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116 **PREAMBLE**

117 We, the duly elected delegates of all the qualified Republican
118 registered voters of the State of Oklahoma in State Convention duly
119 assembled, in order to form a more perfect organization and
120 establish more uniform and efficient rules of procedure do hereby
121 establish and adopt the following organization and rules for the
122 Republican Party in and of the State of Oklahoma.

123 **Rule 1- Permanent Organization**

124 The permanent organization of the Republican Party in and of the
125 State of Oklahoma shall consist of the following committees:

- 126 1. Republican Precinct Committees
- 127 2. Republican County Committees

- 128 3. Republican County Central Committees
- 129 4. Republican County Executive Committees
- 130 5. Republican District Committees
- 131 6. Republican State Committee
- 132 7. Republican State Executive Committee
- 133 8. Republican State Central Committee
- 134 9. Republican State Finance Committee
- 135 10. Republican State Budget Committee

136 And such additional committees, conventions and officers as are
137 hereinafter established, recognized or authorized.

138 **Rule 2- State Headquarters and Meeting Place of State** 139 **Committee**

140 The headquarters of the Oklahoma Republican Party and of its
141 State Committee shall be at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, unless and
142 until otherwise ordered by the State Committee or a State
143 Convention. It shall be the duty of the State Chairman to arrange for
144 or provide a suitable place for meetings of the State Committee and
145 State Conventions and adequate office space for the Republican
146 State headquarters, subject to the direction or approval of the State
147 Committee.

148 **Rule 3- Rights and Qualifications of Members and Officers**

149 **(a) Members:** All citizens of Oklahoma are invited to join the
150 Oklahoma Republican Party to perpetuate this Republic. All

151 qualified voters of this state who are registered Republicans are
152 members of the Oklahoma Republican Party, and shall have the
153 right to participate in the official affairs and governance of the
154 Republican Party in accordance with these rules as set forth herein.
155 Such right shall be sacred and inviolate, and the willful disregard or
156 abridgement of such right by an officer or member of any committee
157 of the Party shall be deemed sufficient cause for the removal of
158 such officer or committee member.

159 **(b) Officers and Delegates:** No person shall be eligible to be
160 elected or appointed as an officer or a member of any committee of
161 the Republican Party or as a delegate or alternate delegate to any
162 county, district, state, or national convention, nor to be endorsed for
163 any position on the Republican National Committee, unless such
164 person is, at the time of such election, appointment, or
165 endorsement, a qualified registered Republican voter of the political
166 unit which such position represents. Any such office, position, or
167 endorsement shall become vacant and shall be deemed revoked
168 when any such officer, delegate, alternate delegate, or committee
169 member shall cease to be a qualified registered Republican voter,
170 as defined by State law, of the unit represented.

171 **Rule 4- Regular Biennial Conventions**

172 The regular biennial Precinct Meetings, County Conventions, and
173 State Convention, hereinafter referred to, shall be called and
174 convened every two (2) years in the odd- numbered years as
175 hereafter provided.

176 **Rule 5- Precinct Committees**

177 **(a) Composition and Election:** There shall be a Precinct
178 Committee in each election precinct of the state. The Precinct
179 Committee shall consist of a Precinct Chairman and a Precinct Vice
180 Chairman, a Precinct Secretary, and a Precinct Treasurer, who may
181 be the same person, and who shall have equal right to vote at
182 Precinct Meetings. They shall be elected at the regular biennial
183 Precinct Meeting of the qualified Republican voters of each precinct
184 called by the County Chairman, or as provided in these rules. The
185 same procedure shall be followed at a regular or special meeting, in
186 the event new precincts are created anywhere in any county of the
187 state.

188 **(b) Authority and Duties:** The Precinct Committee is the
189 supreme Republican Party authority of each precinct, subject to
190 these rules, and the direction and control of official precinct
191 meetings. The Precinct Committee of each precinct is charged with
192 the duty of promoting the welfare and directing the affairs of the
193 Republican Party in its precinct. The Precinct Chairman shall be the
194 executive officer of the precinct delegates to any county
195 convention. The Precinct Chairman is not disqualified to be elected
196 or appointed as a delegate pursuant to these rules. Only the
197 Precinct Committee has the authority to remove any duly elected
198 qualified delegate to the county convention.

199 **(c) Meetings:** The Precinct Committee shall meet at any time
200 upon the call of the Precinct Chairman, or if said officer is not
201 available, fails, or refuses to issue such call, any two members of
202 the Precinct Committee may call such a meeting. Such call shall be
203 made by written or electronic notice to all members of the Precinct

204 Committee not less than five (5) days prior to the meeting. In like
 205 manner, a general precinct meeting may at any time be called of the
 206 qualified registered Republican voters in the precinct. The Precinct
 207 Chairman, or in the chairman’s absence, the Vice Chairman, or in
 208 the absence of both, any person who is a registered Republican
 209 selected by a majority of those in attendance, shall preside at the
 210 meeting.

211 **(d) Officers of Precinct Committees:** The officers of each
 212 Precinct Committee shall consist of:

- 213 1. The Precinct Chairman
 - 214 2. The Precinct Vice Chairman
 - 3. The Precinct Secretary
 - 4. The Precinct Treasurer
- } May be the same person.

215 **(e) Terms of Office:** The term of office of all precinct officers
 216 shall begin immediately after their election, and shall continue until
 217 the adjournment of the next regular biennial precinct meeting or
 218 until their successors are elected and qualified, unless the person is
 219 removed, resigns, or becomes disqualified.

220 **(f) Vacancies:** If any Precinct Chairman shall die, move from
 221 the precinct, resign, or fail to function as determined by the County
 222 Executive Committee, or otherwise become disqualified, the Vice
 223 Chairman shall become Chairman until a Precinct Committee
 224 meeting can be held to elect a new Chairman. If the Vice Chairman,
 225 Secretary, or Treasurer shall die, move from the precinct, resign, or
 226 otherwise become disqualified, such vacancy shall be filled by
 227 election at any regular or special meeting, properly called, of the

228 registered Republican voters in the precinct. However, if the
229 precinct shall fail to fill such vacancy within thirty (30) days of the
230 vacancy occurring, or if the precinct has failed to initially elect such
231 officers, then the County Chairman and Vice Chairman shall jointly
232 fill such vacancy by appointment. If they cannot agree upon any
233 such appointment, then if the vacancy was caused by the female
234 member, it shall be made by the female Chairman or Vice Chairman
235 and vice versa. Such appointment shall be subject to the approval
236 of the County Executive Committee. Any person appointed to fill
237 such vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term,
238 unless replaced as set forth herein.

239 **Rule 6- County Committees**

240 **(a) Composition and Election:**

241 **1. Composition:** There shall be a County Committee
242 in each county of the state consisting of all the Precinct Chairmen
243 and Vice Chairmen of the county, the County Chairman, the
244 County Vice Chairman, two State Committee Members, and two
245 Congressional District Committee members.

246 **2. Election of the County Chairman and Vice**
247 **Chairman:** The County Chairman and Vice Chairman shall be
248 elected by the regular biennial County Convention, by roll call
249 vote or by secret ballot if more than one candidate is nominated for
250 either office; provided, however, that if for any reason no such
251 County Convention is assembled within the time required, or the
252 County Convention fails to elect a County Chairman and Vice
253 Chairman, they shall be elected by the County Committee at a
254 special meeting called for such purpose pursuant to not less than

255 five (5) days written or electronic notice sent to all members of said
256 committee stating such purpose.

257 **(b) Authority and Duties:**

258 1. The County Committee of each county is the supreme
259 Republican Party authority of the county, subject to these rules and
260 the direction and control of County Conventions. It is charged with
261 the duty of promoting the welfare and directing and controlling the
262 affairs of the Republican Party in its county.

263 2. The County Chairman shall be the executive officer
264 and the Vice Chairman the assistant executive officer of the
265 Republican Party of the county. The County Chairman shall be
266 responsible for the enforcement of these rules and the carrying out
267 of the directions and resolutions of the County Committee and the
268 County Conventions in accordance with these rules. The County
269 Chairman shall maintain and within sixty (60) days of being elected,
270 forward to the State Chairman a roster of membership of the
271 County Committee and the County Executive Committee. The
272 County Chairman shall assist in all State and National Republican
273 Party campaigns and shall have general supervision over all
274 Republican Party activities, functions, and campaigns within the
275 county.

