

Senate District 57 Republican Party

2017 BPOU Convention Agenda February 18, 2017

1. 9:30 AM: REGISTRATION OPENS
2. 9:45 AM: NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE MEETS WITH ALL CANDIDATES.
3. 10:00 AM: CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME
4. PRESENTATION OF COLORS & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
5. INVOCATION
6. PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES
 - a. READING OF THE CONVENTION CALL
 - b. ELECTION OF CHAIR OF THE CONVENTION
 - c. ELECTION OF SECRETARY OF THE CONVENTION
 - d. APPOINTMENT OF CONVENTION OFFICIALS
 - e. RECOGNITION OF CONVENTION COMMITTEES
 - f. PRELIMINARY CREDENTIALS REPORT
 - g. ADOPTION OF RULES 1-7
 - h. SEATING OF ALTERNATES
 - i. ADOPTION OF THE REMAINING RULES
7. *MESSAGES FROM GUEST SPEAKERS
8. CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE REPORT
9. BPOU FINANCE CHAIR REPORT
10. NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT
11. FINAL CREDENTIALS REPORT
12. ELECTION OF SENATE DISTRICT OFFICERS
13. ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE
----- SPLIT INTO HOUSE DISTRICTS -----
14. ELECTION OF HD 57A AND 57B OFFICERS
15. ANNOUNCEMENT OF STATE CENTRAL ELECTION
16. ADJOURNMENT

Notes:

*The Convention Chair will permit candidates for State Party office and current Republican office-holders to address the convention, as they are available.

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PROPOSED RULES

General Section

1. The order of business of this convention shall be as listed in the official agenda of the convention, subject to the discretion of the convention chair.
2. “Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised” shall be the parliamentary authority on all points not covered by the Constitution of the Senate District 57 Republican Party, the official call, or the rules as adopted by this convention.
3. Establishment of a quorum shall be as provided in the Senate District 57 Constitution, and once established no quorum call shall be in order.
4. No second shall be required to a motion to adopt the majority report of any committee. A minority report of any committee may be offered for substitution for the majority report if signed by one-third of the committee members.
5. These rules once adopted shall not be amended nor suspended except by a two-thirds vote of the convention.

Seating of Delegates and Alternates Section

6. The permanent roll of the convention shall be constituted as follows:
 - a) The duly elected delegates of each precinct who are present and seated.
 - b) If any duly elected delegate to this Convention is absent, then a duly elected alternate for that precinct shall be seated in their stead.
 - c) If no duly elected delegates or alternates from a precinct are present, that precinct shall have no representation.
 - d) When a registered delegate returns to the floor of the convention, they shall be immediately seated, unless a ballot is in progress, replacing the last seated alternate if the precinct is at full strength.
 - e) The order of seating alternates shall be as follows:
 - (1) If alternates are ranked by the precinct they shall be seated by rank.
 - (2) If no ranking is known they shall be seated by a majority vote of the seated delegates in that precinct.
 - (3) If no delegates are present and seated in that precinct the convention chair or their designee shall fill the vacancies from registered alternates present from that precinct.
7. The voting strength of each precinct shall be the number of delegates and seated alternates present at the convention.
8. The Credentials Committee shall report any known changes in the delegations prior to election of officers, election of delegates and alternates, endorsements, or when requested by the convention chair.

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Speaking and Floor Privileges

9. A delegate or seated alternate wishing to speak shall rise, address the presiding officer, and when recognized, state his/her name and precinct, and the purpose for which he/she arose.
10. Debate on any motion or subject shall be limited to one (1) minute by each speaker. No person shall be allowed to speak more than twice upon the same subject or issue. No person shall be allowed to speak a second time until all those desiring to speak have had a first opportunity to speak.
11. At least two speakers on each side of a question shall be afforded the opportunity to speak before a motion for the previous question shall be in order. This shall also apply to a motion "To Lay on the Table." After six (6) minutes of debate the Chair may call for the vote.
12. The convention chair shall appoint a timekeeper for the purpose of timing discussions and speeches during the Convention.
13. The convention chair may invite, at any time after the agenda item on convention committees, any current Republican office-holder or candidate for State Party office to address the Convention for a period not to exceed five (5) minutes. Except that a keynote speaker will be provided appropriate program time and Republican Senate District 57 Senator and Representatives are provided ten (10) minutes each.

Voting

14. Only registered delegates and registered seated alternates present at this Convention shall be permitted to vote.
15. The vote on all questions shall be by voice vote, except as follows:
 - a) A rising or hand vote shall be taken if requested by any delegate or seated alternate, or at the discretion of the convention chair.
 - b) A roll call vote by precinct shall be taken if requested by fifteen (15) or more delegates and seated alternates, representing at least four (4) precincts.
 - c) Voting for officers, delegates and alternates to another convention, election to State Central Committee and for endorsements shall be by secret ballot on all contested elections.
 - d) Voting method may be specified in writing for specific committee reports.
16. If there is a dispute as to the vote of any precinct, the convention chair shall appoint a judge and two tellers to canvass the vote of said precinct, and the judge shall report the results to the convention.
17. Ballots for delegates to State Central must contain votes for the number to be elected and only the number to be elected. Ballots with more or fewer names, including double votes, will be considered spoiled.

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18. Ballots will be collected by the precinct chair or designee and turned into the Chief Teller, Credentials Chair, or their designee.
19. When the ballots are verified by precinct (correct number returned according to the last credentials report) they will be co-mingled and then the results tabulated.

Elections of Officers, Delegates and Alternates, or Endorsements

20. For election to one of the following: Senate District officer or House District officer, or for State Central Committee, interested candidates should meet with the Nominating Committee prior to the Convention, as described in the Call. The Committee will place those names in nomination. Other nominations may be made from the floor, and require a second.
21. No speeches or presentations shall be in order at the time of nomination.
22. Once nominations are closed, nominating, seconding, and candidate speeches may be made. All presentations on behalf of a candidate will be completed before proceeding to the next nominee.
23. Each candidate (nominee) shall be limited to two (2) minutes total time for Senate or House officer positions and one (1) minute for State Central Committee (nominees).
24. If for a particular BPOU or House District office there is only a single candidate, or for vice-chairs when the number of offices equals the number of nominees, a voice vote may be taken. If the vice-chair position is contested, there shall be a single ballot and the highest vote getters will be elected.
25. For State Central Committee there shall be a single ballot. The highest vote getters shall be the elected delegates to the State Central Committee. Alternates will be ranked according to their vote totals up to the permitted three sets of alternates. If a person only desires to be an alternate he or she shall still be listed on the ballot and if elected to a delegate position may switch places with the first alternate position by written notice to the BPOU chair within five days.
26. A motion to adjourn shall not be in order until the official business of the convention, as stated in the agenda, is completed, or until time certain for adjournment is reached.

Signage

27. Present Senate or House District elected officials, candidates for office or endorsement shall be limited to ten (10) signs per person. All signs shall be in the Convention Hall or at or near the entrance to the Convention Hall. All sign sizes, locations and method of attachment, must comply with the rules of the Convention host facility. All signs must be removed within fifteen (15) minutes of the close of the convention, and removed from the premises.