

To: Convention Delegates and Alternates
From: Convention Rules Committee: Jeff Ortiz, Chairman
About: Proposed Rules – Proposed by the Rules Committee
These rules must be adopted by majority vote of those present and voting.

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The Republican Party of Iowa proposed a set of rules for each county's convention. The Story County Convention Rules Committee reorganized the RPI set of rules for greater clarity. These rules will be voted on as the convention begins and must achieve a majority vote to be adopted. Once these rules have been adopted, a 2/3 vote must be taken to change any adopted rule.

A: General Rules

1. The Convention shall be guided by the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*, except when superseded by these rules once adopted by the Convention. *Robert's Rules* are also superseded by the rules of the Republican Party of Iowa and the laws of the State of Iowa.
2. Once these rules are adopted, the rulings of the chairman will prevail.
3. A quorum of 35% of the registered delegates must be present in order to vote on any motion. If the lack of quorum is determined, no additional agenda items can be considered. If the lack of quorum is established during consideration of the platform, any remaining platform planks (not proposed amendments) shall be forwarded to the Republican District Convention as approved.
4. Voting by "proxy," by delegates not in attendance, will not be permitted.
5. In a roll call votes, the delegates' votes will be counted in their precinct's alphabetical order.
6. If the outcome of a vote by voice is unclear, the chairman will request a revote by delegates supporting the motion move to one area of the room, delegates opposing the motion moving to another area in the room – and be recounted. If the chair does not do so, a member can also request such a revote by asking for a "Division of the Assembly."
7. If an elected delegate does not attend the convention, an alternate from the same precinct may be seated in the delegate's seat. The alternate who received the highest vote at the caucus will be seated first. Should the delegate appear, the alternate must cede back the delegate's seat.

B. Elections of Delegates - All county convention delegates and any non-delegates who will be nominated to run to become district and state convention delegates or alternates must have their membership in the Republican Party verified by the Credentials Committee during Registration before the county convention.

1. The Story County Republican Party has been allotted 49 delegates and 49 alternates for the district and state conventions. Delegates will be required to submit to the Story County Party a payment of \$50.00 in order to attend either or both conventions. Payment may be made by cash, check or credit card and must be submitted no later than by the adjournment of the County Convention. Alternates are not required to pay the \$50.00 convention fee. However, by Republican Party of Iowa rule, if an alternate is attending the district or state convention in place of an absent delegate, and the original delegate reappears, the original delegate will be seated in place of the alternate.
2. Slates of individuals nominated to become delegates to the District and State Conventions must be presented to the Chair of the Rules Committee no later than Noon on the Friday immediately prior to the County Convention. Slates may not have more than the number of delegates allotted to Story County (49).

3. Slates of delegates nominated will be considered prior to any individual nominations.
4. Delegates may be listed on more than one slate.
5. Those moving a "slate of candidates" will need to provide sufficient handouts of the number and names of all delegates making up their respective slate to lay out on table by 9:00 a.m.
6. If more than one slate of delegates is presented and moved, the following procedures will be followed:
 - a. There will be a committee report from the Nominating Committee opening with a "Republican Elected/Appointed Officers and Party Officers Slate"(if one has been presented) and then opening the convention to discussion/adoption of that report.
 - b. When discussion is opened, the chair will entertain reports of additional slates. The speaker(s) nominating such slate(s) will tell the number of seats the slate will fill, the names of the slate delegates.
 - c. Each presenter shall have one timed minute to extoll their slate's virtues.
 - d. When all of the possible slates have been nominated there will be an election by ballot of votes for all slates.
 - e. A slate must win a majority of the votes cast to be seated.
 - f. If no slate receives a majority of the votes cast, the slate receiving the least number of votes will be removed from further consideration (solely for the purpose of this round of voting) and a second vote will be taken between the remaining slates. This process shall continue until one slate receives a majority of the votes cast.
 - g. During the balloting rounds with slates of delegates, an observer from each slate may observe the tellers counting the ballots.
 - h. If the slate of delegates receiving a majority vote completes the County's allotment of 49 delegates, the election has been completed.
 - i. If the slate of delegates receiving a majority vote does not complete the County's allotment of 49 delegates, subsequent rounds of voting will continue until one of the following occurs:
 - 1) All of the County's allotment of delegates has been filled;
 - 2) No slates remain to be considered;
 - 3) The number of delegates in any slates remaining to be considered exceeds the number of seats remaining in the County's allotment; or,
 - 4) Following a round of voting, it is clear to the Chairman that no slate remaining in consideration will receive the required majority of votes.

At such time, all consideration of any remaining slates shall cease.

7. After consideration of the slates has finished, any remaining unfilled delegate seats, and alternate delegate seats shall be filled in the following procedure:
 - a. Delegates may self-nominate or nominate any other person, present or absent from this convention, to be seated as a delegate or alternate delegate for the District and State Conventions.
 - b. Each nominee may speak, or have someone speak on their behalf, for 30 timed seconds.
 - c. At the conclusion of these presentations, Convention Delegates shall vote to fill the available delegate seats.
 - d. Delegates may vote for as many delegates as there are seats remaining open.
 - e. Those individual delegates receiving a majority number of votes will be seated.
 - f. If there are still seats available, subsequent rounds of balloting will occur. With each round, 25% of the delegates receiving fewest votes will be eliminated from the ballot.
 - e. If, at any time, the number of seats remaining to be filled equals or exceeds the number of individuals presented as candidates, voting shall cease and these candidates shall be seated by acclamation.

- f. This same procedure shall be followed to seat the County's allotment of alternate delegates.
- 8. Following the selection of the delegates, there will be a twenty-minute recess for delegates elected to the district and state conventions to pay their \$50.00 convention fees to County Republican Party Treasurer, Jeremy Davis.
- 9. If it is 12:00 p.m. or later, lunch will also be available during this recess. If it is earlier than 12:00 p.m., an additional recess will be taken for lunch.
- C. **Convention Speakers:** Federal, state and county elected officials, candidates, or their representatives will be allowed to speak for three timed-minutes at the discretion of the Chair.
- D. **Presentation and Election of the County Platform:**
 - 1. The Chairman of the Convention Platform Committee will present the platform planks provided at the caucus, organized by topical sections. Each section's planks must be approved by a single vote on the section. Once a section has been voted upon, that vote cannot be reconsidered.
 - 2. Discussion of the section of the platform will only be allowed if there has been an amendment submitted to the Credentials Committee prior to the opening of the Convention.
 - a. Amendments may include additional planks, deletions of planks or amendments to specific planks.
 - b. Amendments must be typed or printed legibly and signed by at least ten delegates from three different precincts prior to submission.
 - c. The signatories' names must be signed and typed or printed with their precincts also named on the amendment sheet.
 - d. Each amendment must have read by the Platform Committee Chairman and organized into the appropriate section of the platform.
 - 3. During the discussion of amendments to the platform, the chairman will alternate between pro/con speakers, with no speaker being allowed to speak more than one timed-minute nor total discussion more than four minutes. Speakers must identify themselves by name and precinct before speaking.
 - 4. The Platform Committee Chairman will provide clarification of planks and identify a Platform Committee position on the amendment if a committee position has been approved.
 - 5. Each platform section, or amendment to a platform plank or section, must be approved by majority vote of the convention delegates present and voting.
 - 6. Following the final vote on the County Platform, the Platform Committee may combine or rearrange the planks adopted prior to the District Convention. The Committee may not change the substance or intent of any plank or amendment adopted within the platform.