



Spokane County Republican Central Committee Bylaws

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Preamble

The Spokane County Republican Central Committee (SCRCC) establishes these bylaws for the operational integrity of the Spokane County Republican Party to support the election of Republicans and non-partisan candidates upholding conservative principles to attract voters and volunteers, to protect and defend the Constitutions of the United States and Washington State, and to work for the passage of laws, initiatives and referenda supporting individual rights, personal freedoms and prosperity for all of Spokane County. [Pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington \(RCW\)](#), the Spokane County Republican Central Committee adopts these Bylaws on March 7, 2026. All prior Bylaws, amendments, interpretations, and other versions are null and void. The signatures and date of the Chair and Secretary certify adoption, until changed as provided per these Bylaws.

Article 1: Name, Affiliation and Authority

1.1 The incorporated name of this organization shall be The Spokane County Republican Central Committee and is referred to as the "SCRCC" in these Bylaws.

1.2 The SCRCC is affiliated with the Washington State Republican Central Committee and the Republican National Committee.

1.3 The SCRCC is established under the authority of:

- Washington State Constitution
- Revised code of Washington ([RCW 29A.80](#))
- Washington Administrative Code ([WAC 390.17.200](#))
- Articles of Incorporation for The Spokane County Republican Central Committee.

Article 2: Purpose

2.1 The purposes of the SCRCC shall be as follows:

- 2.1.1 To promote good government by providing Republican Party leadership in the County of Spokane, Washington.
- 2.1.2 To promote the election of Republican and non-partisan candidates who align with the Spokane GOP Platform in Spokane County, Washington State, and national elections.
- 2.1.3 To conduct the political and business affairs of the Republican Party in Spokane County in a manner consistent with the best interests of all people under our government.
- 2.1.4 To call a County Republican Convention in each even numbered year.
- 2.1.5 To collect and disburse funds in support of the SCRCC's affairs and in furtherance of the above.

Article 3: Membership

3.1 The membership of the SCRCC shall consist of the Spokane County Republican Precinct Committee Officers (PCOs), whether elected or appointed, the Officers of the SCRCC, and the District Leaders.

- 3.1.1 A PCO shall be a U. S. citizen, a registered voter and a resident in their precinct, declare themselves to be Republican and shall serve until November 30th of even numbered years provided they remain an eligible voter in that precinct. ([RCW 29A.80.041](#)) and ([29A.80.051](#))
- 3.1.2 Elected PCOs shall consist of those elected in accordance with Washington State law. ([RCW 29A.80.51](#)) and ([RCW 29A.04.311](#))
- 3.1.3 Appointed PCOs shall consist of those appointed as set forth in these Bylaws.

3.2 The membership of the Spokane Republican Party is made up of individuals who believe better government will be achieved by organizing and uniting with others of similar mind, to further causes of mutual interest, including but not limited to, the purposes and objectives of the SCRCC, and who identify themselves as Republicans.

Article 4: SCRCC Meetings

4.1 Organization Meetings [\(RCW 29A.80.30\)](#)

4.1.1 Shall be held on the second Saturday in December of each even numbered year at an accessible location in Spokane County for the purpose of an Organization Meeting.

4.1.2 Shall be for the purpose of electing SCRCC Officers and Legislative District Leaders, and for other business, if required.

4.1.3 Only qualified elected PCOs or their proxies are entitled to vote at an Organization meeting. [\(RCW 29A.80.30\)](#)

4.2 Special Meetings

4.2.1 A Special Meeting of the SCRCC, or applicable portion, may be called by the Chair at any time.

4.2.2 Shall be limited to the agenda items listed in the call and notice of the meeting.

4.2.3 May be called when receipt of a petition is signed by a simple majority of the Board or thirty percent (30%) of the PCOs specifying the purpose for the meeting. The call must be issued by the Chair within seventy-two (72) hours of receiving the petition. If the Chair fails to act, the Vice Chair must act within seventy-two (72) hours thereafter. If the Chair and Vice Chair are unable or unwilling to act, any three (3) voting Board members shall make the call.

4.2.4 Only qualified elected or appointed PCOs or their proxies are entitled to vote at a Special Meeting, as allowed by meeting rules.

4.3 Call and Notice of Meetings

4.3.1 Shall be delivered to all voting members at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting. All notices must specify the agenda, date, time and location of the meeting.

