

**DENVER COUNTY REPUBLICAN ASSEMBLY AND CONVENTION**  
**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**MARCH 1, 2008**

**HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL, DENVER COLORADO**

The Committee on Rules and Order of Business appointed for the purpose of determining the rules to govern the conduct of the Assembly and Convention has met and reports the following Rules and Order of Business:

**RULES:**

The following rules shall apply and govern the proceedings of this Assembly and Convention, and the District Assemblies and Meetings pertinent thereto:

1. **WHO MAY SPEAK.** Only properly accredited delegates may address the Assembly and Convention, unless permission is otherwise granted by the Chair.
2. **SPEAKING TIME.** Delegates may speak in debate on matters other than Resolutions for two (2) minutes, and may speak in debate on Resolutions for five (5) minutes, and may only speak a second time at the option of the Chair on the same subject after all other delegates desiring to be heard on that subject have spoken. The Chair may limit total debate on any Resolution, or on any amendments pertaining thereto, to fifteen (15) minutes, and may extend any limits on debate. Resolutions submitted within the time limits of Rule 14 below shall be distributed to the District Captains upon entry to the Assembly and Convention, and shall be displayed and/or read in full to the delegates at the time of their consideration by the assembly.
3. **CANDIDATE SPEECHES.** Republican candidates or their designees for national, state, or congressional office shall be granted a maximum of two (2) minutes to address the Assembly and Convention, unless granted more time at the discretion of the Chair.
4. **IDENTIFICATION OF SPEAKERS.** Any delegate wishing to be recognized shall address the Chair and when recognized, shall state his/her name, precinct number, and the purpose for which he/she intends to address the Assembly and Convention (time limited to two (2) minutes).
5. **RECOGNITION OF DELEGATES.** The Chair shall recognize all accredited delegates who wish to address the assembly for the first time on any subject, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE LIMITATIONS OF RULE 2 SHALL APPLY. Any subsequent recognition on the same subject is discretionary with the Chair.
6. **BALLOTING PROCEDURE.**
  - a. Balloting for delegates and alternates to the state, and congressional / judicial district assemblies and/or conventions shall be by prescribed ballot.

- b. The Chair shall appoint a Chairman of the Teller Committee to serve as Chief Teller, and such other members of a Teller Committee, who shall obtain the ballots from the Secretary, distribute and collect the ballots, deliver them to the Secretary, and assist the Chief Teller and the Secretary in counting the ballots and preparing the Teller Report(s).
  - c. Any ballot which has more than the authorized number of votes for delegate will be voided in its entirety (i.e. 168 delegate positions available and the ballot cast has 169 or more votes).
  - d. Any other votes at the Assembly and Convention shall be by voice vote, rising vote, show of hands, or written ballot, at the discretion of the Chair, or by a motion approving the form of voting duly adopted by a majority of the voting members of the Assembly.
7. ALTERNATE (DELEGATE) VOTING. The first alternate on the list certified to the Chair for each precinct shall be entitled to vote in place of the first absent or ineligible delegate, and a second alternate in place of the second absent or ineligible delegate, etc.
  8. UNIT RULE. Unit rule voting is not permitted.
  9. ABSENTEE OR PROXY VOTING PROHIBITED. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted.
  10. NUMBER OF VOTES PER DELEGATE. Each delegate shall be entitled to one (1) vote on any issue.
  11. INSUFFICIENT DELEGATES – LIMIT ON VOTES. If there are insufficient delegates present and voting from any precinct, that precinct will only vote the number of delegates present and voting.
  12. QUORUM. The quorum shall consist of the delegates present and voting.
  13. ELIGIBILITY FOR STATE OR CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT. Pursuant to the Bylaws of the Denver County Republican Central Committee, only accredited delegates or alternates to the Assembly and Convention shall be eligible to be elected as delegates or alternates to the state or congressional district assemblies and/or conventions.
  14. RESOLUTIONS. Resolutions must submitted to the Resolutions Committee, c/o Denver County Republican Headquarters or the County Chairman, Vice-Chairman or Secretary, no later than seven (7) days prior to the date of the County Assembly and Convention, in order to be considered for adoption by the Assembly.
  15. REQUIREMENTS FOR RESOLUTION TO BE BINDING. In order for any resolution to be binding on this Assembly and Convention, it must be adopted by a two-thirds majority of the total number of authorized delegates to the Assembly and Convention.
  16. DELEGATE DEFINED. Any reference in these rules to delegate(s) includes those alternates elevated to accredited delegate due to the absence, departure, or ineligibility of a delegate.

17. VACANCY COMMITTEES. All State Representative District Assemblies and State Senatorial District Assemblies shall elect a vacancy committee of not less than five (5) members for the purpose of filling any vacancy, including districts that do not designate candidates in connection with this Assembly.
18. PROCEDURE. The most recent edition of *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*, shall govern in any case not covered by Colorado statutes, the Bylaws of the Colorado Republican State Central Committee, the Bylaws or Rules of the Denver County Republican Central Committee, and these Rules of this Assembly and Convention.
19. PARLIAMENTARIAN. The Parliamentarian interprets the rules and advises the Chair on parliamentary procedures. In the absence of another appointed parliamentarian, County legal counsel shall serve as parliamentarian.
20. AMENDMENT/SUSPENSION. These rules, once adopted, may only be amended or suspended by a two-thirds vote of this Assembly and Convention.
21. ORDER OF BUSINESS. The Order of Business from and after the adoption of these rules shall be as follows:

#### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

The Order of Business of the County Assembly and Convention shall be as follows:

1. Call to Order of the Assembly
2. Invocation
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Reading of the Call
5. Roll Call
6. Appointments by the Chair, including Committee Appointments
7. Meetings of the Committees (as necessary)
8. Report of the Credentials Committee
9. Report of the Committee on Rules and Order of Business
10. Recognition/Introduction of elected and Party officials, statewide candidates, candidates for federal office, other candidates who may be present
11. Election of Delegates to Colorado Republican State Convention and Assembly
12. Election of Delegates to the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional and 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District Assemblies and Conventions
13. Ratification of the Election of Precinct Committeepersons
14. Report of the Resolutions Committee
15. Recess to Single-County State Representative and Senatorial District Assemblies; Reconvene
16. New Business; Ratification of Assembly
17. Adjourn

ADOPTED by the Committee on Rules and Order of Business on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

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