

BYLAWS OF THE COLORADO REPUBLICAN STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

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ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Colorado Republican State Central Committee, also known as the Colorado Republican Committee, hereinafter referred to as CRC.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

Recognizing the fundamental principles of the Republican Party as reflected in the State and National Platforms, the primary purpose of this organization shall be to elect duly nominated or designated Republican candidates to office, to achieve the objectives of the Republican Party at national and state levels, and to perform the functions set forth in the election laws of the State of Colorado.

ARTICLE III: POLICY

Section A. Colorado Statutes.

All applicable provisions of the Colorado Statutes shall be a part of these bylaws.

Section B. Gender.

All reference to male includes the female, and the masculine pronoun includes the feminine.

Section C. Pre-Primary Neutrality.

No candidate for any designation or nomination for public office shall be endorsed, supported, or opposed by the CRC (acting as an entity) or by its officers or committees, before the Primary, unless such candidate is unopposed in the primary. **Section D. Authority to Bind.**

No one, including any county or district organization, auxiliary or group authorized to use the name Republican, has authority to bind in any manner the CRC unless prior written authorization from the CRC Chairman or his designee is given.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Section A. Membership Defined.

Membership of the CRC shall be composed of voting and nonvoting members.

1. The voting members shall be:

a. The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary of the CRC;

b. The chairman, vice-chairman and secretary of each of the Republican county central committees;

c. The elected Republican United States senators and representatives in Congress;

d. The elected Republican state officials including governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state treasurer, attorney general, and members of the General Assembly, the state board of regents, and the state board of education;

e. The presiding state officer of each nationally recognized Republican auxiliary with a chapter in Colorado;

f. The Republican National committeeman and committeewoman for Colorado; and

g. Two additional ("bonus") members from each county that polled ten thousand votes at the last preceding general election for the Republican candidate for governor of Colorado or president of the United States, and two bonus members for each additional ten thousand votes or major portion thereof so polled in such county.

i. The bonus members shall be elected by the county central committee at its organizational meeting.

ii. Bonus member vacancies shall be filled by the county entitled to make the original selection, in accordance with that county's bylaws.

iii. Counties shall not elect more bonus members than they are entitled to by state law.

h. The elected Republican District Attorneys.

i. The chairman of each congressional district.

2. The nonvoting members shall be:

a. The appointed officers and chairman of the CRC standing committees; and

b. The chairman and vice-chairman of each of the judicial, senatorial and representative districts and the vice-chairman of each of the congressional districts.

Section B. Rights of Nonvoting Members.

Nonvoting members shall have all of the privileges, rights and duties of voting members, except that they may vote only when acting as proxies for voting members, or when they are also voting members of the CRC.

Section C. Residence and Registration.

All members shall reside and be registered as Republicans in the county which they represent as

shown by the registration books of the county clerk and recorder.

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS

Section A. Officers Defined

1. The elected officers shall be a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary. They shall assume their duties at the close of the organizational meeting and shall serve for a term of two years or until their successors are elected.

2. The appointed officers shall be an assistant secretary, a treasurer and an assistant treasurer, all of whom shall be registered Republicans appointed by the Chairman, and who shall serve at his pleasure; and any other officers deemed necessary by the CRC.

Section B. Duties.

1. The Chairman shall:

a. Be the chief executive officer of the CRC.

b. Issue the call and preside at all meetings of the CRC and the Executive Committee.

c. Observe and enforce the bylaws and rules of the CRC.

d. Be custodian of all funds, books, papers, records and proceedings of the CRC and the Republican state assembly and/or convention and report to the Executive Committee when and as the committee requires.

e. Appoint necessary staff members and all standing and special committees.

f. Be ex officio a member of all committees.

g. With the assistance of the CRC Secretary, file under oath with the Colorado Secretary of State (within ten days of the adjournment of the organizational meeting) a full and complete roll of the CRC membership.

h. Submit a budget to the Executive Committee by June 15 following his election, for a period of two years from July 1 of the odd-numbered year to June 30 two years hence.

i. Make arrangements for the Republican state assembly and/or convention.

j. Preside over the Republican state assembly and/or convention or designate a presiding officer.

k. Certify the names of the Republican national committeeman and committeewoman to the National Committee after their election.

1. File state central committee bylaws and rules with the secretary of state no later than the first Monday in February of each even-numbered year.

m. Appoint, and remove from office for cause, the state TeenAge Republicans (“TARs-”) coordinator after consultation with the state board of TARs.

n. File National Delegate Procedures and certification of delegates elected.

2. The Vice-Chairman shall:

a. Exercise the functions of the Chairman in his absence, during his absence, during his inability to perform, or at his request.

b. Perform other duties the Chairman may prescribe.

3. The Secretary shall:

a. Be the chief clerical officer of the CRC, and record all CRC and Executive Committee proceedings.

b. Have ready for the convening of each state assembly and/or convention, a temporary roll of delegates entitled to participate. The roll shall be prepared from the credentials of uncontested delegates filed with the Secretary and from the credentials of the contested delegates placed upon the temporary roll by the CRC.

c. Serve as secretary at all state assemblies and/or conventions.

d. Prepare and verify all credentials for delegates and certificates showing designations made by the state assembly and/or convention.

e. File with the Secretary of State a list of the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of each of the officers elected, together with a list of the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the vacancy committee selected, no later than thirty days after the meeting in which the officers were elected.

f. Perform other duties the Chairman may prescribe.

4. The assistant secretary shall:

a. Assume the duties of the secretary if he is absent or unable to perform.

b. Perform those duties prescribed by the Chairman.

5. The treasurer shall:

a. File with the appropriate authorities all statements and reports required by state and/or federal law.

c. Perform those duties prescribed by the Chairman.