276 3. The County Vice Chairman shall aid and assist the
277 County Chairman in all of said duties and shall serve as Chairman
278 until a County Committee meeting can be held to elect a new
279 chairman, if the Chairman shall die, move from the county,
280 resign, or fail to function as determined by the County Executive

281 Committee, or otherwise become disqualified under grounds cited
282 in Rule 19 (g).

283 **4.** The Secretary of the County Committee shall keep
284 minutes of the Executive Committee and County Committee, and
285 act as secretary at County Conventions. The Treasurer of the
286 County Committee shall keep records of all financial transactions of
287 the county and make a report at each County Committee meeting
288 and County Convention, and submit all reports as required by law.
289 Records kept by the Secretary and Treasurer shall be turned over
290 to their successors within thirty (30) days after completion of their
291 term of office.

292 **5.** The County Chairman shall be the executive officer of
293 the county delegates to any district or state convention. The County
294 Chairman is not disqualified to be elected or appointed as a
295 delegate pursuant to these rules. Only the County Central
296 Committee has the authority to remove any duly elected qualified
297 delegate to the district or state convention.

298 **(c) Meetings:** The County Committee shall meet at any time
299 upon the joint call of the County Chairman and Vice Chairman, or if
300 either of said officers is not available, fails, or refuses to issue such
301 call, or either of said offices is vacant, the other may call such a
302 meeting. If both should issue a call, the first issued shall be the legal
303 call. Such call shall be made by written or electronic notice to all
304 members of the County Committee not less than five (5) days prior
305 to the meeting. If both of said offices are vacant, or both officers or
306 either of them, fail or refuse to issue such call when deemed
307 necessary, then the State Chairman and Vice Chairman jointly, or
308 one fourth of the entire existing members of the County Committee

309 shall be authorized to issue a call for such meeting, duly signed by
 310 those who issued the call, provided, however, such call must state
 311 the purpose of the meeting and no other business shall be
 312 considered at such meeting. The County Chairman, and in the
 313 chairman’s absence the Vice Chairman, or in the absence of both,
 314 any person who is a registered Republican selected by a majority of
 315 those in attendance, shall preside at the meeting. The County
 316 Chairman and Vice Chairman shall have the same right to vote at
 317 any meeting as the other members of the committee.

318 **(d) Officers of County Committees:** The officers of each
 319 County Committee shall consist of:

- 320 1. A County Chairman
- 321 2. A County Vice Chairman
- 3. A County Secretary} May be the same person
- 4. A County Treasurer}

322 **(e) Terms of Office:**

323 1. The term of office of the County Chairman and Vice
 324 Chairman shall begin immediately after their election and shall
 325 continue until the adjournment of the next regular biennial County
 326 Convention, or until their successors are elected and qualified,
 327 unless sooner removed, resigns, or becomes disqualified.

328 2. The term of offices of Secretary and Treasurer of the
 329 County Committee shall begin from their appointment and continue
 330 until the adjournment of the next biennial County Convention or

331 until their successors are appointed and qualified, unless sooner
332 removed, resigns, or becomes disqualified.

333 **(f) Vacancies:** If the County Chairman or Vice
334 Chairman shall die, move from the county, resign, or fail to function,
335 or otherwise become disqualified as cited in Rule 19 (g), then the
336 County Executive Committee if there be one, which shall meet
337 within sixty (60) days of said vacancy, shall fill the vacancy, subject
338 to the approval of the County Committee. Should If the County
339 Committee fails to approve the recommendation of the County
340 Executive Committee, the vacancy shall be referred back to the
341 County Executive Committee for further recommendation. The
342 roster(s) of membership of the County Committee and the County
343 Executive Committee on file with the State chairman, pursuant with
344 Rule 6 (a) 1 above, shall constitute the membership of said
345 committees for purposes of this rule.

346 If the County Committee fails to fill such vacancy within sixty (60)
347 days of the event that caused the vacancy, then the office shall be
348 filled by the State Chairman and shall be effective immediately.
349 However, the County Committee may elect another in lieu thereof,
350 within thirty (30) days of the appointment by the State Chairman.
351 Any person appointed or elected to fill such vacancy shall serve for
352 the remainder of the unexpired term, unless replaced as set forth
353 herein.

354 **Rule 7- County Executive Committees**

355 **(a) Composition and Appointment:** There shall be a County
356 Executive Committee in each county consisting of the County
357 Chairman, the County Vice Chairman, the State Committeeman,

358 the State Committeewoman, the Congressional District
359 Committeeman(men), the Congressional District
360 Committeewoman(women), and one State Representative, one
361 State Senator elected in the county, one legislator selected by the
362 County Chairman and, if more than one legislator, one selected by
363 the County Vice Chairman. If such selected legislator's district
364 includes more than one county, the county of their residence shall
365 be one in which they may serve on the committee.

366 In addition, not more than 25 men and women may be appointed
367 jointly by the County Chairman and Vice Chairman. If they cannot
368 agree upon such appointments, then the Chairman shall appoint
369 not more than 13 and the Vice Chairman shall appoint not more
370 than 12 of such members in addition to those enumerated herein,
371 except in counties whose population is 200,000 or more, then such
372 addition not more than 51 men and women may be appointed jointly
373 by the County Chairman and Vice Chairman. If they cannot agree
374 upon such appointments, then the Chairman should appoint not
375 more than 26 and the Vice Chairman should appoint not more than
376 25 of such membership in addition to those enumerated herein.
377 They shall serve at the pleasure of the County Chairman and Vice
378 Chairman.

379 Where the Chairman and Vice Chairman have been unable to
380 agree on such appointments and 13 or 26 appointments have been
381 made by the Chairman and 12 or 25 by the Vice Chairman as
382 provided above, if it shall later become necessary to remove any of
383 said appointees and they cannot again agree on said removal, then
384 each may remove any appointee made individually by them under

385 the provisions of this rule and may thereafter appoint their
386 replacement.

387 **(b) Authority and Duties:** The County Executive Committee
388 shall at all times act in an advisory capacity to the County Chairman
389 and Vice Chairman and shall confer with them and offer such plans
390 and suggestions as will serve and advance the best interests of the
391 welfare of the Party not inconsistent with these rules. It shall also be
392 the duty of the County Executive Committee to meet prior to any
393 County Convention to make recommendations to the County
394 Chairman for the organization of the County Convention.

395 **(c) Meetings:** The County Executive Committee shall meet
396 upon the joint call of the County Chairman and Vice Chairman, or if
397 either of said officers is not available, or either of said offices is
398 vacant, the other may call such meeting. If said officers cannot
399 agree as to such call, either may call such meeting. If both issue
400 such call, the first issued shall be the legal call. Such call shall be
401 made by written or electronic notice to all members of the County
402 Committee not less than five (5) days prior to the meeting. If both of
403 the offices are vacant or both officers shall fail or refuse to issue
404 such call when deemed necessary, one-fourth of the entire existing
405 members of the County Executive Committee shall be authorized to
406 issue a call for such meeting, duly signed by said members;
407 provided, however such call made by such members must state the
408 purpose of the meeting and no other business shall be transacted
409 at such meeting. The County Chairman, or in the chairman's
410 absence, the Vice Chairman, or in the absence of both, any person
411 who is a registered Republican selected by a majority of those in
412 attendance, shall preside at the meeting. The County Chairman

413 and Vice Chairman shall have the same right to vote as the other
414 members of the committee. The Secretary of the County Committee
415 shall, by virtue of the office, also be Secretary of the County
416 Executive Committee.

417 **(d) Vacancies:** If any County Executive Committee member
418 shall die, move from the county, resign, or otherwise become
419 disqualified, then the County Chairman and Vice Chairman shall
420 jointly fill such vacancy. If they cannot agree upon any such
421 appointment, then it shall be made by the County Chairman or Vice
422 Chairman of the same gender as the former member of the vacancy
423 to be filled.

424 **Rule 8- County Central Committee**

425 **(a) Composition:** There shall be a County Central
426 Committee comprised of the County Chairman, the County Vice
427 Chairman, the State Committeeman and the State
428 Committeewoman.

429 **(b) Duties:** The duty of the County Central Committee shall
430 be limited solely to performing, with the advice and consent of the
431 County Executive Committee, functions as prescribed by law.
432 When submitting to the County Election Board recommendations
433 for Republican Membership on the precinct election boards, as
434 provided by law, the County Central Committee must recommend
435 those persons whose names have been recommended for
436 membership on the election board in that precinct by a precinct
437 caucus, provided the precinct caucus was called and conducted in
438 accordance with the Rules of the Republican Party, and further

439 provided that the list is submitted pursuant to Oklahoma election
440 laws.

441 **Rule 9- Congressional District Committees**

442 **(a) Composition and Elections:** There shall be a
443 Congressional District Committee in each congressional district of
444 the state composed of two (2) members (one man and one woman)
445 from each county elected at the regular biennial County Convention
446 from each congressional district in which a county lies, by delegates
447 residing within the congressional district, and the County Chairman
448 and Vice Chairman of the counties of each district shall by virtue of
449 their offices, also be members of the committee of each
450 congressional district in which the county lies with the same rights
451 and duties as other members.

