

# THE RULES OF THE NEWTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

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**SECTION 1 – NAME, AUTHORITY & PURPOSE**

1.1 The organization shall be known as the “Newton County Republican Party” (“NCRP”). Additionally, the organization shall be authorized to do business as the “Newton County Republican Party.”

1.2 The NCRP is organized under the auspices and Rules (“State Rules”) of the Georgia Republican Party (“GRP”), and the laws of the State of Georgia and is a political organization and political party.

1.3 Except when the Newton County Republican Convention is in session, the Newton County Republican Committee (“NCRC”), shall be the governing body of the NCRP.

1.4 Unless modified by these rules, the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order shall be the parliamentary authority in all meetings and conventions.

1.5 A copy of these rules shall at all times be kept on file at the Headquarters of the NCRP, or with the Secretary / Treasurer if there are no Headquarters, and available online. Upon amendment, the most up to date copy of these rules shall be transmitted by U.S. or electronic mail to the Chair, Treasurer / Secretary, General Counsel and Parliamentarian of the NCRC.

**SECTION 2 – MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION**

2.1 All electors who are in accord with the principles of the Republican Party, believe in its declaration of policy and are in sympathy with its aims and purposes may participate as members of the NCRP.

2.2 All Chairpersons, other officers, and members of Committees, delegates and alternates to conventions and voters in conventions shall be members of the NCRP and must be electors of the respective units which they represent as chairs, members, delegates, alternates, or voters in conventions.

### **SECTION 3 – THE NEWTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE (NCRC)**

3.1 The NCRC shall meet at least twice each year and members may attend either in person or by proxy.

3.2 The NCRC shall be vested with all the duties, power and privileges possessed by the Newton County Republican Convention. While in session, the NCRC shall act for the NCRP.

3.3 The NCRC shall consist of the following voting members:

3.3.1 The following officers:

- A) Chair of the NCRC.
- B) First Vice-Chair.
- C) Second Vice-Chair.
- D) Third Vice-Chair.
- E) Secretary.
- F) Treasurer.
- G) The immediate past NCRC Chair. (non-voting)
- H) All members of District Committees and the State Committee, if electors in Newton County.
- I) The Chairman of each county precinct elected at the previous County Convention for a term of two years.
- J) Chairman Emeritus. (non-voting)

3.4 The NCRC shall also include the following honorary and other non-voting members:

- A) Georgia's members of Congress, if electors in Newton County.
- B) The State Chair of the GRP, if an elector in Newton County.

3.5 No voting member of the NCRC shall have more than one vote even if said member falls into more than one of the above categories.

3.6 The NCRC is charged with the duty of building and furthering the objectives and principles of the NCRP. It shall cooperate with the State Committee and its District Committees in conducting all elections within Newton County.

3.7 The NCRC shall decide all controversies and contests arising within Newton County with the right to appeal as outlined in State Rules.

#### **SECTION 4 –MEETINGS OF THE NCRC**

4.1 The NCRC shall not meet less than semi-annually.

4.2 Meetings of the NCRC shall be held upon written notice mailed at least ten (10) days in advance, unless otherwise provided by the County Rules, on the call of the Chair of the NCRC, or on the call of one-third (1/3) of the members.

4.3 Such written notice shall contain an agenda for the meeting and a proxy forum for the called meeting.

4.3.1 Changes to the announced agenda shall require 2/3 vote of the Members present at the meeting.

4.4 A quorum of the NCRC for transaction of business shall consist of voting members present, either in person or by proxy, and at least two officers in 3.3.1. (A) through (E) present, so long as present constitutes at least 25% of voting members.

4.5 A proxy may be given only to another member of the NCRC. No NCRC member may hold or vote more than five (5) proxies and no proxies shall be directed to or voted by the Chair of the NCRC.

4.6 Minutes of the previous NCRC meeting shall be presented and approved at each NCRC meeting.

4.7 The NCRC must approve, in advance, all expenditures in excess of \$400.00.

Expenditures less than \$400.00 will be itemized and reported to the NCRC at the next scheduled meeting.

#### **SECTION 5 – THE NEWTON COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

5.1 The Newton County Executive Committee (“EC”) shall be a sub-committee of the NCRC and, therefore, subservient to the NCRC.

5.2 The powers delegated to the EC shall not exceed those powers described in these Rules.

5.3 The Chair of the NCRC shall serve as the Chair of the EC.

5.4 The voting members of the EC shall be comprised of those positions specified in Rule 3.3 (A) through (E) provided, however, that no person shall simultaneously hold more than one voting position.