6. The assistant treasurer shall:

a. Assume the duties of the treasurer if he is absent or unable to perform.

b. Perform those duties prescribed by the Chairman.

Section C. Removal.

1. Any elected officer of the CRC may be removed from office at any time for whatever cause the CRC may deem sufficient, by a vote of three-fifths of the entire membership of the CRC eligible to vote (in accordance with Article IV, Section 1, of these bylaws) at a meeting called for that purpose.

2. Written notice (giving the time, place, and purpose of this meeting) shall be mailed to each member at least fifteen days before the meeting.

3. The action of the CRC shall be final.

Section D. Vacancies.

1. A vacancy in an office shall exist in the event of an officer's ineligibility to hold office, death, resignation, removal, permanent absence, or permanent disability. The Executive Committee shall decide by majority vote whether sufficient evidence exists of permanent absence or permanent disability.

2. A vacancy in any elected office shall be filled in the manner provided in Article VI of these bylaws.

a. The Vice-Chairman shall mail the call for a meeting to all members of the CRC within ten days of the vacancy in the office of the Chairman. This meeting shall be held within thirty days of the call.

b. The Chairman shall mail the call (as provided above) if a vacancy occurs in the office of the Vice-Chairman or Secretary.

3. A vacancy in the office of national committeeman or national committeewoman shall be filled in the manner provided in Article VI, Sections A2, B1, and B2 of these bylaws.

4. Vacancies occurring in any appointive office shall be filled in the same manner as the appointment was originally made.

b. Comply with all other applicable state and federal laws.

ARTICLE VI: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section A. Nominations.

1. Candidates for Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary shall be nominated from the floor at the organizational meeting.

2. Nominations for any office shall be made only by members of the CRC in person or by a person holding a proxy.

Section B. Elections.

1. Officers shall be elected by majority vote using a secret ballot unless there is only one nominee for the office. In that case election shall be by voice vote.

2. If more than two persons are nominated for an office, and after three ballots no nominee has received the required majority vote, then (unless one or more nominees have withdrawn during or following this balloting) the nominee receiving the least votes on the last of the three ballots shall be dropped from all subsequent ballots. The nominee receiving the least votes on each ballot thereafter shall also be dropped from subsequent ballots, unless one or more other nominees withdraw following such ballot. Balloting shall continue in this manner until a majority vote is cast for one nominee.

ARTICLE VII: MEETINGS

Section A. Organizational Meeting.

The organizational meeting of the CRC shall be held between the fifteenth day of February and the first day of April of the odd-numbered years. Its purpose shall be to elect a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary, and to conduct other business that may properly come before it.

Section B. Preassembly/Pre-convention Meetings.

A preassembly and/or pre-convention meeting shall be held in the even-numbered years on the day preceding the state assembly and/or convention. Its purpose shall be to hear any and all contests of persons claiming seats in the assembly or convention and to

conduct any other business placed on the call by the Chairman.

Section C. Other Meetings.

Other meetings shall be held:

1. At a time and place designated by the CRC; or
2. Upon the call of the Chairman or (in the event of his absence or inability to act) upon the call of the Vice-Chairman or (in the event of an emergency when both Chairman and Vice-Chairman are absent) upon the call of the Secretary; or
3. Upon the written request of one-quarter of the voting members. The meeting shall be called by the Chairman within ten days after receipt of such request; if the Chairman fails to do so, any voting member may issue the call at the expense of the CRC. The meeting shall be held within thirty days of the call.

Section D. Call.

The official call shall be in writing and mailed to the last address of each member on file at the office of the CRC. The mailing shall be made no fewer than fifteen days before the date of the meeting, except that if amendments to the bylaws are proposed, the call shall be mailed no fewer than thirty days before the meeting and shall include a copy of the proposed amendments.

The call shall state the time and place of the meeting and the business to be conducted, provided that the business of the meeting shall not be limited to matters stated in the call unless the call is for a special meeting.

Section E. Quorum.

A quorum for any meeting shall be one-third of the voting members; except that once the presence of a quorum has been established, the departure of members shall not be cause for adjournment.

Section F. Minimum Number of Meetings.

Meetings of the CRC shall be held no fewer than three times during any two year period.

ARTICLE VIII: VOTING AND PROXIES

Section A. Methods of Voting.

Voting, with the exception of the election of officers (Article VI, Section B.2) shall be by voice, standing, or hand vote (at the discretion of the Chairman) unless a roll call is requested by forty-five or more voting members. In this case, roll shall be taken within the county delegations and the totals announced by county.

Section B. No Multiple Votes.

A person holding multiple offices shall not be entitled to more than one vote, excluding proxies.

Section C. Votes by Multiple Officers.

No county shall increase its voting strength by electing multiple officers. For example, counties with more than one vice-chairman must determine which one is the voting member of the CRC or the vote will be split fractionally among the vice-chairmen.

Section D. Proxies.

Any voting member who wants to vote by proxy shall designate his proxy in writing which shall specify the meeting and be dated, signed, witnessed and submitted to and approved by the Credentials Committee.

1. The proxy shall apply to a single meeting.
2. The individual designated as a proxy shall be a Republican elector, shall reside in the constituency or county which his principal represents, and may vote only if the principal is absent at the time of the vote. For example, a county chairman may be designated as a proxy for any of his county's state bonus members and for any senator or representative in whose district the chairman resides.
3. A proxy of a member absent at roll call shall be submitted before the meeting is called to order. This requirement may be waived by the CRC in special circumstances.
4. A proxy of a member present at roll call who subsequently leaves the meeting may be submitted at any time during the meeting, but the proxy may be voted on a particular ballot only if submitted before voting commences on that ballot.
5. Any member of the CRC shall have the right to examine the proxies prior to any particular vote.