452 **(b) Authority and Duties:** The Congressional District
453 Committee of each congressional district is the supreme
454 Republican authority as to Congressional matters in the district,
455 subject to these rules and the direction and control of
456 Congressional District Conventions, the State Committee, and
457 State Conventions. It is charged with the duty of promoting the
458 welfare of the Republican Party in its respective Congressional
459 District.

460 **(c) Meetings:** The Congressional District Committee shall
461 meet at any time upon the joint call of the Congressional District
462 Chairman and Vice Chairman pursuant to ten (10) days written or
463 electronic notice sent to all members of said committee stating such
464 purpose, or if either of said officers is not available, or either of said
465 officers cannot agree as to such call, either may call such meeting,

466 and if both should issue such a call, the first issued shall be the legal
467 call. If both of said offices are vacant, or both officers fail or refuse to
468 issue such a call when deemed necessary, then one-fourth of the
469 entire existing members of the Congressional District Committee is
470 authorized to issue a call for such meeting, duly signed by said
471 members; provided, however such call made by such members
472 state the purpose of the meeting and no other business shall be
473 transacted at such meeting. The Congressional District Chairman,
474 or in the chairman's absence, the Vice Chairman, or in the absence
475 of both, any person who is a registered Republican selected by a
476 majority of those in attendance, shall preside at the meeting. The
477 Congressional District Chairman and Vice Chairman shall have the
478 same right to vote as the other members of the committee.

479 **(d) Officers of Congressional District Committee:** The
480 officers of each Congressional District Committee shall consist of:

- 481 1. A Congressional District Chairman
- 482 2. A Congressional District Vice Chairman
3. A Congressional District Secretary} May be the same
4. A Congressional District Treasurer} person.

483 **(e) Term of Office:** Their term of office of each Congressional
484 District Committeeman and Committeewoman shall begin
485 immediately after their election and shall continue until the
486 adjournment of the next regular biennial County Convention or until
487 their successors are elected and qualified, unless sooner removed,
488 resigns, or becomes disqualified.

489 **(f) Vacancies:** If any Congressional District Committeeman
490 or Committeewoman shall die, move from the county, resign or
491 otherwise become disqualified, then the County Chairman and Vice
492 Chairman of their county shall jointly fill such vacancy by
493 appointment. If they cannot agree on such appointment, then if the
494 vacancy is a Committeeman, it shall be made by the male
495 Chairman or Vice Chairman, and if the vacancy is a
496 Committeewoman it shall be made by the female Chairman or Vice
497 Chairman. All such appointments shall be subject to the approval of
498 the County Executive Committee. If the County Chairman or Vice
499 Chairman shall fail to fill such vacancy after ten (10) days
500 notification by the State Committee, then it shall be filled by the
501 State Chairman and shall be effective immediately, but subject to
502 the disapproval and appointment of another in lieu thereof within
503 thirty (30) days by the County Committee. Any person appointed to
504 fill such vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired
505 term, unless replaced as set forth herein.

506 **(g) Election, Term, Vacancies of Congressional District**
507 **Chairman and Vice Chairman:** The Congressional District
508 Chairman and Vice Chairman shall be elected at the regular
509 quadrennial Congressional District meeting which shall be held by
510 said committee within sixty (60) days after the regular biennial
511 County Conventions in the year immediately following the
512 gubernatorial elections. Their term of office shall begin upon
513 election and continue until their successors are elected and
514 qualified, unless sooner removed, resigns, or becomes disqualified.
515 If the Congressional District Chairman and Vice Chairman shall die,
516 move from the county or otherwise become disqualified, such

517 vacancy shall be filled by said committee at a special meeting called
518 for such purpose. Any person elected to fill such vacancy shall
519 serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.

520 **(h) Appointment, Term, Vacancies of Congressional**
521 **District Secretary and Treasurer:** The Secretary and Treasurer of
522 the Congressional District Committee shall be appointed jointly by
523 the Congressional District Chairman and Vice Chairman. If they
524 cannot agree on either or both such appointments, then the
525 Chairman shall appoint the Treasurer and the Vice Chairman the
526 Secretary. Such appointments shall be subject to the approval of
527 the Congressional District Committee. Their term of office shall
528 begin from their appointment and continue until the adjournment of
529 the next quadrennial Congressional District Committee meeting or
530 until their successors are appointed and qualified, unless sooner
531 removed, resigns, or becomes disqualified.

532 **Rule 10- State Committee**

533 **(a) Composition and Election:** There shall be a State
534 Committee of Oklahoma which shall be composed of two (2)
535 members (one man and one woman) from each county of the State
536 elected at a regular biennial County Convention, the State
537 Chairman, the State Vice Chairman, the Chairman of the Oklahoma
538 Federation of Young Republicans, the Chairman of the Oklahoma
539 Federation of College Republicans, the Chairman of the Oklahoma
540 Federation of Teen-Age Republicans, the president of the
541 Oklahoma Federation of Republican Women, the chairman of the
542 Oklahoma Minority Republican Coalition, the National
543 Committeeman and Committeewoman of Oklahoma, the

544 Republican members of the Oklahoma Legislature, all Republican
545 officials who are elected statewide, all Republican members of the
546 U.S. Congress from Oklahoma, the immediate past State
547 Chairman, and the Chairman and Vice Chairman of each
548 Congressional District in the state. The County Chairman and Vice
549 Chairman of each county are also members.

550 **(b) Authority and Duties:** The State Committee is the
551 supreme Republican Party authority of the state Republican Party,
552 subject to these rules and the direction and control of the State
553 Convention. It is charged with the duty of promoting the welfare and
554 direction, controlling the affairs of the Oklahoma Republican Party
555 and the Oklahoma State Republican Conventions, and in promoting
556 the welfare of the Republican Party of the United States of America.
557 The State Committee shall meet immediately preceding any State
558 Convention and receive the report and recommendations of the
559 State Executive Committee for the purpose of establishing the
560 organization of the State Convention and shall consider same and
561 shall thereafter make its report and recommendations to the State
562 Convention.

563 **(c) Meetings:** The State Committee shall meet at any time
564 upon the joint call of the State Chairman and Vice Chairman,
565 pursuant to ten (10) days written or electronic notice sent to all
566 members of said committee stating such purpose, or if either of said
567 officers is not available, or either of said offices is vacant, the other
568 may call such a meeting. If said officers cannot agree as to such a
569 call, either may call such meeting. If both should issue such a call,
570 the first issued shall be the legal call. If both of said offices are
571 vacant, or both officers fail or refuse to issue such a call, then the

572 National Committeeman and National Committeewoman may issue
573 such call. If said officers cannot agree as to such a call, either may
574 call such meeting. If both should issue such a call, the first issued
575 shall be the legal call. If both of said offices are vacant, or both
576 officers fail or refuse to issue such a call, then one-fourth of the
577 entire existing members of the State Committee shall be authorized
578 to issue a call for such meeting, duly signed by said members;
579 provided, however such call made by such members must state the
580 purpose of the meeting and no other business may be transacted at
581 such meeting. The State Chairman, or in the chairman's absence,
582 the Vice Chairman, and in the absence of both, any person who is a
583 registered Republican selected by those in attendance, shall
584 preside at the meeting.

585 **(d) Officers of the State Committee:** The officers of the
586 State Committee shall consist of:

- 587 1. A State Chairman
- 588 2. A State Vice Chairman
- 589 3. A State Secretary
- 590 4. A State Treasurer
- 591 5. An Assistant State Treasurer
- 592 6. A General Counsel

593 **(e) Term of Office:** The term of office of the State
594 Committeeman and Committeewoman shall begin immediately
595 after their election and shall continue until the adjournment of the
596 next regular biennial County Convention and until their successors

597 are elected and qualified, unless sooner removed, resigns, or
598 becomes disqualified.

599 **(f) Vacancies:** If any State Committeeman or
600 Committeewoman shall die, move from the county, resign, or
601 otherwise become disqualified, then the County Committee shall fill
602 such vacancy at a special meeting called for such purpose pursuant
603 to ten (10) days written or electronic notice sent to all members of
604 said committee stating such purpose. If the County Committee fails
605 to fill such vacancy within thirty (30) days, then it shall be filled at
606 once by the State Chairman, effective immediately, but subject to
607 the disapproval and election of another, in lieu thereof, within thirty
608 (30) days of the appointment by the State Chairman, by the County
609 Committee. Any person appointed to fill such vacancy shall serve
610 for the remainder of the unexpired term, unless replaced as set forth
611 herein.