5.5 The Parliamentarian and Finance Chair shall serve as nonvoting members of the EC.

5.6 The EC shall have the power to transact the administrative business of the NCRP, make recommendations to the NCRC, and to carry out all directives of the NCRC.

5.7 The EC shall report to the NCRC all correspondence and information received from the State and Congressional District Committees.

5.8 The EC shall meet at least once between NCRC meetings as well as at such times as the Chair of the NCRC deems it necessary.

5.9 The Executive Committee shall meet on the petition of three (3) or more of its voting members. Notice of meetings shall be issued to the above listed voting members at least seven (7) days in advance.

5.10 Minutes of each EC meeting shall be presented to the NCRC at the NCRC's next meeting for inclusion in the NCRC meeting minutes as a report of a standing committee.

5.11 – Authorization and Procedure for Electronic Voting by the EC

5.11.1 Except as to votes requiring a secret ballot, for issues requiring vote by the EC either in favor or opposed to a certain proposition, the vote may be cast and taken by mail, e-mail or other electronic means.

5.11.2 All votes cast by electronic means shall be cast within five (5) business days of submission to Members.

5.11.3 A tally of all votes cast by electronic means shall be circulated to all Members within eight (8) business days of submission to Members.

5.11.4 A vote cast by electronic means shall have the same force and effect as a vote cast by a Member casting a vote in person.

5.11.5 Each voting member of the EC shall issue a brief report at each EC meeting. These reports shall be incorporated into the minutes of each EC meeting so as to keep the NCRC informed of all progress and activities.

## **SECTION 6 – OFFICERS**

### **Section 6.1 CHAIR OF THE NCRC**

The Chairman shall be the chief executive of the Newton County Republican Party.

The Chairman shall be the spokesman for the Newton County Republican Party and for the County Committee and it shall be his/her duty to communicate directly with the news media. In performing this function, the Chairman may delegate this responsibility and may appoint at his/her discretion a Publicity Chairman.

The Chairman shall be the presiding officer at each meeting of the County Committee, and shall issue the call for and preside at each county convention unless replaced by a temporary convention chairman, and shall appoint such sergeants at arms as may be necessary to maintain order.

The Chairman shall appoint, with the advice and consent of the County Committee, such standing committees as deemed appropriate.

The Chairman may appoint, with the advice and consent of the County Committee, a Historian whose duty it shall be to keep a record of the activities of the Newton County Republican Party.

The County Chairman may at his/her discretion appoint a Chaplain to serve without vote.

The Chairman may authorize expenditure of \$400.00 without prior authorization from the Executive Board.

#### Section 6.2 FIRST VICE-CHAIR

The First Vice Chairman shall coordinate the efforts of the Newton County Republican party in supporting all opposed Republican candidates in General Elections and shall be responsible for coordinating the activities of the precincts in conjunction with the precinct chairman, as the county Chairman may direct.

#### Section 6.3 SECOND VICE-CHAIR

The Second Vice Chairman shall be responsible for party organization and membership growth, and otherwise serve the County Chairman as directed.

#### Section 6.4 THIRD VICE-CHAIR

The Third Vice Chairman shall work with the Chairman to provide internal and external notification of events and county functions and shall coordinate the efforts of the Newton County Republican Party in special events to support Republican candidates and elected officials, to further the goals of the Party and raise funds for the Newton County Republican Party, work with the First vice Chairman and otherwise serve at the direction of the County Chairman.

#### Section 6.5 SECRETARY

The Secretary shall be the official record keeper of the Newton County Republican Party and shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the County Committee and the Executive Board and shall keep an accurate attendance Record at County Committee meetings and Executive Board Meetings. The Secretary shall be the custodian of party records except the Treasurer's books. The Secretary will call the role when it is required and shall be responsible for personal correspondence such as, but not limited to, expression of gratitude, concern, condolence and congratulations and other duties the Chairman may assign.

#### Section 6.6 TREASURER

The Treasurer shall receive and disburse funds of the Newton County Republican Party and of the County Committee. The Treasurer shall account for the same by regular monthly statements, and shall furnish a report to the Chairman, and of those members whose dues are delinquent and shall perform such other duties as the Chairman may designate.

#### 6.7 IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIRMAN

6.7.1 The Immediate Past Chairman shall conduct new member orientation meetings when necessary and shall perform such other duties as the Chairman may designate.