6. At the discretion of the Credentials Committee, check in procedures may be substituted for the roll call as required by this section.

ARTICLE IX: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section A. Membership.

The Executive Committee shall consist of voting and nonvoting members as follows:

1. Voting members:

a. Members by virtue of holding office shall be the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary of the CRC; national committeeman and committeewoman; and Republican majority or minority leader of the state Senate; the Republican speaker or minority leader of the state House of Representatives; and the presiding officer of each of the nationally recognized Republican auxiliaries with a chapter in Colorado with a dues paying membership in Colorado of five hundred or more registered Republican electors.

b. Elected members shall be one representative elected from and by each of the congressional central committees.

c. Appointed members shall be four county chairmen (two from counties with populations of more than 50,000 and two from counties with populations of less than 50,000) and four county vice-chairmen (two from counties with populations of more than 50,000 and two from counties with populations of less than 50,000). No two appointed members shall be from the same county and no appointed member shall reside in the same county as the CRC Chairman or CRC Vice-Chairman.

2. Nonvoting members shall be each congressional district and county chairman who is not a voting member and the presiding state officer of each nationally recognized Republican auxiliary with a chapter in Colorado with a dues paying membership of less than five hundred registered Colorado electors.

Section B. Duties.

The duties of the Executive Committee shall be to:

1. Serve as an advisory committee to the Chairman, and to perform other functions prescribed in these bylaws or by the Chairman.

2. Ratify the budget by July 1 of each odd-numbered year.

3. Decide by majority vote if sufficient evidence exists to declare a vacancy in an office because of permanent absence or permanent disability.

4. Hear and determine party controversies (other than delegate contests) subject to review by the CRC.

5. Determine whether to grant "affiliated organization" sanction to an organization using the name Republican. The committee shall also hear all controversies concerning such organizations, subject to review by the CRC. (See Article XVII.)

Section C. Meetings.

1. Regular meetings shall be held no fewer than six times a calendar year and at least once each calendar quarter. A regular meeting location, day and time shall be set at the first meeting of the new term. The Chairman may, at his discretion, call a regular meeting at another location, day, or time.

2. Special meetings shall be called by the Chairman at the written request of one-third of the voting members of the Executive Committee.

3. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the call. Except in cases of emergency, at least five days' notice of any Executive Committee meeting shall be given to all voting members.

4. Meetings may be open but shall go into executive session at the discretion of the Chairman or by majority vote of the members present and voting. Nonvoting members shall be permitted to attend meetings in executive session.

5. The quorum for any meeting shall be one-third of the voting members.

6. Votes shall be cast in person, via phone, teleconference, or similar technology, or by proxy given to a member of the CRC and presented to the presiding officer before or at the meeting at which said proxy is exercised. Otherwise, proxies shall be governed by Art. VIII, § D.

ARTICLE X: COMMITTEES

Section A. Standing Committees.

The standing committees shall be: audit, bylaws, credentials, finance and any others deemed necessary by the Chairman.

1. a. The Audit Committee shall be composed of three members, none of whom shall be a state party

officer, and at least one of whom shall be a certified public accountant.

b. The committee shall provide for an annual audit of the books of the CRC by an independent certified public accounting firm, shall review the audit report, and shall report the results of the audit to the next meeting of the Executive Committee. The committee shall report all audits since the last organizational meeting to the CRC at its organizational meeting.

c. The Audit Committee shall also audit the books at any other time requested by the Executive Committee. Upon request of the Chairman or a majority of the voting members of the Executive Committee, such audit(s) shall be conducted by an independent certified public accounting firm and reviewed by the Audit Committee.

d. Unless otherwise directed by the Executive Committee, the Audit Committee shall establish the scope and level of the audit, which may be in the nature of a formal audit, review, or compilation.

2. The Bylaws Committee shall be composed of no fewer than seven members. It shall review all proposed amendments and make recommendations to the CRC. It shall also notify the CRC of mandatory changes required by changes in the election laws or in rules of the Republican National Committee.

3. The Credentials Committee shall initially review credentials of CRC members, and proxies at each CRC meeting. At the request of the Chairman, the Executive Committee, or the CRC it shall investigate any delegate contest) and report thereon to the CRC or Executive Committee, with its recommendations.

4. The Finance Committee shall oversee all fund-raising programs.

Section B. Additional Committees.

Additional standing or special committees shall be appointed by the Chairman at the request of the Executive Committee or the CRC.

Section C. Quorum.

The quorum for any standing or special committee shall consist of (1) a majority of those members appointed to the committee or (2) one-third of those members appointed provided that written notice has been mailed to all members no fewer than seven days before the meeting.

ARTICLE XI: REPRESENTATIVES ON REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE

Colorado representatives on the Republican National Committee shall be the: national committeeman and committeewoman, who shall be nominated and elected at the state convention; and the Chairman of the CRC.

ARTICLE XII: PRECINCT CAUCUSES

Section A. Date and Location.

Precinct caucuses shall be held on the second Tuesday of April in even-numbered years at a private place in each precinct or at a public place in or proximate to each precinct determined by the county central committee and posted as required by law.

Section B. Voting Members

Voting Members shall have been:

1. A resident of the precinct for twenty-five days; and

2. Affiliated with the Colorado Republican Party for at least two months as shown on the registration books of the county clerk and recorder. However, any registered Republican who has attained the age of eighteen years within the two months immediately preceding such meeting or any registered Republican who has become a naturalized citizen within the two months immediately preceding the meeting may vote as required by law.

Section C. Procedure.