612 **(g) Election and Duties of State Chairman and Vice**
613 **Chairman:** The State Chairman and Vice Chairman shall be
614 elected by the regular biennial State Convention, by roll call vote if
615 there is more than one candidate nominated for either office. The
616 State Chairman shall be the executive officer and the Vice
617 Chairman the assistant executive officer of the State Committee
618 and the Oklahoma Republican Party. The State Chairman shall be
619 responsible for the enforcement of these rules and the carrying out
620 of the directions and resolutions of the State Committee and the
621 State Conventions in accordance with these rules. The State
622 Chairman shall not discard any of the files or records of the
623 Republican State Committee without the consent of the Budget
624 Committee. The State Chairman shall assist in all national

625 Republican Party campaigns, and shall have general supervision
626 over all activities, functions, and campaigns within the state. The
627 State Vice Chairman shall aid and assist the State Chairman in all
628 of said duties and shall act as Chairman when the chairmanship is
629 vacant or when the Chairman is disqualified or is not available.
630 They shall have the same right to vote at any State Committee
631 meeting as members of said committee.

632 **(h) Term of Office of State Chairman and Vice Chairman:**
633 The term of office of State Chairman and Vice Chairman shall begin
634 immediately after adjournment of the regular biennial State
635 Convention at which they were elected, and continue until the
636 adjournment of the next regular biennial State Convention, and until
637 their successors are elected and qualified, unless sooner removed,
638 resigns, or becomes disqualified.

639 **(i) Vacancies of State Chairman and Vice Chairman:** If
640 the State Chairman shall die, move from the state, resign, or
641 otherwise become disqualified, then the Vice Chairman shall serve
642 as Chairman until such vacancy shall be filled by the State
643 Committee at a special meeting held within sixty (60) days for such
644 purpose pursuant to written or electronic notice sent to all members
645 of said committee stating such purpose_30 days prior to said
646 meeting. Any person elected to fill such vacancy shall serve the
647 remainder of the unexpired term. If the Vice Chairman shall die,
648 move from the state, resign, or otherwise become disqualified, then
649 the vacancy shall be filled by the State Committee as described for
650 filling the office of Chairman.

651 **(j) Appointment of State Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant**
652 **Treasurer, and General Counsel:** The State Secretary,

653 Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and General Counsel of the State
654 Committee shall be appointed by the State Chairman, subject to the
655 approval of the State Committee, as soon as possible not
656 exceeding sixty (60) days after each regular biennial State
657 Convention. If the office of Treasurer shall become vacant, the
658 Assistant Treasurer shall become Treasurer until a new successor
659 is appointed and qualified.

660 **(k) Duties of the State Secretary:** The State Secretary shall
661 attend all meetings of the State Committee and keep the minutes of
662 all meetings and reports furnished to said committee. The minutes
663 of such meetings shall be attested by the State Secretary. The
664 minutes and reports shall be transmitted or delivered to the office of
665 the State Chairman at the State Headquarters, as soon as possible,
666 not to exceed ten (10) days after each meeting. They shall remain
667 there available for review by any officer or member of the State
668 Republican Committee.

669 **(l) Duties of State Treasurer:** The State Treasurer shall be
670 the custodian of all funds of the State Committee and the Oklahoma
671 Republican Party and shall disburse the same in accordance with
672 budgets established by the State Budget Committee. The State
673 Treasurer shall keep a strict account of all receipts and
674 disbursements, with the dates thereof, from whom received and to
675 whom disbursed, and the purpose thereof. The accounts of the
676 Treasurer shall be accessible at all times to the State Chairman and
677 Vice Chairman, or any member of the State Finance or Budget
678 Committees or any representative of any of said officers or
679 committees duly authorized in writing by such officer or committee.
680 All disbursements shall be made in accordance with the law and

681 these rules. The State Treasurer shall report at such time or times
682 as requested by the State Budget Committee in such form as will
683 provide all necessary information relative to the amount of receipts,
684 disbursements and cash balance, together with expenditures
685 charged to each item of the budget and the unexpended balance of
686 the budget items. At any time, if required by the State Budget
687 Committee, the State Treasurer shall furnish a good and sufficient
688 bond payable to the Oklahoma Republican State Committee for the
689 faithful performance of the duties and due accounting for all money
690 and property entrusted to the Treasurer, in such amount as may be
691 required by the State Budget Committee and be generally approved
692 by said committee. At the end of the term of office, the State
693 Treasurer shall deliver to the successor all monies, property, books,
694 and records of the State Budget Committee and the Oklahoma
695 Republican Party, maintained by or in the possession of the State
696 Treasurer.

697 **(m) Duties of General Counsel:** It shall be the duty of the
698 General Counsel of the State Committee to be the chief legal
699 advisor of the State Committee, and all other state committees and
700 state officers on legal matters pertaining to said committees and
701 officers and the Oklahoma Republican Party. General Counsel may
702 also attend and be Parliamentarian at all State Committee meetings
703 to advise the presiding officer on all questions of parliamentary
704 procedure and the rulings of the presiding officer, if requested to do
705 so by such officer of the committee.

Rule 11- State Executive Committee

(a) Composition and Appointment: There shall be a State Executive Committee composed of:

- the State Chairman;
- the State Vice Chairman;
- two members, one man and one woman, elected as Congressional District Chairman and Congressional District Vice Chairman from each Congressional District of the state;
- the Republican Governor, if there be one;
- the President of the Oklahoma Federation of Republican Women
- the Chairman of the Oklahoma Federation of Young Republicans;
- the Chairman of the Oklahoma Federation of Teen-Age Republicans;
- the County Chairman of each county which maintains (and has maintained, for the year immediately previous) a County Republican Headquarters facility (For purposes of these rules, a County headquarters shall be a facility staffed and open to the public a minimum of 20 hours per week, 24 weeks annually in election years, 20 weeks annually in non-election years. It shall not be a shared residence or business office.
- from the state at large, ten members: five men and five women. The members shall be appointed jointly by the State Chairman and Vice Chairman if they can agree; however, in case they cannot agree, each may appoint

734 the members of his or her gender, subject to the
735 approval of the State Committee.

- 736 • The Republican National Committeeman and
737 Committeewoman of Oklahoma and the Republican
738 Floor Leaders of the Oklahoma Legislature shall also be
739 members of said committee by virtue of their office, with
740 the same powers and privileges as the other members

741 **(b) Duties:** The State Executive Committee shall at all times
742 act in an advisory capacity to the State Chairman, and shall confer
743 with said chairman and offer such plans and suggestions as will
744 serve and advance the best interests of the Party not inconsistent
745 with these rules. Said committee shall fix the time and place of any
746 State Convention as more fully prescribed in Rule 16. It shall also
747 be the duty of the State Executive Committee to report its
748 recommendations to the State Committee for organization in
749 preparation for any State Convention.

750 **(c) Meetings:** The State Executive Committee shall meet at
751 any time upon the joint call of the State Chairman and Vice
752 Chairman pursuant to ten (10) days written or electronic notice sent
753 to all members of said committee stating such purpose or if either of
754 said officers is not available, or if either of said offices is vacant, the
755 other may call such meeting. If said officers cannot agree as to such
756 call, either may call a meeting. If both issue such a call, the first
757 issued shall be the legal call. If both of said offices are vacant or
758 both officers shall fail or refuse to issue such a call, then the
759 National Committeeman and National Committeewoman may issue
760 such call. If said officers cannot agree as to such a call, either may
761 call such meeting. If both should issue such a call, the first issued

762 shall be the legal call. If both of said offices are vacant or both
763 officers fail or refuse to issue such a call, then one-fourth of the
764 entire existing members of the State Executive Committee shall be
765 authorized to issue a call for such meeting, duly assigned by said
766 members, provided, however, such call made by such members
767 must state the purpose of the meeting and no other business shall
768 be transacted at such meeting. The State Chairman and, in the
769 chairman's absence, the Vice Chairman, and in the absence of
770 both, any person who is a registered Republican selected by those
771 in attendance, shall preside at the meeting. The State Secretary
772 shall, by virtue of the office, also be Secretary of the State Executive
773 Committee.

774 **Rule 12- State Central Committee**

775 **(a) Composition:** There shall be a State Central Committee
776 comprised of the State Chairman, the State Vice Chairman, the
777 National Committeeman, and the National Committeewoman.

778 **(b) Duties:** The duty of the State Central Committee shall be
779 to perform, with the advice and consent of the State Executive
780 Committee, functions necessary for the operation of the Oklahoma
781 Republican Party.