## 6.8 CHAIRMAN EMERITUS

6.8.1 The Chairman Emeritus shall consult with the Chairman on matters as requested.

### 6.9 Duties of the General Counsel:

6.9.1 The General Counsel shall be appointed by the Chair of the NCRC with approval from the NCRC and shall be a member in good standing of the State Bar of Georgia.

6.9.2 The General Counsel shall be appointed by the Chair of the NCRC and approved by the NCRC.

6.9.3 The General Counsel shall advise the Chair of the NCRC on all legal and regulatory matters of concern to the Party.

6.9.4 The General Counsel shall keep the Chair of the NCRC advised on all pertinent election laws.

6.9.5 The General Counsel shall serve without compensation, unless required to represent the NCRP in any civil or criminal case pending in a court of law.

### 6.10 Duties of the Parliamentarian:

6.10.1 The Parliamentarian shall be appointed by the Chair of the NCRC with approval from the NCRC and may, at the discretion of the Chair of the NCRC, be combined into one office with the General Counsel.

6.10.2 The Parliamentarian shall familiarize himself with the Rules of the Newton County Republican Party, the relevant District Committees, the State Party, and the parliamentary authority and shall advise the Chair of the NCRC on these rules as needed.

6.10.3 The Parliamentarian shall not vote on any matter pending before the NCRC or the EC, even if normally entitled to a vote by virtue of holding another voting position.

6.10.4 The Parliamentarian shall conduct training within ninety (90) days following the County Convention at which County Officers are elected on parliamentary procedure. Such training can be part of a duly called meeting of the NCRC.

### 6.11 Duties of the Finance Chair:

6.11.1 The Finance Chair shall be appointed by the Chair of the NCRC with approval from the NCRC and shall serve as Chair of the Finance Committee.

6.11.2 The Finance Chair shall, with the assistance and direction of the Chair, be responsible for raising the funds of the NCRC and for obtaining adequate financing for the NCRC.

## **SECTION 7 – COMMITTEES**

7.1 The following Standing Committees are hereby authorized:

A) Rules,

- B) Resolutions,
- C) Finance,
- D) Communications and Information,
- E) Membership,
- F) Military and Veterans Affairs,
- G) Outreach

7.2 Additional Ad Hoc committees may be established and their Chairs appointed by the Chair of the NCRC, subject to the approval of the NCRC.

7.3 Subcommittees of the Standing Committees may be established and their Chairs appointed by the Chairs of Standing Committees, subject to the approval of the NCRC.

7.4 Committee Chairs may appoint, subject to the approval of the Chair of the NCRC, members to their committees as they deem necessary. Committee Chairs shall submit budgets for their committees to the Finance Committee when required.

7.5 The Rules Committee:

7.5.1 The Rules Committee shall periodically review the County Rules and suggest amendments when warranted.

7.5.2 The Rules Committee shall be properly versed on the Rules of the Georgia Republican Party, the Rules of relevant District Committees, and the Rules of the Newton County Republican Party.

7.5.3 The Rules Committee shall review all suggestions for rules changes from members or other interested parties.

7.5.4 In accordance with the Georgia Election Code, a certified copy of the County Rules must be filed with the election superintendent of Newton County. Upon any changes in the rules between conventions, the Chair of the Rules Committee shall submit to the Chair of the NCRC a copy of the County Rules with any and all changes within thirty (30) days for signature and filing.

7.5.5 The General Counsel shall serve as Chair of the Rules Committee and the Parliamentarian shall serve as vice-chair. If one person serves in both positions, then he/she shall only serve as Chair.

7.6 The Resolutions Committee:

7.6.1 The Resolutions Committee shall be responsible for reviewing, selecting, and presenting all resolutions proposed between conventions before they are reported to the NCRC.

7.7 The Finance Committee:

7.7.1 The Finance Committee shall be the financial arm of the NCRC.



7.7.2 The Finance Committee, or a subcommittee within its domain, shall have responsibility for coordinating all fundraising activities as determined by the Chair of the NCRC.

7.7.3 The Finance Committee shall receive budgets from committees and other Party apparatus requesting funding. The EC shall review all such requests and make recommendations to the NCRC.

7.7.4 All financial records of the NCRC shall be subject to a biannual compilations or review. These compilations or reviews shall be conducted by qualified personnel appointed by the Chair of the NCRC and approved by a majority vote of the NCRC.

7.8 The Communications and Information Committee:

7.8.1 The Communications and Information Committee shall be under the authority and responsibility of the Secretary of the NCRC.