1. Elect a chairman and secretary.

2. Elect the number of delegates and alternates to the county assembly and/or convention stated in the call published by the county central committee.

a. Plurality vote shall elect.

b. A tie for the last available place shall be determined by lot.

c. Cumulative voting (which allows an elector to give more than one vote to a single candidate) shall not be permitted.

3. Elect two precinct committee people.

a. The two people receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected as the precinct committee people.

b. If two or more candidates for precinct committee person receive an equal and the second highest number of votes, or if three or more candidates receive an equal and the highest number of votes, the election shall be determined by lot by such candidates.

c. Each committee person shall hold such position for a term of two years after the date of his election, and each shall serve until his successor is duly elected or appointed and commences his term of office.

d. The names of the committee people elected shall be certified to the county assembly of the political party by the officers of the caucus.

ARTICLE XIII: ASSEMBLIES AND CONVENTIONS

Section A. Selection of National Convention Delegates.

1. General rules and procedures.

a. On or before July 1 of the year before the year in which the national convention is to be held the CRC is:

i. To adopt rules, procedures, policies, and instructive material governing the selection of delegates and alternates to the national convention which are consistent with these bylaws and the rules of the RNC.

ii. To certify and file with the RNC true copies of the above and of all pertinent statutes. Changes to the filed material are to be filed within 21 days of the change.

b. Delegates to the county assembly shall serve also as delegates to the county convention. Delegates to a congressional assembly shall serve also as delegates to the congressional convention and delegates to the state assembly shall serve also as delegates to the state convention.

c. Delegates to the congressional district conventions shall be apportioned by the CRC among counties of the congressional district in accordance

with the allocation formula adopted for the state assembly and/or convention.

d. The congressional district chairman, under the authority of the CRC Chairman, shall issue the call to the congressional convention with the call to the congressional assembly not later than the first day of March of each presidential election year. The congressional conventions shall be held prior to, but no earlier than 14 days before, the state convention.

e. Notice of the call for any caucus, leading to the selection of delegates to a congressional convention, or state convention at which national convention delegates are selected shall be published in a newspaper or newspapers of general circulation in the county, by the appropriate chairman not less than fifteen days prior to the date of such caucus or convention. The broadest possible participation of all qualified citizens in the delegate selection process will be encouraged.

2. State and congressional district convention procedures:

a. All candidates for national convention delegate, whether a candidate at the congressional or state convention or both, must file a letter of intent to run for national delegate with the CRC Chairman. Such letter of intent, must be received by the CRC Chairman or his designee no later than ten days prior to the convention in which the candidate desires to stand for election, and may specify a presidential preference, although such preference is not binding.

b. National convention delegates and alternates shall be elected on a single ballot. Each convention delegate shall be entitled to vote for the total number of delegates and alternates to be elected. Those candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be assigned to the national delegate and alternate positions according to the total number of votes each received.

c. Candidates for national convention delegate and alternate need not identify the presidential candidate they are supporting, but may do so at their option. The ballot shall include the presidential preference of those individuals so opting.

d. Alternates will be designated as Congressional District or State alternates according to the convention at which each is elected. In the event a delegate or

alternate is unable to serve, such delegate or alternate will be replaced by the next ranked alternate elected at the convention which elected the delegate or alternate being replaced.

e. In the event a delegate or alternate is elected by both the State Convention and a Congressional District Convention, the delegate or alternate shall select the convention for which he wishes to serve by notifying the CRC Chairman, in writing, within ten days of the close of the State Convention. In the event such selection is not made within the time required, the CRC Chairman may designate the convention from which the delegate or alternate will serve.

f. Congressional district chairmen shall certify the elected national delegates and alternates to the CRC Chairman at the close of their convention. The CRC Chairman shall file the certifications for all national convention delegates and alternates with the Republican National Committee.

g. Ties of consequence shall be broken by lot:

i. By the CRC Chairman in the case of delegate allocation to presidential candidates and

ii. By the appropriate convention chairman in determining the election or rank order of national convention delegates and alternates.

3. The CRC Chairman and the Colorado Republican National Committeeman and Committeewoman shall be delegates to the national convention.

4. Allocation of delegates to presidential candidates when there is a presidential primary:

a. A candidate in the presidential primary shall not qualify for allocation of any delegates unless the candidate receives at least 15% of the vote.

b. At least 30 days prior to the state convention, the CRC Chairman or his designee shall request written confirmation of each candidate's continuing candidacy. Notice of said request shall be served by certified mail addressed to the qualifying candidate's national chairman at the address of the said candidate's national head- quarters, with a copy served by mail to the said candidate's Colorado chairman. The notice shall specify the consequences

of failure to supply the required confirmation. Said written confirmation must be received by the CRC Chairman no later than 15 days prior to the state convention. Any such candidate who does not timely confirm his continuing candidacy shall cease to be deemed a qualifying candidate.

c. The percentage of delegates and alternates allocated to a qualifying candidate shall be determined by taking the number of votes cast for the qualifying candidate divided by the total number of votes cast for all qualifying candidates. The votes cast for non-qualifying candidates shall not be used in this calculation. This percentage shall be applied to the total number of delegates and alternates allocated to the State delegation to determine the total number of delegates and alternates that shall be allocated to the qualifying candidate. A committee composed of the CRC Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary shall then determine the specific number of such delegates and alternates within the state delegation allocated to a qualifying candidate to be elected from the congressional districts and at-large.

d. Balloting.

i. The CRC Chairman or his designee shall cast the votes for the delegation on the first nominating ballot for President in the numbers allocated to each qualifying candidate. If a qualifying candidate releases his delegates through public declaration or written notification, the candidate's name is not placed in nomination, or the candidate does not otherwise qualify for nomination under the rules of the National Convention, the CRC Chairman or his designee shall allocate and cast the delegate votes to the remaining candidates as if the eliminated candidate had failed to qualify.

ii. On any succeeding ballot for President and on all ballots for other purposes the individual delegates are released to cast their ballots as each may choose.