4.3.2 In the event a meeting or venue for a meeting is cancelled due to circumstances beyond the control of the Board, the Chair or Board shall have the authority to reschedule the meeting with short notice and shall not be required to adhere to the usual 10-day notice per Article 4.3.1.

4.4 Credentials, Voting and Quorum

4.4.1 Prior to conducting business, the Credentials Committee shall verify the eligibility of all who claim voting rights and certify those eligible.

4.4.2 The Chair shall appoint the Credentials Committee Chair. The remainder of the Committee shall consist of the District Leaders. District Leaders may appoint PCOs from their Districts to assist as required.

4.4.3 Proxies. When allowed, may be appointed by PCOs unable to attend SCRCC meetings per the following:

4.4.3.1 A completed proxy form must be submitted to their District Leader 24 hours prior to the meeting. Proxy form shall include name, residential address, and date of birth and then be communicated to the PCO's District Leader. Proxy form is available in Policy & Procedures manual.

4.4.3.2 Proxies must meet the same PCO qualifications as stated in 3.1.1 and be registered voters in the same precinct as the PCO they are appointed to represent.

4.4.3.3 District leaders will deliver the completed proxy form to the Credentials Chair before the meeting.

4.4.3.4 No person may have more than one vote.

4.4.4 A quorum of 40% of eligible voters must be present to commence the meeting. A quorum of 30% is required to continue the meeting.

4.4.5 Unless specifically addressed in meeting rules or these bylaws, the Chair shall determine the method of voting to achieve the required majority.

Article 5: Board of Directors

5.1 Purpose and Objectives

5.1.1 The Board of Directors of the SCRCC (Board) shall serve as the governing body with the primary purpose of advancing the principles of the Republican Party in Spokane County in accordance with Article 2. The Board is responsible for establishing objectives that support the operational integrity of the SCRCC.

5.1.1.1 Ensures financial oversight and upholds fiduciary duties to safeguard the organization's assets and promote its financial integrity.

5.1.1.2 Organizes fundraising activities to ensure financial stability.

5.1.1.3 Monitors and acts on issues that are important to the SCRCC and the Republican Party.

5.2 Membership on the Board shall consist of the following:

5.2.1 Elected Officers and District Leaders of the SCRCC.

5.2.2 Appointed Officers of the SCRCC.

5.3 Meetings

5.3.1 Should have monthly meetings, adopt and publish procedural rules and standing policies, provided they are not in conflict with these Bylaws.

5.3.2 Emergency meetings of the Board may be called upon 24-hour notice by the Chair or a majority of the Board members by written notice to the Chair. The call shall be issued in accordance with policy "Board Emergency Meeting."

5.3.3 In the event that both the Chair and Vice Chair are absent from a meeting, the members present shall elect a temporary chair from its members for the meeting.

5.4 Voting, Proxies and Quorum

5.4.1 Voting members of the Board shall be the Chair, Vice-Chair, State Committeeman, State Committeewoman, and the District Leaders.

5.4.2 Proxies. Any voting member of the Board who is unable to attend a Board meeting may issue a written proxy form authorizing a PCO to represent that member at the Board meeting specified in the notice. The Chair should receive notice of the proxy at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting and the written proxy form shall be delivered to the Secretary at the meeting. No written proxy form may be issued for more than one meeting.

5.4.2.1 The proxy for all elected officers must be of the same sex as the officer.

5.4.2.2 The proxy for any District Leader must be a PCO in the same district and who does not otherwise have a vote on the Board.

5.4.2.3 Under no circumstances may any person have more than one vote.

5.4.3 Quorum and Vote. A majority of the voting members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting business.

5.5 Parliamentarian: The Chair may appoint a parliamentarian, if needed, who would be a non-voting attendee of the meeting, unless they also hold a voting position in some other capacity.

5.6 Conflict of Interest: All Board and committee members must disclose any personal or business relationships that may be a conflict of interest when conducting the affairs of the SCRCC. Disclosure is to ensure full transparency and consideration and is not intended to disqualify members from conducting business with the SCRCC.

Article 6: Officers and Duties

6.1 Elected officers shall be the Chair, Vice Chair, State Committeeman and State Committeewoman as outlined in Washington State statutes. ([RCW 29A.80.030](#))

6.1.1 Elected officers shall assume their office immediately after being elected at the Organization Meeting and shall hold office for two (2) years from the Organization Meeting to the next Organization Meeting.

6.1.2 Nominees shall be U.S. citizens, registered voters and reside in the county, declare themselves to be Republicans and serve a two-year term provided they remain a registered voter in the county.

