 • Candidate: Republican nominees for partisan elective city, county, state, or federal office in  
8 districts situated wholly or in part in Multnomah County during the period between the  
9 Organizational meeting, a primary election and the next general election.
- 10 • State Convention: Oregon Republican State Convention Elected Republican: Republicans  
11 currently serving in partisan elective city, county, state or federal office in districts situated  
12 wholly or in part in Multnomah County.

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