Section B. County Assemblies.

County assemblies and/or conventions shall be held not less than ten days nor more than thirty days after the precinct caucuses at the time and place determined by the county central committee.

1. Each county central committee shall consider the number of delegates to be elected by the county assembly and/or convention to state and district

assemblies and/or conventions, in fixing the number of delegates to participate in the county assembly and/or convention.

2. The call for the county assembly and/or convention shall include (in addition to the time, place and purpose) a statement of the number of delegates to be elected to the state and multi-county district assemblies and conventions. At the request of the chairman of any district lying wholly within such county, the call for the county assembly and/or convention shall include the call for the assembly of such district.

3. The county assembly and/or convention shall elect from among its members all delegates to every state or congressional assembly or convention, to any multi-county senatorial or representative assembly, and to every judicial assembly. However, nothing shall prevent any county from electing its delegates from election districts, and any delegate elected by his district shall be deemed properly elected by his county assembly or convention unless such county assembly or convention votes to overturn or negate such district election.

a. "Members" of a county assembly and/or convention shall mean all delegates and alternates to the county assembly and/or convention elected at the precinct caucuses (whether or not present and voting at the county assembly and/or convention) provided that an alternate may vote only when a delegate is absent.

b. A delegate who moves from his precinct shall be ineligible to serve as a delegate from that precinct.

4. The county assembly shall ratify the list of committee people. The presiding officer and secretary of the county assembly shall file a certified list of the names and addresses, by precinct, of those persons elected as precinct committee people with the county clerk and recorder within ten days after the date of the county assembly.

Section C. Single County District Assemblies.

Single county senatorial, representative, and judicial district assemblies shall be held on the same date and at the same location as the county assembly.

1. Apportionment of delegates.

a. In senatorial and representative districts lying wholly within one county, the delegates elected at the precinct caucuses shall serve also as delegates to their respective senatorial and representative assemblies.

b. In judicial districts comprised of a single county the delegates elected at the precinct caucuses shall serve also as delegates to their judicial assembly.

2. The call for the district assembly shall include time, place, and purpose and should be issued in conjunction with the call to county assembly. See Section B.2. of this article.

3. Failure of a single county district to properly issue a call for the district nominating assembly held under this Section shall not invalidate the assembly provided that the assembly is announced during the county assembly and before the district assembly meets.

Section D. Other Assemblies.

All other assemblies shall be held not later than sixty-five days, or such other period as provided by state law, before the primary election date.

1. Apportionment of delegates.

a. In multi-county congressional, judicial, senatorial and representative districts, the number of delegates to all assemblies shall be uniform so that each county lying in whole or in part in such district shall be entitled to at least one delegate-at-large plus additional delegates based upon the vote cast within the portion of the county included in such district for the Republican candidate for governor or president at the last general election. As an alternative, state senatorial and representative districts may use the resolution method of Colorado Election Laws.

b. The number of delegates to the state assembly and/or convention shall be uniform so that each county shall be entitled to at least two delegates-at-large plus additional delegates based upon the vote cast for the Republican candidate for governor or president at the last general election.

c. Each county also shall be entitled to elect alternates equal in number to its delegates.

d. All delegates to district assemblies and/or conventions shall reside within the district, and a delegate who moves from the district shall become ineligible to serve as a delegate to such district assembly and/or convention. A delegate who moves

from his county shall become ineligible to serve as a delegate from that county.

2. The call for the assembly and/or convention of each multi-county district shall be issued by the chairman of the district central committee no later than the first day of March of each even-numbered year.

a. The call shall notify the chairman of each county in such district of the time, place and purpose of the assembly and/or convention and of the number of delegates allotted to the various counties in such district.

b. If any district chairman fails to issue the call on time, the CRC Chairman shall allocate (in conformity with these bylaws) delegates within said district, and shall issue the call to all county chairmen within the district before March 20.

3. The call for the state assembly and/or convention shall be issued by the CRC Chairman no later than the fifteenth day of February of each even-numbered year. The call shall notify the county chairmen of the time, place and purpose of the assembly and/or convention and the number of delegates allotted to each county.

Section E. Resolutions.

Before any resolution may be considered by any state assembly or convention, it shall be referred to a resolutions committee of such body. All resolutions to be proposed shall be filed with the CRC Chairman no fewer than ten days before the assembly or convention convenes, unless the assembly or convention or resolutions committee modifies or extends the time for filing such resolutions or amendments thereto.

Section F. Voting.

1. No proxies shall be allowed or recognized in any assembly or convention. Any vacancy shall be filled by an alternate present, selected from the list of alternates by numerical order, beginning with the first alternate.

2. What is commonly known as the "unit rule," by which the entire vote of a delegation is cast according to the majority vote within that delegation, shall not be enforced nor adhered to. Cumulative voting shall not be permitted. (See Article XII, Section C.2.c.)

3. What is commonly known as fractional or proportional voting shall not be permitted.

4. Ten percent of the county's delegation to any state, congressional, judicial, senatorial or representative assembly or any state or congressional convention shall have the right to demand and have entered a roll call of his county's delegation upon any disputed vote by his county's delegation.

Section G. Quorum.

The quorum at any state assembly and/or convention shall consist of those delegates present.

Section H. Resolution of Controversies.

From the convening of the state assembly and/or convention until its final adjournment, the assembly or convention shall have the power to determine controversies about both the regularity of the party organization within any district or county and the right to use the party name. It may also provide rules that shall govern the CRC in determining such controversies.

