

RULES GOVERNING THE BIENNIAL REORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE JOHNSON COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE

The Rules Committee appointed by the Chairman of the Johnson County Republican Central Committee, consisting of Scott Schwab – Chairman, Keith Esau, and Andy Wollen have met and recommend that the following rules shall govern the Biennial Organization Meeting of the Johnson County Republican Central Committee called to elect the officers of the Johnson County Republican Central Committee and to elect delegates and alternates to the Third Congressional District Republican Committee (“Meeting”).

Rule #1: The Meeting shall be convened at the time and place specified in the call for said Meeting mailed by the Chairman of the Johnson County Republican Central Committee (“Chairman”) to all duly elected and qualified Precinct Committeemen and Committeewomen of the county at least 7 days in advance thereof, or as otherwise provided for by the Bylaws.

Rule #2: Prior to the Meeting, the Chairman shall appoint a Rules Committee consisting of not less than three members, a Credentials Committee consisting of not less than three members, and a Tally Committee of not less than five members to count the votes for the election of officers, and of up to 40 members to count the votes for the election of delegates to the Third District Republican Committee. Only registered Republicans of Johnson County, Kansas shall be eligible to serve as officers or as committee chairman or committee members.

Rule #3: Before the Meeting is called to order at the time specified in the call for the Meeting, the Credentials Committee shall conduct a check-in of the persons eligible to vote at the Meeting. The Republican Precinct Committeemen and Committeewomen of the county elected in the most recent August primary election that have not had their voting rights removed under Article XIII of the State Party Constitution and who are present and seated at the Meeting, or their proxies, shall be the only persons eligible to vote thereat. Precinct Committeemen or Committeewomen unable to attend the Convention may designate another registered Republican from their precinct to cast such absent Committeeman or Committeewoman’s ballot by proxy. Any proxy authorized by these rules shall designate the person who shall cast the absent Committeeman or Committeewoman’s vote by proxy; be signed by the absent Committeeman or Committeewoman authorizing the proxy; and contain an acknowledgment of such Committeeman or Committeewoman’s signature. No person may carry more than one Committeeman’s and/or one Committeewoman’s proxy. A proxy will be considered valid so long as it meets all the formal requisites of Article IV, section C under “County Organization” of the Constitution of the Kansas Republican Party (adopted July 28, 2007) and for the purposes of these Rules, a proxy shall be considered to be valid if it is substantially the same, in form and content, as the specimen attached to these Rules. The Credentials committee shall be permitted to positively identify each person eligible to vote at the meeting by requiring a driver’s license or other reasonable means of identification.

Rule #4: Following the check-in process, the Meeting shall be called to order by the Chairman. The Chairman shall chair the Rules Committee and may appoint one or more persons to serve as the Parliamentarian(s) of the Meeting.

Rule #5: After the Meeting is called to order, the Chairman of the Credentials Committee shall report to the Meeting on the presence or absence of a quorum of persons eligible to vote at the Meeting. A quorum shall be determined in accordance with the Bylaws of the Johnson County Republican Central Committee. If the Meeting shall be adjourned for lack of a quorum, the members present shall adjourn the Meeting to a day and time certain and the Johnson County Chairman shall cause notification of the time and place of such adjourned Meeting to be given to all eligible members, including the eligible members not present.

Rule #6: If a quorum is present, the first order of business shall be approval of Rules governing the Meeting. After approval of such Rules, the Chairman of the Credentials Committee shall certify the list of names of eligible voters in attendance, in person or by proxy, and such report shall be subject to ratification by the Meeting. Such list shall be made available for inspection throughout the Meeting by nominated candidates and their representatives. Such business shall be followed by approval of the minutes from the last meeting of the Central Committee, and by consideration of any changes to the Bylaws of the Central Committee.

ELECTION OF COUNTY OFFICERS

Rule #7: The next order of business shall be the election of the officers of the Central Committee. A person must be nominated and seconded in order to be eligible for election to an office. Candidates may only be nominated and seconded by registered Republicans who reside in the County. Nominations shall be limited to one office at a time, and nominations for subsequent offices will be accepted only after the election for the previous office has been completed. A candidate for Officer must be a registered Republican who resides in the County.

Rule #8: There shall be no more than one nomination speech for any candidate and no nomination speech shall exceed two minutes in length, except for nomination speeches in support of the office of Chairman, which may be three minutes in length. There shall be no more than one second, and no seconding speech shall be permitted.

Rule #9: At the conclusion of the nomination speeches, and after the nominations have been closed, each candidate or representative designated by the candidate shall be permitted to address the Meeting for a period not to exceed three minutes, except for speeches by candidates for Chairman, or their representative, which may be five minutes in length. A candidate may allocate a portion of the time permitted to them for speaking between themselves and their representative. The order in which such candidates give such speeches shall be determined by lot.

Rule #10: Any candidate may withdraw as a candidate at any time. Such withdrawing candidate shall be recognized for the sole purpose of withdrawing his or her name from consideration by the Meeting and in no event shall such withdrawing candidate be allowed to make any other comments or endorsements.

Rule #11: Voting shall be by paper ballot. Ballots shall be distributed at check-in to all eligible voters. Ballots shall be uniquely identified for the Meeting and shall identify the office for which they can be cast.

