

**RULES TO GOVERN THE 2010
ELKO COUNTY REPUBLICAN CONVENTION**

*1. ALL PRELIMINARY CONVENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND MEMBERS WILL BE APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY CHAIR WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND SHALL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES AS NEEDED. NRS 293.137 (5) (a)

ARRANGEMENTS: to make physical arrangements for the meeting.

RULES: to prepare and present to the County Central Committee a list of convention Rules no later than January 1 of the year of the County Convention.

CREDENTIALS: to examine the credentials of all persons claiming to be delegates and alternates, and to present a report to the Convention for approval and adoption.

BYLAWS: to review existing bylaws and all proposed bylaw changes and present any recommended changes to the County Convention for adoption.

RESOLUTIONS: to consider all submitted resolutions and present for adoption those resolutions of courtesy (commending, thanking, or memorializing a person) as deemed appropriate, in addition to any resolution the Committee finds in keeping with principles of the Republican Party addressing an issue of immediate consequence.

PLATFORM: to gather proposals on substantive political issues of local, state and national concern from precincts and convention delegates before and during the convention, and prepare and present a platform for consideration to the Convention.

NOMINATING: to prepare and present for ratification a slate of nominees to the County Central Committee based on the results of precinct meetings. The Committee will also prepare and present for consideration a proposed slate of delegates from the County to attend the State Convention.

ELECTIONS: to prepare and count ballots of any election at the Convention.

*2. The number of delegates from each voting precinct must be in proportion to the number of registered Republican voters in the precinct as determined by Elko County Clerk as of the first Monday in January of the year of the Convention. Every precinct is entitled to one delegate for each 50 registered voters with a minimum of one per precinct. NRS 293.133

*3. No person may act as a delegate at the convention unless the person is a duly qualified elector of the precinct which the person seeks to represent NRS 293.155(2)

*4. A person's right to participate or vote as a delegate may not be conditioned on the payment of money, except that a reasonable fee of not more than \$40.00 may be charged to attend the Convention. NRS 293.161

*5. The Credentials Committee shall review and certify all delegates and alternates by precinct and submit a report to the Convention. Every delegate who presents a certificate matching one of the duplicates possessed by the Credentials Committee must be seated without dispute. No proxies shall be permitted. All challenges shall be submitted in writing immediately following the first report. The Credentials Committee will submit its final report to the Convention for adoption prior to Convention voting. NRS 293.137 (5) (b)

6. A majority of the delegates registered at the Convention shall constitute a quorum.

7. Additional delegates or alternates may be recognized by the Credentials Committee up to one-half hour (30 minutes) following the first credential report.

8. If a precinct's alternates are unranked and number more than delegate vacancies for that precinct, that precinct's attending delegates shall designate the alternate(s) to be seated. In the event there are no precinct alternates attending, that precinct's attending delegates may elect attending precinct guest(s) to serve as delegate(s). If no delegates from a precinct are present, then the Credentials Committee shall rank alternates from that precinct for seating.

9. Delegates and alternates shall be seated in assigned areas with credentials in full display. The Sergeant of Arms will remove anyone without proper credentials. Visitors shall be seated in an area designated by the Convention Chair.

10. The right to speak on the floor and to advise committees is held by delegates only, unless granted to non-delegates by a majority vote of the delegates. If a non-delegate is granted the right to speak on the floor, the non-delegate shall be governed by the same rules relating to debate as are the delegates.

11. No delegate shall be entitled to the floor unless the delegate arises, addresses the Chair, obtains recognition from the presiding officer, gives his name and states the number of the precinct represented.

12. No delegate shall speak a second time on the same question if a delegate who has not spoken asks for the floor, and no delegate shall speak more than twice on the same question, except by consent of the presiding officer.

13. Debate shall be limited to three (3) minutes by each speaker. Debate on any question shall be limited to twenty (20) minutes. No extension of time beyond these limits shall be allowed, except by consent of the presiding officer, or a majority of the delegates present.

14. Only seated delegates may vote.

*15. Each delegate shall be permitted all the privileges of the Convention. The so-called unit rule of voting, whereby the votes of all delegates from any precinct or precincts are required to be cast in the manner determined by the majority of delegates from that precinct or precincts and against the protest of a minority of the delegates is prohibited in the proceedings of the convention. NRS 293.155(3)

16. A majority of votes cast shall decide or elect.
17. Resolutions and platform proposals should be presented in writing to those committees no later than 30 minutes prior to convening of their committee meetings for proper wording and presentation.
18. The Resolutions Committee shall not have power to withhold any resolutions referred or presented to it, except upon the request of the person submitting that resolution.
19. When requested by the Chair, motions shall be written, signed, and presented to the Chair.
20. Any motion shall be read back by the Convention Secretary.
21. A motion to adjourn will not be in order at any time prior to the completion of items delineated on the agenda and approved by the Convention.
22. All resolutions and platform proposals shall be referred to a committee before being discussed by the Convention.
23. A committee not reporting when called shall lose its place on the program and shall not be allowed to report until the full list of committees shall have been called, unless the Convention Chair shall otherwise direct.
24. No report, or part thereof, of a committee, which has not been read to the Convention, shall appear in the minutes except by consent of three-fourths (3/4) of the delegates voting.
25. All reports to the convention will be filed with the Convention Secretary within one week.
26. Committees should present majority and minority reports where applicable. NRS 293.137 (5) (c)
27. The Nominating Committee shall present the slate of proposed state delegates as provided in Rule 1. Nominations may also be made from the floor.
28. Nominating speeches shall be limited to two (2) minutes.
29. Nominations may be seconded but no seconding speeches shall be allowed and no more than one second shall be permitted.
30. All contested elections for county or state offices shall be by secret ballot. All votes by any precinct delegation shall be reported by the Chair of the delegation or someone delegated by the Chair.
- *31. Pursuant to State Law, the Convention will elect to the Republican State Convention, one delegate for every 150 registered Republicans in the County as of the first Monday in January of the year of the State Convention. NRS 293.145

32. The number of persons elected to serve on the Central Committee shall be determined by the Convention, but each voting precinct entitled to one or more delegates in the Convention is entitled to have at least one committee member, and no precinct may have more committee members than its authorized number of delegates to the County Convention. NRS 293.143 The Convention shall elect precinct committeemen based on the ranked list of nominees from biennial precinct meetings.

33. The Chair shall have the authority to appoint a committee to approve the minutes of the Convention after the close of the session.

34. These rules may be adopted or suspended by a majority vote of the delegates and may be amended or repealed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

35. Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, shall govern all proceedings except where inconsistent with these rules.

***MANDATED BY THE STATE ELECTION LAW**