Section I. Party Registration.

Affiliation as a Republican shall be as shown on the registration books of the county clerk and recorder. No candidate shall be designated by assembly for the Republican primary election ballot unless he shall have been affiliated as a Republican for at least two months preceding the date of the caucus.

Section J. Rules.

The rules of the last state assembly and/or convention shall be the temporary rules of the next state assembly and/or convention and its committees.

ARTICLE XIV: VACANCIES IN DESIGNATION, NOMINATION AND PUBLIC OFFICE

Section A. Compliance with Colorado Law.

1. All vacancy committees shall refer to and comply with Colorado law in filling any vacancy.

2. Should Colorado law require any act for the filling of a vacancy be done within a shorter time frame than provided by these or any county's or district's bylaws, such time frames may be accelerated to enable the vacancy to be filled within the time frame set forth by Colorado law.

Section B. Vacancies in Designation and Nomination.

1. Designation of candidates for nomination on the primary election ballot shall be made by the

appropriate designating assembly. Such assembly shall also select a vacancy committee, which may fill any vacancy occurring in the designations prior to sixty days or such other period as provided by state law before the primary election, and any vacancy occurring thereafter in the nomination, up to eighteen days before a general or special election.

2. If no other vacancy committee has been selected by the appropriate designating assembly, the vacancy committee shall be selected or constituted as follows:

a. In counties, the county central committee may select a vacancy committee, or provide for automatic selection thereof in its bylaws. If the central committee fails to do either, then the vacancy committee shall consist of the chairman, vice-chairman and secretary of the county central committee.

b. In state senatorial and representative districts, the vacancy committee shall consist of the district central committee.

c. In congressional and judicial districts, the central committee of such district may select a vacancy committee, or provide for automatic selection thereof in its bylaws. If the central committee fails to do either, then the vacancy committee shall consist of the chairman, vice-chairman, and the secretary of the district central committee, if there are such. But if the district central committee has not selected officers or a vacancy committee, then the chairmen, vice-chairmen and secretaries of the various county central committees within the district shall appoint the vacancy committee for the district, giving each county in the district the proportional representation to which it is entitled based on the apportionment of delegates to the last district assembly.

d. The Chairman of the CRC shall appoint a state vacancy committee of not less than seven or more than thirteen members, which shall fill any vacancy occurring in designation or nomination at the state level, unless and until a vacancy committee is selected by the CRC. The CRC may select a vacancy committee of not less than seven nor more than thirteen members, at least one of whom shall be from each congressional district. In this event, such committee shall supersede the vacancy committee appointed by the Chairman.

e. In county commissioner districts the vacancy committee shall be constituted as for a vacancy in office in accordance with Colorado Election Law.

Section C. Vacancies in Public Office.

1. Vacancy committees shall be selected by the various county, state senatorial, representative and judicial district central committees and by the CRC. If any central committee fails to select a vacancy committee as provided in Colorado Election Law, then a vacancy committee shall be selected or constituted according to the provisions of the appropriate subsections of Section B.2. of this Article.

2. Vacancy committees shall be selected by the various county or county commissioner district central committees, as appropriate, for the specific and only purpose of filling vacancies in the office of county commissioner. If any central committee fails to select a vacancy committee, then a vacancy committee shall be constituted according to the provisions of the appropriate subsections of Colorado Election Law.

3. These vacancy committees shall act with respect to vacancies in public office as follows:

a. When a vacancy occurs in the general assembly, such vacancy shall be filled by the appropriate district vacancy committee within ten days from the date such vacancy occurs. The vacancy committee shall comply with Colorado law in filling the vacancy. In state senatorial or representative districts comprised of a part of one or more counties, the chairman of the several county central committees who do not reside in the district are designated as non-voting members of the district vacancy committee with all privileges, rights and duties of voting members except that of voting.

b. When a vacancy occurs in the office of United States senator or any state office, the state vacancy committee shall make recommendations promptly to the governor concerning an appointment to fill such vacancy.

c. When a vacancy occurs in the office of any district attorney, the vacancy committee of the Judicial district shall make recommendations promptly to the governor concerning an appointment to fill such vacancy.

d. When a vacancy occurs in the office of county commissioner, such vacancy shall be filled by the

county commissioner vacancy committee within ten days after the occurrence of the vacancy.

e. When a vacancy occurs in any other county office, the county vacancy committee shall make recommendations promptly to the board of county commissioners concerning an appointment to fill such vacancy.

4. Should a vacancy occur in the office of representative in congress:

a. A committee composed of the officers of the congressional district concerned and the county chairmen of all counties entitled to bonus member representation on the central committee of the congressional district concerned are hereby designated to convene a convention for the purpose of nominating a candidate to fill a vacancy in the unexpired term of a representative in congress and shall provide the procedure for the nomination of such candidate.

b. Upon receipt of the notice of election, the CRC Chairman shall issue the call for the convention, stating the number of delegates from each county and the method of their selection.

c. Should the convention fail to select a vacancy committee then the convening committee of this section is so designated.

Section D. Other Provisions.

1. District vacancy committees and county commissioner vacancy committees shall have a minimum of five voting members.

2. Promptly after selection, the names and addresses of members of all vacancy committees shall be filed with both the CRC Chairman and the secretary of state, by the chairman of the county or district central committee for which such vacancy committee is to act.

ARTICLE XV: CONTROVERSIES

Section A. State Delegate Contests.

1. The CRC Chairman shall appoint a credentials committee from among the members of the state assembly and/or convention. It shall hear all contests of delegate elections and make recommendations to the CRC.

2. The CRC shall meet the day before the state assembly and/or convention to hear any and all contests of persons claiming seats in said assembly and/or convention and the recommendations of the credentials committee relating thereto. It shall authorize the temporary roll of delegates to be prepared by the secretary.