782 **Rule 13- State Finance Committee**

783 **(a) Composition, Term, and Vacancies:** There shall be a
784 State Finance Committee composed of not less than twice the
785 number of Congressional Districts in the state and not more than
786 one hundred (100). In addition to the above members, there shall
787 be a State Finance Chairman, and if desired, a State Finance Vice

788 Chairman. They shall be appointed by the State Chairman, as soon
789 as possible (not to exceed sixty (60) days after the regular biennial
790 State Convention, subject to the approval of the State Committee,
791 and shall serve at the pleasure of the State Chairman. Any vacancy
792 shall be filled in the same manner as an appointment is made. The
793 State Chairman and Vice Chairman, Oklahoma Republican
794 National Committeeman and Committeewoman, and State
795 Treasurer shall, by virtue of their office, also be members of said
796 committee, and shall have the same power and authority as the
797 other members.

798 **(b) Authority and Duties:** It shall be the duty of the State
799 Finance Committee to devise ways and means to properly finance
800 the Republican General Election campaigns and other Republican
801 Party business and affairs. The State Finance Committee shall
802 have authority to establish quotas on an equitable basis
803 designating the responsibility of each county within the state to
804 provide the funds required to meet Republican Party organizational
805 needs, and to cooperate with county organizations in determining
806 the financial requirements of local organizations, and to effect
807 agreements between the State Finance Committee and county
808 Republican organizations for equitable division of funds raised
809 within each county. It shall have the authority to communicate in the
810 name of the committee with such persons as it shall deem
811 necessary for the purpose of promoting the business and general
812 welfare of the Republican Party, and to raise funds for general
813 election campaigns.

814 The State Finance Chairman shall have the authority and
815 responsibility for details involved with committee-sponsored or

816 statewide fundraising events, including the collection and
817 accountability for the proceeds therefrom. Requests for presidents,
818 vice presidents, cabinet members, governors, senators, and
819 representatives for the state party fundraising events shall be made
820 though either the State Finance Chairman or State Headquarters.
821 Said committee shall not, however, directly or indirectly, raise or
822 collect, or attempt to raise or collect funds for the benefit of any
823 candidates (county, state or national) for primary elections.

824 All funds collected by the Oklahoma Republican Party shall be
825 deposited in an account subject to disbursement by the State
826 Chairman, subject to the advice and consent of the State Budget
827 Committee, in the manner hereinafter provided. At such periodic
828 intervals as may be determined by the State Budget Committee,
829 there may be disbursed to the county Republican organizations
830 such portion of funds collected within the county involved as shall
831 have been agreed upon in writing between the State Finance
832 Committee and the County Chairman and County Finance
833 Committee, or as shall have otherwise been determined by the
834 State Finance Committee. Payment of the necessary and proper
835 operating expenses of the State Finance Committee, within limits
836 authorized by the State Budget Committee, shall be made from
837 funds in possession of said committee. At such periodic intervals as
838 shall be directed by the State Budget Committee, the remaining
839 funds collected by the State Finance Committee shall be
840 transferred to the State Treasurer, who shall disburse it only in
841 accordance with law and these rules.

842 **Rule 14- State Budget Committee**

843 **(a) Composition, Term and Vacancies:** There shall be a
844 State Budget Committee of the State Committee composed of the
845 State Chairman, the State Vice Chairman, the Oklahoma National
846 Committeeman and Committeewoman, the Treasurer of the State
847 Committee, and the Chairman of the State Finance Committee,
848 together with nine members, at least one of whom shall be
849 nominated by the members of the Congressional District
850 Committee of each Congressional District, to be elected by the
851 Congressional District Committee as soon as possible (not to
852 exceed sixty (60) days) after the regular biennial State Convention,
853 whose term of office shall begin upon their election and continue
854 until the adjournment of the next regular biennial State Convention
855 and their successors are elected and qualified. A vacancy in any
856 position of such elected members shall be filled for the unexpired
857 term by election by the Congressional District Committee at any
858 regular or special meeting thereof.

859 **(b) Authority and Duties:** It shall be the responsibility of the
860 State Budget Committee, and it shall have the power and authority,
861 to prepare budgets designating the amount, classification and
862 priority of expenditures to be made from funds of the Republican
863 State Committee, giving due consideration to the estimated
864 availability of funds. By appropriate actions and resolutions it shall
865 prescribe rules and regulation governing the fiscal affairs of the
866 Republican Party organizations, including the procedure required
867 for recommendations to the State Committee of amounts to be
868 included in budgets and the incurring of obligations under such
869 budgets. Said committee shall not authorize, directly or indirectly,

870 any budget for, or expenditures of, funds for any candidate or
871 candidates for any Primary election campaign, or the expenses
872 thereof, whether such expenses incurred before, during, or after
873 such Primary election.

874 It shall be the duty of said committee to evaluate the procedures
875 and records of the State Treasurer and the State Finance
876 Committee, and to make a report of such evaluation to the State
877 Chairman, and State Committee annually, or more often as
878 deemed necessary by the Budget Committee, or when requested
879 by the State Chairman, or State Committee.

(c) CPA Financial Review: The financial books and
881 records of the Oklahoma Republican Party, including the State
882 Committee, the State Finance Committee, the Candidate Reserve
883 Fund, and all other funds established by the Oklahoma Republican
884 Party, shall be reviewed by a certified public accountant chosen by
885 the State Budget Committee within a reasonable time after a new
886 chairman is elected. A biennial review shall be conducted
887 immediately preceding the biennial State Convention and shall
888 cover the two year period ending January 31 of the Biennial
889 Convention year. The review shall be conducted in accordance with
890 generally accepted accounting principles as established by the
891 American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The completed
892 review shall be submitted to the State Chairman, the State Budget
893 Committee, and the State Committee.

894 Such a review may also be conducted at any other time as deemed
895 necessary by a majority of those present and voting at a State
896 Budget Committee or State Committee meeting, provided a quorum
897 is present at the meeting.

898 **(d) State Budget Committee Review:** The financial
899 records of the Oklahoma Republican Party including the State
900 Committee, the State Finance Committee, the Candidate Reserve
901 Fund and all other funds established by the Oklahoma Republican
902 Party, and in addition, a complete inventory of all equipment and all
903 property owned or leased by the Oklahoma Republican Party, shall
904 be examined by the State Budget Committee, and shall cover the
905 two-year period ending with the even-numbered years. The
906 completed examination shall be submitted to the State Chairman,
907 and the State Committee.

908 Such a review may also be conducted at any other time as
909 recommended by the State Budget Committee or the State
910 Committee.

911 **Rule 15 - National Committee Members**

912 **(a) Nomination and Election:** The regular State
913 Convention held in a Presidential election year shall elect the
914 Republican National Committeeman and Committeewoman from
915 Oklahoma.

916 **(b) Vacancies:** If a vacancy should occur, for any reason, in
917 the position of National Committeeman or National
918 Committeewoman, it shall be filled by election by the State
919 Committee.

920 **(c) Ex-Officio Members of Certain Committees:** Members
921 of the Republican National Committee from Oklahoma shall by
922 virtue of their offices be members of the State Central Committee,
923 State Committee, the State Executive Committee, the State
924 Finance Committee, and the State Budget Committee, with the

925 same powers and privileges as the other members of said
926 committees.

927 **Rule 16 – Conventions (See Chart in Addendum A)**

928 **(a) Regular Biennial Meetings and Conventions:** There
929 shall be a regular biennial Precinct Meeting in each precinct, except
930 with prior approval of the County Executive Committee of the
931 location outside the precinct boundary; a regular biennial County
932 Convention in each county of the state, and a regular biennial State
933 Convention of the Oklahoma Republican Party, called to convene
934 during the months of April or May every two years in the odd
935 numbered years, and April or May in the year the regular
936 quadrennial Congressional District Conventions are called.

937 **(b) Regular Quadrennial Congressional District**
938 **Conventions:** There shall be a regular quadrennial Congressional
939 District Convention of the Republican Party of each Congressional
940 District of Oklahoma called to convene during the months of
941 February, March, April, or May of each Presidential election year.

942 **(c) Fixing Time and Place of Meetings and Conventions:**
943 The State Executive Committee shall fix the deadlines for holding
944 said regular biennial and quadrennial Precinct Meetings, County
945 Conventions, and Congressional District Conventions, and the time
946 and place of the State Conventions. The State Executive
947 Committee shall direct the State Chairman, or if not available, or
948 said office is vacant, the State Vice Chairman, to issue such call,
949 not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date fixed for the State
950 Convention. The State Executive Committee or the State Chairman
951 may permit the County and Congressional District organizations to

952 fix the exact hour, day, and place of the Precinct Meetings and the
953 County Conventions, within limits consistent with these rules. The
954 dates convening all of said meetings and conventions shall be fixed
955 so that they will convene in the following chronological order: (1)
956 Precinct Meetings; (2) County Conventions; (3) Congressional
957 District Conventions; (4) State Convention.