7.8.2 The Communications and Information Committee shall have responsibility for all record keeping functions of the NCRC.

7.8.3 The Communications and Information Committee shall control all communication organs, and oversee all information technologies.

7.8.4 The Communications and Information Committee shall maintain a current list of registered voters and a list of Republican Primary voters for use by Mass Meetings and Conventions as well as by Republican candidates.

7.8.5 All internal and external communications must be approved in advance by the Chair of the NCRC.

7.9 The Membership Committee

7.9.1 The Membership Committee shall, at the direction of the NCRC Chair, host membership events to increase membership and participation in the NCRC.

7.10 The Military and Veteran's Affairs Committee

7.10.1 The Military and Veteran's Affairs Committee shall be responsible, at the direction of the NCRC, for providing opportunities for the NCRP to honor and serve our active and retired military personnel.

7.10.2 The Military and Veteran's Affairs Committee shall retain, to the best of their ability, a current roster of active, inactive, retired and prior service military personnel who are identified as Republican citizens of Newton County

7.10.3 The NCRC, EC and the Officers of the NCRP shall make every effort to participate in any military recognition event in Newton County.

7.11 The Outreach Committee

7.11.1 The Outreach Committee shall be responsible for seeking out and hosting opportunities to build relationships with communities that have historically not voted Republican.

## **SECTION 8 – PRECINCT COMMITTEES**

8.1 Each Precinct located in the political boundaries of Newton County shall, if possible, be organized into Precinct Committees.

8.2 Each Precinct shall be governed by the following officers:

- A) Chair
- B) Vice-Chair
- C) Secretary
- D) Treasurer

8.3 The Precinct Chair shall chair all meetings of his/her Precinct, including the Mass

Meeting; shall serve as the communication and organization link between his/her Precinct and the House District chairs; shall designate Precinct members as neighborhood captains, block captains, and street captains as he/she sees fit.

## **SECTION 9 – RESTRICTIONS ON ENDORSEMENTS BY NCRC OFFICIALS**

11.1 The Chair of the NCRC shall not act in any capacity, official, individual or otherwise, in a manner that demonstrates support or partiality for any candidate in a contested race in a Republican Primary. Violation of this rule may be considered cause for removal from office.

11.1.1 Voting members of the EC shall not be prohibited from acting in their individual capacity to support candidates in a contested race in a Republican Party Primary with the following exceptions:

11.1.2 A Precinct Chair shall not act in any capacity in a manner that demonstrates support or partiality for a candidate in a contested Republican Party primary race for a State or County office in which the House District is located. Violation of this rule may be considered cause for removal from office.

11.2 No member of the EC, NCRC, or Committee Chair, except those members who serve as members of the EC and NCRC by virtue of their position by other organizations not governed by these rules, shall in their official capacity act in a manner that demonstrates support or partiality for any candidate in a contested race in a Republican Party Primary.

## **SECTION 10 – REMOVAL OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS**

10.1 Any officer or member of the NCRC may be removed from office for cause, which shall include, but is not limited to, malfeasance, misfeasance or continued failure to perform the duties of the office, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at any duly called meeting of the NCRC. However, any such individual must be given written notice of such meeting, sent at least twenty (20) days in advance thereof, setting forth the charges and grounds for removal. The individual shall have the opportunity to be heard in person or by a representative of his/her choice.

10.2 Any member appointed by a Chair may be removed for any reason or no reason by that Chair subject to the approval of a majority vote of the EC.

10.3 Any elected officer or member of the NCRC who officially qualifies to run for public office in a partisan election shall be deemed to have resigned. Republican officials elected in nonpartisan elections who live in Newton County may retain their seat on the NCRC.

10.4 Any appointed officer or member of the NCRC who officially qualifies to run for public office in a contested Republican Primary shall have been deemed to have resigned.

10.5 An Officer or a Member may resign by submitting his/her resignation in writing to either the Chair of the NCRC, the Secretary of the NCRC, or the Treasurer of the NCRC. Such resignation is effective upon delivery and shall become irrevocable, unless rescinded within seven (7) days.

10.6 Any officer or member of the NCRC or the EC who is absent from two (2) meetings of said Committee within a calendar year, without submitting a valid written proxy in advance of each such meeting, automatically shall lose his membership thereon at the conclusion of the second such meeting.