3. The names of all delegates elected and uncontested shall be placed on the temporary roll. All delegates who have been contested and whose names have been placed upon the temporary roll by a majority of the CRC present and voting shall have the right to vote on all questions until otherwise determined by the assembly and/or convention, except upon contests involving their own credentials.

4. Every person intending to contest the seat of any delegate shall give written notice of such intention, specifying the grounds of the contest, to the Secretary of the CRC and to the delegate whose seat he intends to contest. He shall give such notice at least seventy-two hours before the assembly and/or convention convenes.

5. All persons claiming seats as delegates in any assembly and/or convention by right of contest shall be held to have waived their right to seats in the assembly and/or convention unless they appear and prosecute their contest before the CRC as provided above.

Section B. Other Delegate Contests.

Contests of delegate elections, at assemblies and/or convention other than the state assembly and/or convention, shall be heard and determined initially by a credentials committee to be appointed by the county or district chairman from among the members of the assembly and/or convention. Final determination of all such contests may be made by the assembly and/or convention itself.

Section C. Other Controversies.

If any controversy arises at the county, representative, senatorial, judicial, or congressional district level which cannot be resolved at that level, such controversy shall be determined by the CRC or the Executive Committee, in accordance with rules and procedures provided by the CRC or by the state assembly and/or convention. If the controversy is determined by the Executive Committee, any party to the controversy

may appeal the decision to the CRC. The determination of the CRC shall be final.

ARTICLE XVI: RULES FOR COUNTIES AND DISTRICTS

Section A. Adoption.

Counties and districts may adopt their own rules or bylaws but they shall not be in conflict with these bylaws. Such rules or bylaws shall be filed with the CRC. In the absence of county or district rules or bylaws, these bylaws shall be the bylaws of the county or district to the extent relevant.

Section B. Special Duties of County and District Chairmen.

1. Each county and district chairman shall instruct the secretary to provide the Colorado Secretary of State and the CRC Chairman with a list of officers elected in his county or district and the membership of the vacancy committee selected (with their post office addresses, zip codes, and telephone numbers) immediately following the organizational meeting of the county or district central committee.

2. Each county chairman shall provide a list of all candidates in his county (with their post office addresses, zip codes, and telephone numbers) to the Chairman of the CRC following the designation of those candidates in their county or district assemblies.

3. Each county chairman shall provide a similar written list authenticating all delegates and alternates elected by his county to any state, congressional, judicial, senatorial, or representative assembly or to any state or congressional convention, specifying the numerical order in which alternates were elected. The county chairman shall mail such list to the CRC Chairman and to the appropriate district chairman immediately after the county assembly and/or convention.

4. Each county chairman shall provide to the CRC Chairman a copy of the list of committeepersons ratified at county assembly within ten days of the assembly.

Section C. Central Committee Membership.

Membership on central committees shall be as follows:

1. The chairman, vice-chairman and secretary of the district central committee shall, if not otherwise voting

members, become voting members of their district central committee during their term of office.

2. County central committees also shall be composed of all resident Republican (a) precinct committeepersons, (b) district captains and co-captains, (c) county chairperson, vice-chairperson, and secretary, (d) elected county public officials, (e) United States and state senators and representatives, (f) elected state public officials, and (g) the district attorney. County central committee voting membership may be expanded to include state and national officers, state, congressional, and judicial central committee bonus members, and the chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary of district central committees who reside in the county.

3. Congressional central committees also shall be composed of the Republican (a) resident U.S. Representative, (b) resident congressional district state board of education and regents members, (c) resident state senators and representatives, (d) the county chairmen and vice-chairmen of each county wholly or partially within the district, and (e) resident bonus members as provided by Colorado Election law. Congressional district central committee bylaws may provide that the secretaries of the county central committee wholly or partially within the district are voting members.

4. Judicial district central committees also shall be composed of the resident Republican (a) district attorney, (b) county chairmen, vice-chairmen, and secretaries, and (c) bonus members as provided by Colorado Election Law. If the judicial district consists of only one county or portion thereof, all Republican precinct committeepersons also shall serve on the district central committee.

5. State senatorial and representative district central committees also shall be composed of the Republican (a) resident state senators and representatives, and (b) resident county chairmen, vice-chairmen, and secretaries, and (c) resident designees of each non-resident county chairman, vice-chairman and secretary who resides within a county that is partially within the district. If the district consists of only one county or portion thereof, all Republican precinct committeepersons also shall serve on the district central committee.

Section D. Selection of Officers.

1. District officers are elected by, but not necessarily from, the district central committee.

2. All district officers shall reside and be registered as Republicans in the district which they represent.

3. County and district officers shall be elected at the organizational meetings. If a vacancy exists in a county or district officer position for more than 30 days and no meeting is pending pursuant to a call or notice to the appropriate committee to fill such vacancy, the CRC Chairman may issue such a call or notice and if the appropriate committee does not provide a chairman thereof, he may personally or by nominee preside at the meeting so noticed. Those officers elected at such meetings shall serve until the next regular organizational meeting. In the event the vacancy is not filled, then the CRC Chairman may fill the vacancy by appointment.

4. Failure of a single county state representative, state senatorial or judicial district to properly issue a call for the regular organizational meeting shall not invalidate a district organizational meeting held on the same date and proximate to the county organizational meeting in both time and location provided that the meeting is announced during the county organizational meeting and before the district organizational meeting.

Section E. Delegate and Bonus Member Requirements.

