



Appendix A

Excerpts: 2016 WSRP Rules for the Election of State Convention Delegates and Alternates

**RULE 26 -- Declaration of Candidacy for Delegate to the State Convention**

In a county which is required to or elects to have a printed ballot under Rule 27, then any Republican who is a registered voter within the County/District he seeks to represent, wishing to be considered for the position of delegate to the state convention and wishing to have his/her name appear on an alphabetized printed ballot for such post shall notify the county chairman or the chairman's designated representative in writing at least 72 hours prior to the opening gavel of the county convention/legislative district caucus. Notice of this procedure shall be contained in the convention/caucus call.

**RULE 27 -- State Delegate Ballot**

In the case of any district election or any at-large county election in which five (5) or more delegate positions are to be elected, the county chairman shall produce a ballot listing each declared candidate for delegate to the state convention in alphabetical order. Said ballot shall be used in the first ballot only for delegates to the state convention. Said ballot shall contain blank spaces equal to the number of delegates allotted for the purpose of write-in candidates or those nominated from the floor. In any case, the produced ballot, whether paper or electronic must assure secrecy, auditability and visual verification of the results.

**RULE 28 -- Nominations from the Floor to Be Allowed**

Unless otherwise provided by county rule, nominations from the floor for delegates to the state convention shall be in order and remain open until the chair has called for further nominations three (3) times without response. The county organization shall not be responsible for publishing, posting or alphabetizing nominations from the floor on the first ballot.

**RULE 29 -- Majority Vote Required for State Convention Delegates**

Where there are more nominees than positions to be elected, all voting shall be by secret written or electronic ballot. In any case, the produced ballot, whether paper or electronic must assure secrecy, auditability and visual verification of the results. Each delegate may vote for as many candidates as there shall be positions to be voted for on that ballot. There shall be no cumulative voting. Those candidates for delegate to the state convention who receive a majority of the votes cast (over fifty percent [50%] of the amount of delegates voting, EXAMPLE: fifty [50] voting delegates, twenty-six [26] votes represents a majority) shall be deemed elected with succeeding ballots being conducted until all delegate positions have been elected by a majority of the votes cast except as provided in subsection 3 below.

The following rules of elimination shall be used:

A. On the second ballot, each candidate who received less than 10% of the total vote on the first ballot shall be eliminated.



B. On the third ballot, each candidate who received less than 20% of the total vote on the previous ballot shall be eliminated.

C. On the fourth ballot, sufficient candidates receiving the lowest number of votes on the previous ballot shall be eliminated so that the ballot includes twice the number of unfilled positions to be voted on. These candidates receiving the most votes shall be elected without regard to whether they have a majority of the votes cast.

However, regardless of the foregoing rules for elimination, every ballot shall include a number of candidates not less than twice the number of unfilled positions to be voted on if sufficient candidates have been nominated. When this requirement conflicts with the above rules, the candidate receiving the highest votes on the previous ballot who was eliminated shall be included until the number of candidates remaining is twice the number of unfilled positions.

In the event of ties for election or elimination, the result shall be determined by lot. Delegates must complete registration and payment for the convention within ten (10) business days of their election. If registration and payment is not submitted, an additional five (5) business days will be given, but a late payment penalty will be enforced of at least 50% more than registration cost. Should any elected delegate fail to complete registration and payment within said time, their position is forfeited, and delegate status awarded to the first alternate. Said elected delegate will be moved to the last alternate position slot available. The State Party Chairman will notify the county chair and alternate within 24 hours. Said newly designated delegate shall complete registration and payment within five (5) business days, and shall forfeit their delegate position if they do not. The newly designated delegate shall receive a credit towards delegate registration any amount paid for alternate registration. If the first ranked alternate declines the delegate position, the next ranked alternate shall be the designated delegate and notified in the same manner as above (see Rule 29 section 6); provided that all registration fees and forms shall be paid and completed for the newly designated delegate(s) not later than May 10, 2016.

State Headquarters shall make Delegate/Alternate Registration Packets available to all counties prior to their county or legislative district conventions.

For purposes of this Rule and Rule 30, "business day" shall mean any day excluding Saturday, Sunday, or holiday recognized by the State of Washington.

### **RULE 30 -- Election of State Convention Alternates**

Alternate delegates shall be allocated in the same manner as delegates under Rules 20, 21, and 22. Nominations for Alternates to the state convention shall be made from the floor of the same caucus that elected its Delegates. There shall be two ballots, if necessary, for the position of alternate delegate. On the first ballot all candidates receiving a majority of the votes cast shall be elected to position numbers in accordance to the highest vote-getter following in a diminishing order. The second ballot shall fill the remaining vacant alternate delegate positions by a plurality vote, also in diminishing order. If fewer candidates are nominated than the number of



positions allocated, a single ballot shall suffice. Alternates shall complete and pay registration fees to be received by the state headquarters by May 10, 2016.

**RULE 31 -- Custodian of Convention/Legislative District Caucus Records**

The county chairman of each county shall be the custodian of the permanent records of the county convention/legislative district caucus and shall be responsible for forwarding required reports and certifications to the state organization.

**RULE 32 -- Proxies; Unit Rule; Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised**

At the county convention/district caucus, the unit rule shall not be permitted nor shall any County convention or District caucus adopt a resolution binding its delegates to vote as a unit at the State Convention. Proxies shall not be accepted. All business shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, and the county bylaws or rules, except where either is inconsistent with these rules.