958 **(d) Special Meetings and Conventions:** The State
959 Committee, at any time in the interest of the Republican Party, may
960 direct the State Chairman, or if not available or if said office is
961 vacant, the State Vice Chairman, to issue a call for Special Precinct
962 Meetings, County Conventions, and Congressional District
963 Conventions, in any or all of the counties and congressional
964 districts of the state in connection with or without calling a Special
965 State Convention. The procedure for calling regular biennial
966 meetings and conventions shall apply to the calling of special
967 meetings so far as applicable and not inconsistent with these rules.

968 **(e) Delegates to Conventions:** The State Executive
969 Committee shall determine the number of delegates by which each
970 county is entitled to be represented in any Congressional District
971 Convention or State Convention, apportioned among the counties
972 according to the number of votes cast for the Republican nominee
973 for President or Governor in each county at the preceding General
974 Election. The State Call shall set forth the number of delegates
975 each county is entitled to be represented by in the State and/or
976 Congressional Conventions. If only a portion of a county lies within
977 a congressional district, apportionment to such county of delegates
978 to each Congressional District Convention shall be based upon the

979 number of votes cast within that portion of the county which lies
980 within the congressional district.

981 The County Executive Committee of each county shall determine
982 the number of delegates each precinct is entitled to be represented
983 by in any County Convention, apportioned among the precincts of
984 the County according to the number of votes cast for the
985 Republican nominee for President or Governor in each precinct at
986 the preceding General Election. Each precinct shall be entitled to at
987 least one delegate. Such county shall specify the number of
988 delegates each precinct is entitled to in the County Convention.

989 The Oklahoma Federation of Young Republicans shall be allowed
990 twenty (20) delegates to the State Convention. Said delegates will
991 be allocated by the State Executive Committee of the Young
992 Republicans and must be named prior to Republican County
993 Conventions. The Oklahoma Federation of College Republicans
994 shall be allowed at least ten (10) delegates to the State Convention
995 with said delegates being at least eighteen (18) years of age by the
996 time of the State Convention to which they are delegates; and said
997 delegates being a member of the Oklahoma Federation of College
998 Republicans at least one (1) college semester. Delegates who are
999 members of voting auxiliary organizations shall choose whether to
1000 vote as an auxiliary delegate or a county delegate.

1001 **(f) Organization of Conventions:** All County,
1002 Congressional District, and State Conventions shall be called to
1003 order respectively by the County, District, or State Chairman, or if
1004 not available or said office is vacant, by the Vice Chairman. The
1005 Chairman:

- 1006 • shall appoint the Credentials Committee and the
1007 Rules Committee;
- 1008 • shall present the report of the County, Congressional
1009 District, or State Committee (whichever the case may
1010 be) for the permanent organization of the
1011 Convention;
- 1012 • shall receive the reports of the Credentials Committee
1013 and the Rules Committee; and
- 1014 • shall submit in turn the Credentials Committee report,
1015 the agenda, and rules, as the permanent organization
1016 report to a vote of the Convention.

1017 Proposed Congressional District Convention rules must be
1018 provided to all County Chairmen of the Congressional District no
1019 later than seven (7) days prior to the Congressional District
1020 Convention. Proposed State Convention rules must be posted on
1021 State Party web site, and written or electronic notice sent to County
1022 Chairmen at least ten (10) days prior to the Convention.

1023 The Convention Chairman elected by said Convention shall serve
1024 until adjournment of the Convention, and shall direct the
1025 Convention to proceed with its further organization and business
1026 according to the rules and agenda as adopted by the Convention.
1027 Items not covered by the Convention rules shall be governed by
1028 Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised. The Rules of the
1029 Oklahoma Republican Party shall be superior to the rules of any
1030 convention and to Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

1031 **(g) Voting at Conventions:** Delegates to County,
1032 Congressional District, and State Conventions may cast whole
1033 votes or fractional votes in accordance with the authorization of the
1034 original precinct or county convention (whichever is applicable) so
1035 long as each delegate within a precinct or county delegation shall
1036 possess a vote equal to the vote possessed by any other delegate
1037 within the same delegation.

1038 The following rules shall apply to all delegations as a part of the
1039 convention rules and order of business:

- 1040 1. Votes announced shall be in one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) or whole
1041 votes only and shall not be announced in any other
1042 fraction, or the Convention may accept the actual
1043 ballot count for the purpose of computerized tallies.
- 1044 2. Any delegation shall be allowed to pass when its
1045 name is called on the first roll, but must answer when
1046 its name is called the second time, in proper order,
1047 and failing to do so immediately, shall lose its vote on
1048 such roll call.
- 1049 3. Voting of any delegation under the unit rule shall not
1050 be recognized by any County, Congressional District,
1051 or State Convention.

1052 **(h) Types of Convention Delegations:**

- 1053 1. **Open Delegation:** An open delegation is one which
1054 allows all qualified delegates from a precinct or county
1055 to attend and vote at a convention. An open
1056 delegation must be approved by vote of the County

1057 Convention. A sign-up sheet must be provided for
1058 persons to indicate their intent to attend the
1059 Congressional District or State Convention as a
1060 delegate. The list of those persons signing as
1061 delegates must be submitted to the Congressional
1062 District or State Chairman at least seven (7) days
1063 prior to the respective convention. No one person
1064 shall cast more than two (2) whole votes. No
1065 alternates or proxies will be allowed in an open
1066 delegation.

1067 2. **Delegate-Alternate:** A delegate-alternate delegation
1068 is one in which the number of delegates matches the
1069 allocated votes of the precinct or county convention.
1070 The list of those persons elected as
1071 delegates-alternates must be submitted to the
1072 Congressional District or State Chairman at least
1073 seven (7) days prior to the respective convention. No
1074 proxies will be allowed in a delegate-alternate
1075 delegation.

1076 3. **Delegate Contact Information:** A list of authorized
1077 delegates and their contact information shall be made
1078 available to any delegate requesting said information
1079 within seven (7) days after the date of the Convention
1080 from which a list is manufactured.

1081 **Rule 17 - State Convention Committees**

1082 **(a) State Convention Committee Members:** The number
1083 of committee delegates for all convention committees is based on a

1084 proportional representation formula, determined by the number of
1085 votes cast in the last presidential or gubernatorial election, in each
1086 county for the Republican candidate, with a minimum of one
1087 committee member per county. Counties with only one delegate
1088 may choose the committee: Platform, Credentials, or Rules, on
1089 which that delegate may serve. Each county is allowed one
1090 member per every ten percent of delegate votes. No more than fifty
1091 percent of committee delegates from a county may serve on any
1092 one committee.

1093 **(b) State Convention Credentials Committee**

1094 1. The State Chairman shall appoint the Credentials
1095 Committee Chairman.

1096 2. The Credentials Committee shall review the delegate list
1097 from each County, resolve any disputes, and recommend
1098 those eligible to be delegates to the Convention.

1099 3. The Credentials Committee report shall be submitted to
1100 the State Convention for adoption.

1101 **(c) State Convention Platform Committee**

1102 1. The State Chairman shall appoint the Platform
1103 Committee Chairman. The assembled
1104 subcommittees shall each select its chairman.

1105 2. The State Chairman shall appoint a Platform Editor to
1106 edit for grammar, style, and redundancy. The Editor
1107 shall have no authority to make substantive changes
1108 to the recommended Platform.

- 1109 3. The Platform Committee shall review and revise, as
1110 necessary, the last adopted Platform.
- 1111 4. The Platform Committee may meet a maximum of
1112 four times before the State Convention. All Platform
1113 meetings shall not meet before 9:00 a.m. and shall
1114 not extend after 6:00 p.m.
- 1115 5. No substantive changes may be made at the final
1116 meeting of the Platform Committee prior to the State
1117 Convention.
- 1118 6. The Platform Committee report shall be submitted to
1119 the State Convention for debate and adoption.

1120 **(d) State Convention Rules Committee**

- 1121 1. The State Chairman shall appoint the Rules
1122 Committee Chairman.
- 1123 2. The Rules Committee shall review and revise, as
1124 necessary, the last adopted Rules.
- 1125 3. The Rules Committee shall specify how additional
1126 rules, regulations, or platform planks may be
1127 submitted from the floor for consideration, and shall
1128 specify the percentages of votes needed for passage.
- 1129 4. The Rules Committee may meet a maximum of four
1130 times before the State Convention. All Rules
1131 meetings shall not meet before 9:00 a.m. and shall
1132 not extend after 6:00 p.m.

- 1133 5. No substantive changes may be made at the final
1134 meeting of the Rules Committee prior to the State
1135 Convention.
- 1136 6. The Rules Committee report shall be submitted to the
1137 State Convention for debate and adoption.

1138 **Rule 18- Nomination and Election of Delegates to National**
1139 **Convention and Presidential Electors**

1140 **(a) Nominating Committee:** The State Executive Committee
1141 shall convene after the close of the Congressional District
1142 Conventions and at least two weeks prior to the date of the State
1143 Convention for the purpose of selecting nominees for
1144 Delegate-at-Large and Alternate-at-Large to the Republican
1145 National Convention. The number of names placed in nomination
1146 shall be determined by the State Executive Committee.