10.7 Members of the NCRC elected under these rules shall be dues paid members to the NCRC. They shall renew their membership each year, no later than the last day of February. Any member of the NCRC who is not current in the payment of annual dues of at least the lowest membership amount as set by the NCRC, shall be suspended from membership on the NCRC. Furthermore, any officer or other voting member of the NCRC shall automatically lose his/her membership on the NCRC if he/she fails to become current within thirty (30) days after written notice thereof is mailed to him/her by the NCRC Secretary and NCRC Treasurer.

10.8 If there is a Republican candidate for public office in a partisan general election, any officer or member of the NCRC who publicly announces his support of a candidate other than the official candidate of the Republican Party automatically shall lose his membership on said committee(s).

10.9 Any officer or member of the NCRC who votes in a Democrat primary election, if there is on the same day a contested Republican primary election shall automatically lose his membership on said committee (s). Such member must receive notice of removal and may appeal within thirty (30) days showing good cause that advances the Republican Party. If cause is shown, the member may be reinstated to their position by majority vote of the NCRC at the next duly called meeting.

10.10 Any officer or member of the NCRC removed from his/her position (s) thereon under provisions of this Section may appeal within a period of sixty (60) days from the date of his removal, in person or through a representative of choice, directly to the NCRC, by making a written request to the Secretary. Notice of the appeal shall be included in the Call for the next meeting of the NCRC. Reinstatement shall require a two-thirds vote of the NCRC at said meeting.

## **SECTION 11 – VACANCIES**

11.1 In the event of the death, resignation, or removal from office of any elected officer or member of the NCRC, with the exception of Precinct officers, such vacancies shall be filled by majority vote of the NCRC at the next duly called meeting. If such vacancy is not filled within ninety (90) days, the EC of the NCRC may fill such vacancy by a majority vote on its own motion.

11.2 In the event of a vacancy in the position of Chair of the NCRC, the First Vice-Chair shall automatically serve as acting Chair of the NCRC until the NCRC elects a Chair of the NCRC.

11.3 In the event of a vacancy in the position of Secretary or Treasurer, the Chair of the NCRC shall immediately appoint an acting Secretary or Treasurer until the NCRC elects a successor.

11.4 In the event of the death, resignation, or removal from office of a Precinct Officer, the Precinct Committee shall fill the vacancy and shall notify the Secretary of the NCRC within five (5) days after the election. If such vacancy is not filled within ninety (90) days, the EC of the NCRC may fill such vacancy by a majority vote on its own motion. If no Precinct Officers have been elected at Mass Meetings, the NCRC may elect Precinct Officers.

11.5 Vacancies in appointed positions shall be filled in the manner provided for filling the positions originally.

## **SECTION 12 – CONVENTIONS**

### **12.1 THE CALL**

12.1.1 The Chair of the NCRC shall be solely responsible for complying with the Call and all applicable State Rules concerning the Call. Failure to adequately perform these duties may be grounds for removal from office.

12.1.2 Regardless if allowed by the Call or State Rules, unit rule shall not be imposed on any elector, Delegate or Alternate at any Mass Meeting or Convention.

### **12.2 – MASS MEETINGS**

12.2.1 Mass Meetings shall be organized by Precinct.

12.2.2 In odd-numbered years, the first order of business shall be to elect a Precinct Chair and other Precinct Officers it deems necessary. Each Precinct shall caucus by individual precinct to elect Delegates and Alternates to the Newton County Convention. All Precinct Officers shall serve for two years beginning at the end of adjournment of odd numbered year County Conventions.

12.2.3 Unless otherwise specified in the Call, each Precinct shall be entitled to one Delegate and one Alternate to the County Convention. In addition each Precinct shall be entitled to one additional Delegate and one additional Alternate for each 50 votes and major fraction thereof (26 or more) cast for the Republican candidate for President in the immediately preceding general election. At the discretion of the County Committee, in Counties having population of over one hundred thousand (100,000), each Precinct shall be entitled to one Delegate for each one hundred fifty (150) votes and major fraction thereof (76 or more) cast for the Republican candidate for President in the immediately preceding general election, with each Precinct having at least one (1) Delegate. Such determination must be made at least by the time of the Precinct Mass Meetings and the EC must be notified. If the county has had changes in precinct lines since the last Presidential Election, the vote totals cast for the Republican candidate for Governor in the immediately preceding general election shall determine allocation of county convention delegates. In such case the formula used to calculate the number of delegates and alternates for each precinct shall be the same as previously stated in this section.

12.2.4 All rules for the conduct of Precinct elections shall be determined by a majority of members in attendance so long as those rules do not conflict with these rules, State Rules, the Rules of the Republican National Committee or applicable law.

