

Special Rules for Meeting to Consider the Petition for Removal of National Committeeman Meeting and Potential Election of National Committeeman for the Oregon Republican Party

June 3, 2023

1. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

- 1.1. Adoption of these Special Rules.
- 1.2. Meeting to Consider the Petition for Removal of National Committeeman.
- 1.3. If the National Committeeman is removed, Election of National Committeeman, as required by Oregon Republican Party Central Committee Bylaws (hereafter referred to as ORP Bylaws), in the following order:
 - 1.2.2. National Committeeman (NCM)

2. Rules for the Meeting to Consider the Petition for Removal of the National Committeeman

- 2.1 The removal meeting portion shall be executive session. Only voting members and their alternates; those conducting the vote; the parliamentarian; legal counsel; those conducting the zoom and electronic vote; and others necessary for the operation of the meeting; shall be allowed in the meeting venue during this executive session. Any guest who shall be testifying on behalf of the National Committeeman who is not one of those mentioned in this section shall wait outside until they are testifying and shall promptly leave the room after testifying.
- 2.2 Only the body that elected the National Committeeman has the authority to remove him from office. The State Central Committee is the body who elects the National Committeeman.
- 2.3 The vote required to remove the National Committeeman is a Two-Thirds (2/3rd) vote.
- 2.4 All balloting shall be written, secret ballot, or its electronic equivalent.
- 2.5 The Chair of the ORP or his designee shall be the presiding officer for the removal petition meeting.
- 2.6 Quorum as defined by Article V. Section B. is “A delegate or alternate delegate, in person (or in proxy), from each of the majority of the counties and a majority of the members present constitutes a quorum of the ORP State Central Committee.”
- 2.7 The main petitioners of the petition to remove shall have 15 minutes to present their evidence for removal.
- 2.8 The National Committeeman shall have 15 minutes to “speak in rebuttal, speak in their defense, present evidence, or call on others to speak on their behalf.” (Article XXIV. Section C. Subsection 5(a)). “Persons called upon to speak need not be members to the body.” (Article XXIV. Section C. Subsection 5(b)).
- 2.9 The State Central Committee shall have 10 minutes to ask questions of either the petitioners or National Committeeman before going to vote.
- 2.10 Balloting shall be by written, secret ballot or its electronic equivalent.

The Remainder will take effect only if the National Committeeman is removed from office.

3. PARTICIPATION

- 3.1. Only members of ORP State Central Committee, their alternates, or proxies, may vote. (ORP Bylaws Article XIII. National Committeeman and National Committeewoman. Section B). ORP Officers, National Committeeman and Committeewoman, and Congressional District Officers may not use proxies.
- 3.2. Credentials challenges shall be reviewed by the ORP Credentials Committee in accordance with ORP Bylaws Article IV, Sections H, and I, and Standing Rule #1 with final authority on credentialing to be held by the Central Committee.
- 3.3. Except as provided by exception in these Rules, persons not entitled to vote at this meeting shall not participate in this meeting, other than as tellers, observers or as normally allowed under ORP Bylaws.
- 3.4. Candidates for any office must meet the qualifications established in ORP Bylaws Article XIII. National Committeeman and National Committeewoman., Section A. Candidates must be a registered Republican in Oregon for 180 days. A candidate is not required to be a member of the ORP Central Committee or be an elected or appointed Precinct Committeeperson. The notice for candidacy under Section A of Article XIII is waived in Article XXIV. Removal of Party Officials from Office, Section B. Constraints, subsection 3. “Should an election to fill the vacancy take place, any pre-filing or pre-notification requirement is waived.”
- 3.5. Teller committee observers
 - 3.5.1 It is preferred that Tellers are neutral third parties, however, if there is not enough available, voting members may be Tellers. Tellers shall not engage in campaigning. Tellers may not discuss the candidates with voting members. Upon determination by the Head Teller, tellers violating this provision shall leave the counting area immediately and are barred from being a teller for the remainder of the election meeting. A replacement may be appointed for the remainder of the meeting.
 - 3.5.2 Each candidate shall be entitled to one observer.
 - 3.5.3 Observers shall not:
 - 3.5.3.1 Use recording devices of any kind.
 - 3.5.3.2 Touch any ballot or tally sheet or interact with any electronic balloting system.
 - 3.5.3.3 Speak to any member of the teller committee except the head teller.
 - 3.5.3.4 Disclose any results until announced by the presiding officer.
 - 3.5.4 Upon determination by the Head Teller, observers violating any provisions of 3.5.3 shall leave the counting area immediately and are barred from observing future counting for the remainder of the election meeting. A replacement observer may be appointed for subsequent ballots for that office.

4. LEADERSHIP FOR THE MEETING

- 4.1. The Chairman shall appoint a teller committee and may appoint a Parliamentarian and other assistants.
- 4.2. The Chairman or his designee shall serve as Presiding Officer.
- 4.3. If the Chairman runs for any office, the Chairman shall appoint an acting Presiding Officer for the duration of the election for that office.
- 4.4. The Secretary shall keep Minutes of the meeting and may use recording equipment to facilitate their production.

5. ELECTION PROCEDURE FOR EACH OFFICE

- 5.1. Candidates shall be nominated only by those eligible to participate in the meeting (see PARTICIPATION Section 3.1). The Presiding Officer shall accept nominations only for candidates who meet the qualifications under ORP Bylaws Article XIII Section A. A nominated candidate must accept the nomination in person or have notified the ORP Secretary that they would accept if nominated. Nominations, and seconds, may be accompanied by speeches not to exceed one minute. A motion to close nominations for any office shall not be in order until all persons desiring to nominate candidates have been recognized.
- 5.2. Speeches by and for each candidate for the office, as described in Section 5 below.
- 5.3. Credentials report on number of Delegates, Alternates, and proxies currently present and voting.
- 5.4. Balloting for the office, as described in Section 7 below.
- 5.5. Other business as determined by presiding officer or indicated by agenda while votes are being tallied.

6. SPEECHES

- 6.1. Each candidate may utilize all or part of their speaking time for statements by themselves or by one or more supporters promoting their candidacy. These supporters must be State Central Committee voting members.
- 6.2. The following cumulative time limits shall be strictly observed:
 - 6.2.1.1. Each National Committeeman candidate, and that candidate's supporters, shall have a cumulative maximum total time of six minutes.
- 6.3. Order of speeches by candidates for each office shall be alphabetical by last name.

7. BALLOTING

- 7.1. Balloting shall be by paper or electronic ballot, except as allowed in 7.4 below.
- 7.2. If electronic balloting is employed, ORP staff shall define procedures such that voting secrecy is at least as secure as paper balloting.
- 7.3. Write-in votes shall not be counted.
- 7.4. Notwithstanding 7.5 below, in the event no contest exists for any office, the sole candidate shall be declared the winner by acclamation upon motion, second and simple majority vote.
- 7.5. Balloting shall be complete only when one candidate receives a simple majority of valid ballots cast. "If more than two candidates receive votes and no one candidate receives a majority, the candidate receiving the least votes, shall be removed from the next ballot. Ballot shall continue until one candidate receives a majority."
(Standing Rule #12 subsection 12).

8. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, (12th edition) shall be the parliamentary authority governing matters not covered the ORP Bylaws, Standing Rules, or these Special Rules.