6.1.3 No elected officer shall be eligible to serve simultaneously in another elected officer position within the SCRCC or as a District Leader but may serve as a PCO.

6.2 Appointed officers shall be the Secretary and Treasurer, appointed by the Chair and confirmed by the Board and shall serve at the pleasure of the Board.

6.3 Chair

6.3.1 Shall serve as the Chief Executive Officer of the SCRCC responsible for operations and activities of the SCRCC.

6.3.2 Shall preside at meetings of the SCRCC and the Board and may serve as the Temporary Chair at the opening exercises of the Spokane County Republican Convention.

6.3.3 Shall report to SCRCC per Policies and Procedures.

6.3.4 Shall represent the SCRCC as a member of the WAGOP and act as liaison between the county and state organizations. ([WAGOP Committee Bylaw 3.1](#))

6.3.5 Shall appoint the committee chairs, with confirmation of the Board. The committee chairs will then select members subject to the Chair's approval. Committees will determine the method and frequency of their committee meetings. Committee Chairs serve at the pleasure of the Chair.

6.3.6 Shall appoint Legal Counsel, when necessary, who shall serve without compensation unless expressly provided for by the SCRCC or the Board.

6.3.7 Shall be an ex-officio member of all committees, including convention committees but shall only vote in the event of a tie.

6.3.8 Shall be the official representative of the SCRCC and shall endeavor to promote the party in a positive manner maintaining relations with community, businesses, and professional organizations, as well as the media, local government agencies, and elected officials.

6.4 Vice Chair

6.4.1 Shall preside in the absence of the Chair at any meeting where the Chair would otherwise preside and shall perform the duties of the Chair in absence or incapacity of the Chair.

6.4.2 Shall coordinate with and advise the Finance and Fundraising Committee.

6.4.3 Shall manage the coordination of events.

6.4.4 Shall perform all other duties as assigned by the Chair.

6.5 State Committeeman and State Committeewoman

6.5.1 Shall represent the SCRCC as members of the WAGOP and act as liaisons between the County and State organizations.

6.5.2 Shall report to the SCRCC members after each WAGOP meeting.

6.5.3 Shall perform all other duties as assigned by the Chair.

6.6 Secretary

6.6.1 Shall act as recording secretary for the SCRCC and the Board at all meetings and retain administrative,

financial and legal records electronically in accordance with the retention policy of the SCRCC.

6.6.2 Shall track board members' meeting attendance and shall notify Chair if action is required per Article 6.10 of these Bylaws.

6.6.3 Shall track all contracts and licenses and notify the Board when renewal or attention is required.

6.6.4 Shall record each board member's vote on all motions and make this record available to PCOs upon request.

6.6.5 Shall perform other duties as outlined in Policies and Procedures and as assigned by the Chair.

6.7 Treasurer

6.7.1 Shall be a member of the Finance and Fundraising Committee.

6.7.2 Shall be the custodian of all SCRCC funds, maintaining an accurate record of all receipts and expenditures, and shall disburse funds as designated by the Board.

6.7.2.1 Shall ensure that accurate and timely reports are filed with the Public Disclosure Commission and other applicable regulatory bodies. ([RCW 29B.10.070](#)) and ([RCW29B.25.090](#))

6.7.2.2 Shall provide a monthly Treasurer's report to the Board.

6.7.3 Shall perform other duties as outlined in Policies and Procedures and as assigned by the Chair.

6.8 Vacancies

6.8.1 When a vacancy occurs in positions elected by the SCRCC, a Special Meeting of the SCRCC shall be held within 45 days of the vacancy. Proxies, quorum, and voting shall be conducted in the same manner as for a SCRCC meeting. The term of the person filling the vacancy shall be for the unexpired term of the position, and the Chair shall preside.

6.8.2 When a vacancy occurs in positions appointed by the Chair, the Chair will appoint replacements with Board acknowledgment.

6.9 Removal from Office: The SCRCC is the only body with authority to remove an elected SCRCC Officer from office before the end of their term.

6.10 Absences: Elected board members' positions shall be considered vacant if they are physically absent from three (3) consecutive regular board meetings or four (4) regular board meetings within a 12- month period. An absence may be excused with a 2/3 vote of the Board. The Chair shall notify the Board of the vacancy and call a meeting within 30 days. The vacancy shall be filled per Article 6.8.1.