### 12.3 – NEWTON COUNTY CONVENTION

12.3.1 The Chair of the NCRC shall preside as Chair of the County Convention until a permanent organization is elected. The Chair of the NCRC shall appoint Interim County Convention Committees and their respective Chairs. The Chair of the NCRC may, at his/her own discretion, delegate to the Chair of each committee the authority to appoint additional members of their respective committees. The Chair of the NCRC shall be responsible for preparation and organization of the County Convention and shall provide for the timely distribution of all Convention-related notices required by these Rules and the Call.

12.3.2 In odd numbered years, elections shall be held for the following offices:

- A) Chair of the NCRC
- B) First Vice-Chair
- C) Second Vice-Chair
- D) Third Vice-Chair
- E) Secretary
- F) Treasurer

12.3.3 The officers elected shall begin serving at the adjournment of the County Convention and shall serve for two years and until their successors are duly elected and qualified, unless sooner removed in accordance with these Rules.

12.3.4 The NCRC shall have the right to increase or alter membership as the NCRC determines is consistent with these and the State Rules.

12.3.5 The County Convention shall transact all other necessary and proper business of the Party pertaining to the NCRC.

12.3.6 No official business shall be transacted at the County Convention while any of its Committees are in session.

12.3.7 The County Convention shall attempt to elect a number of Alternates equal to the number of Delegates for the District and State Conventions.

12.3.8 Delegates and Alternates to the County, District, and State Conventions do not have to be present and in attendance or Delegates or Alternates to the Convention at which they are elected to serve as Delegates or Alternates to another convention.

12.3.9 Delegates and Alternates shall not be paired.

12.3.10 The Delegates of each delegation shall by caucus and by majority vote adopt a plan for the seating of Alternates for any missing Delegates of their delegation.

12.3.11 The Chair of the NCRC shall file a copy of these rules with each District Chair of the appropriate Districts and with the Secretary of the State Committee.

#### 12.4 – COUNTY CONVENTION COMMITTEES

12.4.1 The Chair of the NCRC shall appoint Rules, Resolutions, Nominating, and Credentials Committees, and may appoint other Convention Committees, as he/she deems appropriate. The Standing Rules and Resolutions Committees of the NCRC may serve as the Convention Rules and Resolutions Committees.

12.4.2 The Chair of the NCRC shall appoint the chairs of convention committees no later than the last regularly scheduled NCRC meeting prior to the Mass Meetings in years County Conventions are held.

12.4.3 The Convention Nominating Committee shall nominate eligible candidates for all positions to be filled at the County Convention, as required by these rules and the State Rules.

12.4.3.1 The Convention Nominating Committee shall nominate Delegates and Alternates for each District and State Convention. After submitting said nominees to the Convention, the Convention Nominating Committee shall recess. Upon its return, additional nominees may be placed in nomination from the floor. Alternate nominees are to be in writing and, wherever possible, distributed to the Convention before votes are taken.

12.4.4 The Convention Credentials Committee shall ascertain whether each County Convention Delegate and Alternate satisfies qualifications required by these rules and the State Rules. Reasonable efforts will be afforded to persons determined not to satisfy qualifications to present facts establishing their right to serve as Delegates or Alternates.

12.4.4.1 The Convention Credentials Committee shall present its report on Delegate and Alternate qualifications to the Convention. Only Delegates and Alternates properly registered and qualified according to the Interim Credentials Committee report may vote on the report.

12.4.4.2 Persons not seated as a Delegate or Alternate believing themselves to have been properly chosen and qualified who wish to address the Convention may do so. Such address must precede any vote to accept or reject the Convention Credentials Committee report, must not exceed two (2) minutes, and must pertain specifically to facts showing proper qualifications and right to serve of such person. Such person may address the Convention only once unless otherwise permitted by the Convention.

12.4.6 The Convention Rules Committee shall prepare recommended standing rules for the convention, changes to the Rules of the NCRP, and the order of business for the conduct of the County Convention for submission to the County Convention. Such Convention rules would remain in effect only from adoption to the end of the Convention.

### **SECTION 13 – AMENDMENTS**

13.1 These Rules may be amended by a majority vote at any County Convention or by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at any duly called meeting of the NCRC, provided written notice setting forth the wording of any proposed amendment(s) is transmitted to all NCRC Members at least ten (10) calendar days prior to the meeting.

13.2 Any amendment to these Rules shall become effective the date when adopted unless otherwise provided.

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Convention Chairman

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Convention Secretary

Adopted on March 11, 2023