1147 **(b) Voting for Nominations:** Members of the State Executive
1148 Committee who are seeking nomination to a position of
1149 Delegate-at-Large or Alternate-at Large shall not vote on the
1150 selection of nominees, nor may they be represented by proxy in the
1151 selection of nominees, but they may participate in all other business
1152 of the committee.

1153 **(c) List of Nominees:** A list of names selected by the State
1154 Executive Committee to be placed in nomination at the State
1155 Convention, and the position to which they will be nominated, shall
1156 be posted on the State Party web site, and sent by mail or
1157 electronically ten (10) days prior to the State Convention to each
1158 County Republican Chairman by the State Republican Chairman.

1159 **(d) Nominations at State Convention:** At the State
1160 Convention convened for the purpose of electing
1161 Delegates-at-Large and Alternates-at-Large to the Republican
1162 National Convention, qualified nominations of the State Executive
1163 Committee shall be placed before the convention by the State
1164 Chairman, and all other qualified nominations shall be received by
1165 the chairman of the State Convention in accordance with the rules
1166 adopted by such convention. Election of the Delegates-at-Large
1167 and Alternates-at-Large shall be by roll call vote.

1168 **(e) Nominations at Congressional District Conventions:**
1169 At the Congressional District Conventions convened for the
1170 purpose of electing delegates and alternates to the Republican
1171 National Convention, qualified nominations shall be received by the
1172 chairman of the Congressional District Convention and shall be
1173 placed before the Congressional District Convention in accordance
1174 with the rules adopted by such convention. Election of three (3)
1175 delegates and three (3) alternates from each Congressional District
1176 Convention shall be by roll call vote of each county. Each delegate
1177 and alternate shall be elected by separate ballot.

1178 **(f) Eligibility of Delegates:** A person may serve as a
1179 delegate to the Republican National Convention no more than two
1180 consecutive times. This limitation shall not, however, prevent the
1181 attendance as a delegate of a person appointed to chair one of the
1182 National Convention Committees. As required by the Republican
1183 National Committee Rules, the State Chairman, the National
1184 Committeeman, and National Committeewoman shall be delegates
1185 to the Republican National Convention. The total number of times
1186 that a person may be a delegate or alternate is unlimited.

1187 **(g) Qualification of Nominees:** A nomination at a convention
1188 for the position of delegate or alternate to the Republican National
1189 Convention shall be deemed qualified only if the State Convention
1190 Secretary or the Congressional District Convention Secretary,
1191 whichever is applicable, shall have actually received, pursuant to
1192 Convention rules, an affidavit signed by the nominee stating the
1193 name and address of the nominee, and certifying that the nominee
1194 is a registered voter of the Oklahoma Republican Party, and that the
1195 nominee will accept the nomination if elected, and that the vote of
1196 the nominee on selection of the Republican candidate for President
1197 of the United States at the Republican National Convention shall be
1198 cast as provided in 26 O.S. 20-104(h).

1199 **(h) Award of Delegate Votes:** The following method shall
1200 be followed by the Oklahoma Republican Party to award delegates
1201 votes at the Republican National Convention, based on the
1202 canvassed results of the Presidential Preference Primary reported
1203 to the Chairman of the ORP by the Secretary of the State Election
1204 Board. The method to award delegates that is set out by statute in
1205 the State of Oklahoma (presently codified at 26 O.S. 2001 §
1206 20-104B&C) shall be superseded and/or supplanted by this rule.

1207 1. All delegates from the State at Large shall be awarded to a
1208 presidential candidate who receives a majority (more than
1209 50%) of the votes in the Republican presidential preference
1210 primary election in the state. If no presidential candidate
1211 receives a majority of the votes in the state, then the award shall
1212 be as follows:

1213 based on the relationship that the number of votes received by each
1214 presidential candidate bears to the total number of votes cast in the

1215 Republican presidential primary election in the entire State;
1216 provided that a presidential candidate must receive at least 15
1217 percent of the total vote cast in the State in the Republican
1218 presidential preference primary election in order to be entitled to
1219 any of the State at Large delegates. The Chairman of the
1220 Oklahoma Republican Party shall apportion pro rata the number of
1221 delegates from the State at large each of the presidential
1222 candidates is entitled to receive rounded to the nearest whole
1223 number.

1224 2. All delegates from each congressional district shall be
1225 awarded to a presidential candidate who receives a majority (more
1226 than 50%) of the votes in the Republican presidential
1227 preference primary election in that district. If no presidential
1228 candidate receives a majority of the votes in a congressional
1229 district, then the award shall be as follows:

1230 a. If three or more presidential candidates receive 15
1231 percent or more of such total vote in the district, the top three
1232 finishers in the District shall each be awarded one delegate from
1233 that district.

1234 b. If only two presidential candidates receive 15 percent
1235 or more of such total vote in the district, the presidential candidate
1236 who receives the most votes in that congressional district shall
1237 receive two (2) delegates and the presidential candidate who
1238 receives the second most votes in that congressional district shall
1239 receive one (1) delegate; and,

1240 c. If only one presidential candidate receives 15 percent
1241 or more of such total vote in the district, such presidential candidate
1242 shall be awarded all of the delegates from that district.

1243 A presidential candidate must receive at least 15 percent of the
1244 total vote cast in the district in the Republican presidential primary
1245 election in order to be entitled to any of the three delegates from
1246 that district.

1247 **(i) Election of Presidential Electors:** Pursuant to
1248 Oklahoma State Laws, the Oklahoma Republican Party shall
1249 nominate a number of Electors for President and Vice President of
1250 the United States of America equal to the number of United States
1251 Senators and United States Representatives which the state is
1252 entitled to elect. Therefore, each Congressional District
1253 Convention shall elect one Presidential Elector and one Alternate
1254 Presidential Elector who shall subscribe the duties of said
1255 office. The State Convention held in the same presidential election
1256 year shall elect two Presidential Electors and two Alternate
1257 Presidential Electors who shall subscribe the duties of said office.

1258 **Rule 19- General Rules Applicable to Various Officers and** 1259 **Committees**

1260 **(a) Additional Officers, Committees, and Rules:** All
1261 officers, committees, and delegates recognized or established by
1262 these rules are authorized to appoint, or elect, their own chairman
1263 and such subordinate officers or committees, and promulgate such
1264 additional rules, not inconsistent with these rules, as they may
1265 deem necessary from time to time to aid them in the performance of
1266 their duties, and may discontinue or change any of such officers,
1267 committees or rules at any time.

1268 **(b) Quorum of Committees, Delegations, and**
 1269 **Conventions:** A quorum of the State Committee shall be one
 1270 hundred (100) delegates or more, present in person or represented
 1271 by proxy. A majority of the roll of delegates at any duly convened
 1272 Republican Convention shall constitute a quorum. A majority of
 1273 those named to any Committee or Delegation shall constitute a
 1274 quorum. A majority of those registered Republicans who sign in at
 1275 the biennial general precinct meeting shall constitute a quorum.
 1276 Once a quorum is established, a quorum shall be deemed to be
 1277 present until fewer than two thirds (2/3) of the original quorum
 1278 remain. Any proper legal action may be taken by such committee,
 1279 delegation, or convention by a majority of the members voting,
 1280 except when otherwise specifically provided in these rules or by
 1281 law.

1282 **(c) Proxies:** Absent members of any County Committee,
 1283 Congressional District Committee, or State Committee meeting, or
 1284 any other official committee meeting, may be represented at such
 1285 meeting by a written proxy designating the person who is to
 1286 represent the member, except that there shall be no proxies at any
 1287 convention or precinct meeting. Any person carrying a proxy must
 1288 possess the same residence qualifications as the member
 1289 represented, and if so, shall have the same rights and privileges as
 1290 a voting member, as shown by the following:

1291 **A PROXY MAY BE GIVEN:**

FROM:	TO:
County Chair, Vice-Chair, State Committeeman or State Committeewoman	Any registered Republican in the same county

Elected State Representative or State Senator	Any registered Republican in their voting district; or a county or congressional district officer on the State Committee in the county where they are registered
U.S. Congressman	Any registered Republican in their Congressional District
Elected statewide official, U.S. Senator or Party Chairman, Party Vice Chairman, National Committeeman or National Committeewoman	Any registered Republican in the state
Auxiliary presidents on the State Committee	Any registered Republican member of their organization in good standing

1292 No person shall carry more than seven (7) proxies to any
 1293 meeting. Proxies shall be recognized or considered valid only for
 1294 the designated meeting. Any proxy may be revoked at any time by
 1295 the person who gave it, but a proxy may not be transferred to
 1296 another person by the person carrying the proxy. The use of proxies
 1297 or proxy voting is hereby prohibited at all precinct meetings and all
 1298 conventions of the Oklahoma Republican Party. Incomplete proxies
 1299 shall not be valid.