Rule #12: The Tally Committee shall collect the written ballots which have been cast, provided however, that the voting shall be closed upon a motion approved by a majority of those present and voting, and the Tally Committee shall not be required to accept any ballots which have not been cast before the voting has been closed.

Rule #13: After the Tally Committee has collected the written ballots of persons eligible to vote at the Meeting who are present and seated, and voting has otherwise been closed, the Tally Committee shall retire to a private room to which only the Tally Committee and each candidate or a designated representative for each candidate shall be admitted. The candidate or his or her representative shall only be permitted to observe the opening, counting and tallying of the ballots and shall not be permitted to participate therein. The person elected shall be the one who receives the majority of all the votes cast. For purposes of these rules, a majority shall be more than half of all the votes cast. If no candidate receives a majority of all votes cast on any ballot, the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be removed from subsequent ballots and the Chairman shall direct the Tally Committee to submit another ballot for written vote to each eligible member of the Meeting. Such balloting, tallying and reporting shall continue until one candidate receives a majority of all votes cast on any one ballot.

Rule #14: While the votes for the election of Officers are being counted by the Tally Committee, the Chairman may accept nominations from the floor for delegate candidates for the Third Congressional District Republican Committee, provided that the elections for such delegate positions shall not occur until after the results of the election of all Officer positions have been reported and announced in accordance with the following Rule.

Rule #15: The Chairman of the Tally Committee shall report, in written form, the results of each balloting for the election of Officer positions to the Chairman of the Meeting who shall in turn report such results to the Meeting.

ELECTION OF THIRD DISTRICT DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

Rule #16: The next order of business after the election of county officers shall be the election of delegates and alternates to the Third Congressional District Republican Committee.

Rule #17: Nominations for Third Congressional District Republican Committee delegate and alternate positions may be taken by the Chairman of the Johnson County Republican Central Committee prior to the Meeting in a manner deemed appropriate by said Chairman.

Rule #18: Except for nominations made in writing prior to the meeting pursuant to Rule #17 a person must be nominated at the Meeting in order to be eligible for election as a delegate or an alternate to the Third Congressional District Republican Committee. Such nominations need not be seconded. Such nominations may only be made by registered Republicans from Johnson County, who may nominate themselves or any other registered Republicans from Johnson County.

Rule #19: The Chairman shall prepare a printed or typewritten list of all names nominated prior to the Meeting and such list shall be distributed with any ballots for the election of delegates and alternates. Nominations taken at the Meeting shall be displayed by the Chairman on posters, chalk boards or in similar fashion, in a manner reasonably calculated to permit all those present at the meeting to view such names before a vote is taken.

Rule #20: The ballots for election of Third Congressional District Republican Committee delegates and alternates shall be designed in such a way to allow eligible voters to elect persons nominated either prior to or at the Meeting, or a combination of both. The Chairman may assign numbers or letters (or a combination of numbers and letters) to all names nominated for delegates and alternates to facilitate voting and tallying.

Rule #21: The ballot instructions shall specify the total number of delegates to be elected. One-half of the delegates to be elected shall be men and one-half shall be women. A male alternate shall also be elected for every male delegate, and a female alternate shall be elected for every female delegate. Each eligible voter may vote for any number of persons as delegates so long as the total number of persons for whom votes are cast by such voter do not exceed the total number of delegates to be elected, and so long as the total number of males voted for do not exceed one-half of the total number of delegates to be elected and the total number of females voted for do not exceed one-half of the total number of delegates to be elected. Ballots which do not conform to this rule shall be invalid.

Rule #22: The male candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected to fill the male delegate positions, and the female candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected to fill the female delegate positions. The male candidates receiving the next highest numbers of votes shall be elected to fill the alternate positions and the female candidates receiving the next highest numbers of votes shall be elected to fill the alternate positions.

Rule #23: In the event of a tie which includes the last position for male or female delegate or alternate, the newly elected Chairman of the Central Committee shall contact

those persons involved in the tie, and shall determine the winner by the toss of a coin. If there are more than two persons tied, the winners shall be determined by lot.

Rule #24: The ballots for election of delegates and alternates shall be sealed and delivered to a location within Johnson County designated and announced by the Chairman, where they shall be counted by the Tally Committee at a time and date designated and announced by the Chairman, and the results reported to the newly elected Chairman of the Central Committee. The Chairman shall make the results available through Johnson County Republican Headquarters, and notify each person elected as delegate or alternate of their election, within a reasonable time after the completion of the balloting. The Chairman shall also make such result available to the Chairman of the Third Congressional District Republican Committee within seven days thereafter.

Rule #25: Except for motions to adjourn in the absence of a quorum, motions for recess for any purpose and requests for a caucus shall be out of order.

Rule #26: No other business shall come before the Meeting. No person shall have the right to address the Meeting except for the Chairman of the Meeting, any chairman or member of the Rules, Credentials, or Tally Committees of the Meeting, the Parliamentarian, and any person making a nomination, a second, or a speech as otherwise permitted in these Rules or to raise a point of order as permitted under Rule #27 below.

Rule #27: Except as expressly specified in these rules or applicable Kansas Statutes, Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall prevail.

Rule #28: After a person has been elected to office, they shall immediately assume the position to which they were elected.

Rule #29: The Chairman of the Tally Committee shall preserve all ballots and tallies of the Meeting until thirty days after the Meeting.