



HAWAII REPUBLICAN PARTY

2021 STATE CONVENTION STANDING RULES

Approved by the State Committee on April 10, 2021

SECTION 1. Rules Governing Organized Bodies

Any organized body of the Party may adopt rules for itself which are not inconsistent with these Rules or the rules applicable to it of any supervising body (HRP Rule 111).

SECTION 2. State Convention Officers

The State Chair, or his designee, shall serve as Chair of the Convention. The State Chair shall appoint the Convention Committee Chair, Credentials Committee Chair, Rules Committee Chair and Issues, Program and Platform/Resolutions Committee. The Convention Committee Chair shall appoint the Convention Secretary, Election Committee Chair and other committee chairs as necessary for the conduct of the convention.

Convention Committee Chair is Mele Songsong.

Convention Chair is Representative Val Okimoto.

Convention Secretary is Amy Shiroma.

Convention Credentials Chair is Bob Bradford.

Convention Election Co-Chairs are Mark White and Steve Lipscomb.

The Issues, Program and Platform/Resolutions Committee Chair is Doug Dudevoir.

The Rules Committee Chair is Celyn Chong Kee.

SECTION 3. Convention Delegates

No later than May 5, 2021, each County Chair shall report the names and email addresses of all persons elected, or appointed to be delegates to the State Convention, to the State Chair. After May 5, 2021, no other delegates may be appointed.

In order to participate in Convention, each delegate must pay the Convention fee by May 10, 2021. Failure to submit payment by May 10, 2021 will result in a delegate being removed from the approved delegate list. [Rule 208 allows for charging of fee]

The Credentials Chair shall report the number of delegates with proper credentials by May 13, 2021.

The Credentials report will be approved and reported at the Convention.

SECTION 4. Agenda

The business of the Convention will include election of a State Chair, Vice Chair of Coordinated Campaigns, Vice Chair of Candidate Recruitment and Training, Vice Chair of Communications, Vice Chair of Coalitions, Vice Chair of Community Service, Secretary and Treasurer, adoption of Party Rule Amendments and Resolutions.

Each candidate for State office will be allowed to speak in person or to submit a self-produced video recording, lasting no longer than 4 minutes, to be presented to the Convention prior to the election. Each candidate wishing to have their video presented to the Convention must provide a copy of their video to the Convention Committee Chairman, no later than May 10, 2021.

The agenda was approved by the State Committee on April 10, 2021.

SECTION 5. Procedures for Conduct of Business at Convention

The 2021 State Convention will be a virtual Convention with limited in-person attendees.

Only delegates, and guests authorized by the Convention Committee Chair shall be allowed to attend the Convention.

No later than 24 hours prior to the start of Convention, each paid delegate and authorized guest will be provided a link via email to attend the Convention virtually. The link and voting information will be sent to the designated e-mail address on delegates lists submitted by the County Chairs from each County, unless the delegate has notified the Convention Committee Chair, in writing, of a preferred e-mail address by May 10, 2021.

Each delegate is responsible for his/her own connection to the Internet to vote and attend the Convention virtually; no action will be invalidated on the grounds that the loss of, or poor quality of, any attendee's individual connection prevented their participation in voting.

SECTION 6. Procedures for Elections at Convention

All officers of the State Committee shall be elected by a majority vote (HRP Rule 404).

Nominations for State office closed 5:00pm on May 7, 2021 (HRP Rule 404).

Voting for elections will be done electronically using the Election Runner online voting platform.

Instructions for voting will be emailed to delegates at the designated email address on the list provided by the County Chairs, at least 2 days prior to Convention.

For positions for which there is only one nominee, the nominee will be deemed automatically elected by acclamation.

The Elections Chair will certify the results of the election prior to the results being announced.

The results of the election for State Officers will be announced and posted on the Party website no later than 3 days after Convention.

SECTION 7. Voting

Contested elections will be decided by secret ballot. No fractional vote or cumulative vote is permitted.

Except as otherwise provided in these Rules, officers shall be elected to office by majority of votes cast. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, there shall be a runoff election held between the top two vote-getters. After each ballot, the vote total for each candidate shall be announced to the Convention. If any candidate concedes the election to the Convention Chair, a runoff election shall be cancelled, and the standing candidate shall be declared the winner (HRP Rule 309).

In the event of a tie vote between two or more candidates, an initial tie-breaker round shall be held immediately after the vote total is announced. If the tie remains after the initial tiebreaker round, then, notwithstanding any Rule to the contrary, the election of that office may be deferred to another day, provided that the deferral lasts no more than a reasonable amount of time (HRP Rule 309).

SECTION 8. Procedures for Rule Amendments

The Rules Committee has approved the rule amendments to be presented at convention on May 15, 2021 and was made available online prior to the convention.

Delegates will vote to approve or disapprove each rule amendment individually with a simple yes or no vote.

Rule amendments will pass by a vote in favor by at least two-thirds of the delegates present (HRP Rule 109).

All amendments of these Rules are effective upon adjournment of the State Convention at which they are passed, except as otherwise stated in the resolution adopting any amendment to these Rules (HRP Rule 110).

Ballots will have an authorized summary of the rule amendment. Delegates were provided detailed rule amendments prior to the convention.

SECTION 9. Procedures for Issues, Program and Platform/Resolutions Committee

The Issues, Program and Platform/Resolutions Committee has approved the resolutions to be presented at convention on May 5, 2021, and they were available online prior to the convention (HRP Rule 213).

Delegates will vote to approve or disapprove each resolution individually with a simple yes or no vote.

Resolutions will pass by majority vote.

Ballots will have an authorized summary of the Resolution. Delegates were provided detailed resolutions prior to the convention.

SECTION 10. Miscellaneous

Upon certification of winners by the Elections Committee, the newly elected State Committee officers will be administered the oath by the Convention Chair (HRP Rule 404).

SECTION 11. Parliamentary Procedure

At any meeting or convention of any body of the Party, the rules of parliamentary procedures as set forth in the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, govern, except where inconsistent with these Rules or the rules of that body, or when modified by the meeting or convention (HRP Rule 112).