All delegates and bonus members to any county or district assembly, convention, or central committee shall, at the time of their election and throughout their term of office, be registered as Republicans and shall reside within the county or district, as the case may be, which each such delegate or bonus member represents. A delegate or bonus member who moves from the county or district shall thereafter become ineligible to serve as a delegate to such county or district assembly and/or convention or central committee as the case may be.

Section F. Effects of Reapportionment.

1. Following the filing with the Secretary of State of the final reapportionment plan for state senatorial and state representative districts, and following the adoption of a final redistricting plan for congressional districts the party central committees for each such new state senatorial, state representative, and

congressional district shall be called to meet for the purpose of electing a chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary, selecting a vacancy committee and adopting bylaws. Calls are to be issued within twenty days of the filing of a final plan giving at least fifteen days notice of the meeting. The call shall be issued by the following party officers:

a. For single county districts - by the current county chairman;

b. For multi-county districts - by the current chairman of the county with the largest portion of the population, according to the last federal census, or his nominee, after consultation with the current chairmen of other counties wholly or partially within that district.

c. If no call is issued within the indicated twenty day period, then the CRC Chairman may issue such a call. Any officers not elected by the meeting called may be filled by appointment by the CRC Chairman.

2. The person calling the meeting shall call the meeting to order and preside until the election of a chairman pro tem. Nothing shall preclude his being elected as chairman, if eligible.

3. In the first election year after boundaries are changed, if the district central committee has not been organized forty days before the date of the precinct caucuses, the central committee of the county with the largest portion of the population according to the last federal census shall adopt rules for representation and apportion the number of delegates. The chair of said county, after due consultation with the chairs of the other counties having precincts within the district, shall issue the call for the district assembly and, if the district central committee has not been organized fifteen days prior to the assembly, preside over its meeting.

Section G. Residency.

1. A county officer must reside in a district in order to be elected as a district officer or representative.

2. In congressional districts, the chairmen, vice-chairmen, and secretaries (if included by district bylaws) of the several party county central committees who do not reside within the congressional district are designated as voting members of the district central committee.

3. In multi-county state senatorial or representative districts the chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary of

the county central committees who reside within the multi-county state senatorial or representative district shall be members of that district central committee. In the event the county chairman, vice-chairman, or secretary does not reside within that district, he shall name a replacement member to the central committee who resides within that district.

4. In state senatorial or representative districts composed of a single county or a portion thereof, the chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary of the county central committee are designated as non voting members of the district central committee with all privileges, rights, and duties of members except that of voting, provided, however, that such officers of the county central committee shall be voting members of the legislative district central committees for the particular districts in which they individually reside.

Section H. De Facto Single County Districts

If a state senate or representative district is a two-county district due to the inclusion of areas with zero registered voters from a second county, then that district is directed to operate as though it were a single county district with:

- a. Organizational meetings held at the same time and place as the county organizational meeting,
- b. District central committee membership as for a single county district,
- c. Designating assembly to be held at same time and place as the county designating assembly.
- d. Delegates elected at precinct caucuses to county assembly shall also serve as delegates to the subject senate or representative assembly.

ARTICLE XVII: ORGANIZATIONS USING THE NAME REPUBLICAN

No person, group of persons, or organization shall use the name or address of the CRC in any manner, unless the person, group of persons, or organization has received permission to use such name and address from the Executive Committee. Any organization desiring to use the Republican name or otherwise claiming affiliation with the Republican party shall fulfill the following requirements:

A. Such organization shall consist of no fewer than 20 voting members and shall present its credentials, in

writing, to the Executive Committee for a determination of whether it shall be granted permission to use such name or address. The application shall include a copy of its governing rules, the names of its officers, and any other information which might be pertinent to the deliberations of the Executive Committee. Thereafter, such organization shall report within thirty days any amendment to its governing rules or change in its list of officers and directors and shall file annually a list of its members and their addresses with the CRC Chairman.

B. Voting members of such organizations shall be registered Republican electors, except those who do not fulfill the age requirement to vote.

C. No such affiliated organization shall endorse, support, or make any contributions to any candidate or political committee acting in said candidate's behalf for the purpose of influencing the outcome of a primary election contest.

D. All affiliated organizations must comply with all applicable state and federal laws regarding financial reporting.

E. The CRC shall rule on any controversies concerning such organizations.

F. Once sanction as set forth in subsection (A) above is granted, sanction shall be revoked only after a hearing by the Executive Committee, at which the organization shall have an opportunity to be heard.

ARTICLE XVIII: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER NEWLY REVISED shall govern the CRC whenever they are applicable and not inconsistent with these bylaws or the Colorado Election Laws.

ARTICLE XIX: AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

Section A. Amendment.

These bylaws may be amended at any meeting by a two-thirds vote provided that the proposed amendment was submitted to the Bylaws Committee and included in the official call mailed no fewer than thirty days before that meeting.

Section B. Effect of Inadequate Notice.

If previous notice was not given in the call, unanimous consent of all CRC members present (in person or by proxy) must be obtained before an amendment may be offered.

Approved and Readopted, March 10, 2001.
Signed: Bob Beauprez, Chairman, CRC

Amended September 27, 2003
Signed: Ted Halaby, Chairman, CRC

Appendix A Additional Rules

officers, the integrity of the secret ballot will be preserved.

I. Introductory Note

The rules contained in this section are not part of the official Bylaws of the Party. They are designed to provide general rules for the conduct of meetings. Any meeting, however, is free to adopt rules that replace any of the rules in this section.

II. Rules

A. Special Rules of Order

1. No one may speak more than two minutes to any question until all who wish to speak have spoken. Then another two minutes may be allowed.

B. Standing Rules

1. All motions of any length shall be in writing.
2. The roll of the counties shall be called in alphabetical order, with each voting member voting with his county of residence, except that in the election of