1300 **(d) Minutes of All Official Actions:** Written minutes shall be
 1301 kept by all County, Congressional District, and State Committee
 1302 meetings, chartered organizations, and conventions of final official
 1303 actions taken by them, a copy of which shall be filed with the County
 1304 Chairman as to all county matters, and with the Congressional
 1305 District Chairman as to all Congressional District matters, and with
 1306 the State Chairman as to all State matters. Said minutes shall be
 1307 available for review by any registered Republican voter upon
 1308 request to the County, Congressional District, or State Chairman
 1309 within 10 days of the request.

1310 **(e) Delegation Lists:** County, Congressional District, or
 1311 State Convention, lists of proposed delegates to said conventions
 1312 shall be available for inspection by any registered Republican voter
 1313 upon request to the respective Chairman at least ten (10) days prior

1314 to the time the respective convention is scheduled to convene. If a
1315 permanent County office is maintained, such delegate list shall be
1316 posted in an appropriate location for inspection by registered
1317 Republican voters.

1318 **(f) Delivery of Books, Records, Funds and Property to**
1319 **Successors:** Every officer, committee and each member thereof,
1320 and delegates of any Republican organization of Oklahoma, upon
1321 removal, resignation, disqualification, or termination of office, shall
1322 at once deliver to the successor or to the officer or body from which
1323 one was appointed or elected, all of the papers, books, records,
1324 funds, and property kept or received in such official capacity, or in
1325 one's possession, belonging to the Oklahoma Republican Party.

1326 **(g) Removal of Officers, Committee Members, and**
1327 **Delegates:** Except as otherwise specifically provided in these
1328 rules, any officer, committee member or delegate of any
1329 organization, committee, delegation, or unit of the Oklahoma
1330 Republican Party, may at any time be removed in the same manner
1331 and by the same power or authority by which one was appointed or
1332 elected.

1333 Any County Chairman or Vice Chairman, or any member of the
1334 State Committee, or any Congressional District Committee, may be
1335 removed at any time for cause by a majority vote of the entire
1336 existing membership of the County Committee of their County.

1337 The State Chairman, Vice Chairman, National Committeeman, or
1338 National Committeewoman may be removed at any time for cause
1339 by a majority vote of the entire existing membership of the State
1340 Committee.

1341 Causes for removal shall include but not be limited to the following:
1342 (1) Misappropriation of funds under the rules of the Republican
1343 Party; (2) Failure to follow the rules of the Oklahoma Republican
1344 Party; (3) Conviction of a felony; and (4) Publicly supporting or
1345 endorsing an opponent of candidates of the Republican Party.

1346 Any such removals, except as to precinct officers as provided under
1347 Rule 5 (f) and any removals authorized under Rule 6(f), may be
1348 ordered only after ten (10) days notice in writing has been given to
1349 the person charged, stating the cause and time and place of
1350 hearing thereon, and after the person has had the opportunity to
1351 present evidence, witnesses, and to be heard personally and by
1352 counsel.

1353 **(h) Charters for Auxiliary Groups:** Any group in Oklahoma
1354 which purports to represent the Republican Party must obtain a
1355 charter from the State Executive Committee which shall be issued
1356 only on a majority vote of said committee and such charter may be
1357 revoked by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of said committee; both the
1358 granting and revocation are subject to approval by a majority vote of
1359 the State Committee.

1360 Auxiliary groups must report all contributions given to federal
1361 candidates in accordance with Federal Election Commission rules
1362 and to the state party chairman within five days of such contribution.

1363 **Rule 20- Applicability, Effectiveness, and Amendment of Rules**

1364 **(a) Rules as to Towns and Cities:** These rules are not
1365 intended to extend to, or establish organizations for the Republican
1366 Party of the various towns and cities of the state as separate units
1367 from the precincts and counties of the State of Oklahoma. Qualified

1368 and registered Republican voters of the towns and cities of the state
1369 may organize and promulgate their own rules not inconsistent with
1370 these rules and the organizations herein established.

1371 **(b) Rules as to Counties and Congressional Districts:**

1372 The County Committees and County Conventions of each county of
1373 the state, and the Congressional District Committees and
1374 Conventions are specifically authorized to promulgate such
1375 additional rules and establish such additional party officers,
1376 committees, or organizations for their respective counties and
1377 congressional districts, not inconsistent with these rules and the
1378 law, as shall be deemed necessary by them for the welfare of the
1379 Party.

1380 **(c) Matters not covered by Rules:**

1381 All question of procedure and other matters affecting the Oklahoma Republican Party, or any
1382 of its organizations, unit meetings, or conventions, which are not
1383 specifically covered in these rules shall be governed by Robert's
1384 Rules of Order, Newly Revised, and the law of the State of
1385 Oklahoma, whichever may be applicable.

1386 **(d) Effective Date of Rules, Amendments, or Changes:**

1387 Any amendments or changes to these rules shall become effective
1388 immediately upon adjournment of the State Convention or State
1389 Committee meeting which adopts them. This, however, shall not
1390 invalidate any actions taken under the previous rules.

1391 **(e) Amendment of Rules by State Convention:**

1392 These rules may be amended and changed by a majority vote of any State
1393 Convention by either of the following methods: (1) Amendment
1394 must first be submitted to the State Executive Committee, which

1395 shall, with or without recommendation, include a copy of the
1396 proposed change in the Call authorized in Rule 16 (c); (2)
1397 Amendment proposed by a vote of a County or Congressional
1398 District Convention shall be submitted to a vote at the next
1399 succeeding State Convention if filed with the State Chairman within
1400 five (5) days after adjournment of said County or Congressional
1401 District Convention. Notice of amendments proposed by a County
1402 or Congressional District Convention shall be given by the State
1403 Chairman by written or electronic notice to the Chairman of each
1404 County delegation, or if no other delegation chairman has been
1405 designated, to the County Chairman, at least ten (10) days prior
1406 to said State Convention.

1407 **(f) Amendment of Rules by State Committee:** These rules
1408 may also be amended and changed by the State Committee,
1409 provided a majority of the entire committee is present, by a vote of
1410 two-thirds (2/3) of the members present and voting at the committee
1411 meeting called pursuant to ten (10) days written or electronic notice
1412 to all members of the State Committee stating the purpose of the
1413 meeting with a copy of the proposed amendment or amendments to
1414 the rules; and provided further, that any amendment to these rules
1415 by the State Committee which in any way affects the allocation or
1416 method of selection of delegates to conventions, the frequency or
1417 method of call of conventions, the composition of the State
1418 Committee, or the method for amending these rules shall be subject
1419 to the approval or disapproval as a whole by a majority vote of the
1420 next State Convention and shall not take effect under Rule 20 19(d)
1421 until adjournment of said State Convention. *Revised 6/26/2010; 8/27/2011*

Addendum A - Oklahoma Republican Party Meeting and Convention Four- year Cycle Schedule:

Biennial Precinct Meetings, County Conventions, and State Conventions: (odd # years.)

Quadrennial District Meeting: (odd # years prior to Presidential election year.)

Quadrennial Precinct Meetings, and County, District, State, and National Conventions: (Presidential election year)

Meeting Type	Odd # years prior to Pres election	Even # years when Pres election	Odd # years	Even # years when Governor election
Precinct Meeting	Yes (1)	Yes (2)	Yes (3)	No
County Convention	Yes (4)	Yes (5)	Yes (6)	No
District Meeting	Yes (7)	No	No	No
District Convention	No	Yes (8)	No	No
State Convention	Yes (9)	Yes (10)	Yes (11)	No
National Convention	No	Yes (12)	No	No

Primary business of called meeting or convention:

- 1) Elect delegates to county convention and elect precinct officers for two-year term
- 2) Elect delegates to county convention
- 3) Elect delegates to county convention and elect precinct officers for two-year term

1436 4) Elect delegates to state convention and elect county officers
1437 for two-year term

1438 5) Elect delegates to state convention and district convention

1439 6) Elect delegates to state convention and elect county officers
1440 for two-year term

1441 7) Elect district officers for four-year term

1442 8) Elect three delegates and three alternates to the national
1443 convention, and a Presidential elector and alternate.

1444 9) Elect state chairman and vice chairman for two-year term

1445 10) Elect at-large delegates and alternates to the national
1446 convention, elect national committeeman and national
1447 committeewoman, and Presidential electors and alternates.

1448 11) Elect state chairman and vice chairman for two-year term.

1449 12) Elect presidential and vice presidential candidates.

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