



*Washington County*  
**REPUBLICAN PARTY**

## Standing Rule #1: Election Process

Adopted on Nov. 19th 2022

### 1. Election Procedure

- 1.1. Candidates shall be nominated only by those eligible to participate in the meeting (see Bylaws Article II).

The Presiding Officer shall:

- A. Announce the position title and requirements of the position as written in the bylaws, including the length of the term
- B. Announce the nomination for this position open
- C. Accept nominations from the floor.

A nominated candidate must:

- A. Accept the nomination in person or
- B. Have notified the WashCo Secretary that they would accept if nominated in writing before the meeting begins.

Nominations, and seconds, may be accompanied by speeches not to exceed one minute. A motion to close nominations for any office shall not be in order until all persons desiring to nominate candidates have been recognized.

- 1.2. Credentials report on the number of Central Committee members currently present and voting.
- 1.3. Speeches by and for each candidate for the office, as described in Section 2 below.
- 1.4. Balloting for the office, as described in 3 below.
- 1.5. The teller Committee and election observers, as described in Section 4 below.

- 1.6. Other business as determined by the presiding officer or indicated by agenda while votes are being tallied.

## 2. Speeches

- 2.1. Each candidate may utilize all or part of their speaking time for statements by themselves or by one or more supporters promoting their candidacy. These supporters must be Washington County Republican Central Committee voting members.
- 2.2. The following cumulative time limits shall be strictly observed:
  - A. Each candidate for the Officer positions (see bylaws article V section A for officer positions), and their supporters get a cumulative maximum of 10 minutes.
  - B. Each candidate for Delegate and their supporters get a cumulative maximum of 5 minutes.
  - C. Each candidate for Alternate Delegate and their supporters get a cumulative maximum of 3 minutes
  - D. In the event of a runoff candidates and their supporters get a cumulative maximum of 2 minutes
- 2.3. Order of speeches by candidates for each office shall be determined by lot.

## 3. Balloting

- 3.1. Balloting shall be by paper ballot.
- 3.2. Only votes for nominated candidates will be counted
- 3.3. If no contest exists for any office, the sole candidate shall be declared the winner by acclamation upon motion, second and simple majority vote.
- 3.4. Officer Elections
  - 3.4.1. The Officers shall be elected by majority vote. If no candidate receives a majority vote then there shall be a runoff election between the two candidates who received the most votes (Note: majority = more than half).
- 3.5. Delegate Elections
  - 3.5.1. If one delegate position is open the candidate with the simple majority of votes wins
  - 3.5.2. If multiple delegate positions are open each voting member shall vote for the number of open delegate positions (i.e. two open positions, voting members shall write two different names on the ballot). The candidate who receives the largest number of votes fills the first open delegate position, the second largest number fills the second open delegate position, etc. until all open delegate positions are filled.

3.5.3. In the event of a tie for the final open delegate position there will be a runoff with any candidates who tied for that position.

### 3.6. Alternate Delegate Elections

3.6.1. If one alternate delegate position is open the candidate with the simple majority of the vote wins

3.6.2. If multiple alternate delegate positions are open each voting member shall vote for the number of open delegate positions (i.e. two open positions, voting members shall write two names on the ballot). The candidate who receives the largest number of votes fills the highest alternate delegate position, the second largest number fills the second highest alternate delegate position, etc. until all open alternate delegate positions are filled.

3.6.3. In the event of a tie for the final open alternate delegate position there will be a runoff with any candidates who tied for that position.

## 4. Teller Committee

4.1. The Chairman shall appoint a teller committee

4.2. Teller committee observers

4.2.1. Each candidate shall be entitled to one observer.

4.2.2. Candidate observers shall not:

- A. Touch any ballot or tally sheet
- B. Speak to any member of the teller committee except the head teller.
- C. Disclose any results until announced by the presiding officer.

4.2.3. Upon determination by the Head Teller, candidate observers violating any provisions of 4.2.2 shall leave the counting area immediately and are barred from observing future counting for the remainder of the meeting. A replacement observer may be appointed for subsequent ballots for that office.