Article 7: Districts and District Leaders

7.1 State Legislative Districts may be segmented into sub-districts. Districts and sub-districts shall be represented by a district leader.

7.2 The number, boundaries, and allocation of sub-districts within each State Legislative District shall be reviewed promptly after each redistricting by the State Redistricting Commission, as well as whenever necessary for the purpose of manageability and equal representation. The SCRCC, based on the Board's recommendations, will be responsible for determining any modifications to the established sub-districts. Both districts and sub-districts will be referred to as districts throughout this document. ([RCW 29A.76](#))

7.3 Duties: Each district leader shall serve as a member of the SCRCC Board of Directors supporting the objectives of the board as outlined in Article 5.1 of these bylaws and shall hold the responsibility and authority for overseeing Republican activities within their respective district, in accordance with these bylaws.

7.4 The District Leader shall:

7.4.1 Nominate individuals to fill vacant precinct PCO positions, as per Article 8.3 of these Bylaws, for appointment by the Chair.

7.4.2 Preside over their district caucus at the Organization Meeting until the incoming district leader is elected.

7.4.3 Serve as liaison to the PCOs and other Republicans in their district for purposes of recruitment, training, support of candidates aligned with the SCRCC Platform, and encouragement of SCRCC activity within the precincts of their sub-district.

7.4.4 Notify their PCOs and the Chair of district activities.

7.4.5 Serve as a member of the credentials committee and assist the Credentials Chair to verify credentials and distribute ballots and any other necessary documents at all SCRCC meetings and the County Convention.

7.4.6 Ensure accuracy of the PCO roster and notify the Credentials Chair of any changes or discrepancies.

7.4.7 Coordinate with the PCOs to establish locations to host the Precinct Caucuses.

7.4.8 Perform all other duties as assigned by the Chair.

7.5 District Leader Selection

7.5.1 Following the completion of business at the Organization Meeting of the SCRCC, PCOs shall meet by District to elect their District Leader. Proxies are allowed, no quorum is required and a majority vote will decide. ([RCW29A.80.061](#))

7.5.2 Only qualified elected PCOs or their proxies may participate in the selection of their District Leader. No established quorum shall be necessary. A majority vote is sufficient.

7.5.3 The outgoing District Leader shall preside over the District Caucus until the incoming District Leader is elected or re-elected. In the absence of the outgoing District Leader, a majority of the PCOs attending may elect a temporary chair from their ranks.

7.6 Eligibility: District Leaders shall be a U.S. citizen, a registered voter and a resident in the district they wish to represent. If a District Leader no longer meets any of these eligibility criteria the vacancy process per Article 7.9 shall be followed. District Leaders shall not serve on the Board as an elected officer but may be a PCO.

7.7 Term: The term of office shall be for two (2) years from the Organization Meeting to the next Organization Meeting provided they remain as a registered voter in the district.

7.8 District Meetings

7.8.1 District Leaders may call a meeting at any time of their District or when requested by 30% or more of the qualified PCOs within the district.

7.8.2 If the District Leader fails to call the meeting within seventy-two (72) hours after receiving the request by 30% or more of the qualified PCOs, the PCOs may petition the Chair to call the meeting. In the absence of the District Leader, a majority of the PCOs attending may elect a temporary chair from their ranks.

7.8.3 Notice and call for meetings shall be the same as outlined in Article 4.3.

7.8.4 PCOs have the authority to remove their District Leader per Article 7.8.1 and 7.8.2.

7.9 District Leader Vacancies: A meeting to fill a vacancy shall be held within 30 days of the vacancy. The Chair shall call a meeting of the affected PCOs per Article 4.2 Special Meetings. Proxies are allowed. No quorum is required. The term of the person filling the vacancy shall be for the unexpired term of the position. The Chair or Vice Chair shall preside.

7.10 Absences: A District Leader's position shall be considered vacant when they are physically absent from three (3) consecutive regular board meetings or four (4) regular board meetings within a 12-month period. An absence may be excused with a 2/3 vote of the Board. The Chair shall notify the Board of the vacancy and call a meeting to be held within 30 days. The vacancy shall be filled per Article 7.9.

Article 8: Precinct Committee Officers (PCOs)

8.1 Duties: Each PCO shall have the responsibility and authority for Republican activity in his or her precinct, in coordination with their District Leader and/or the Chair.

PCOs shall:

- 8.1.1 Elect the Chair, Vice-Chair, State Committeeman and State Committeewoman, and their District Leader at the Organization Meeting. ([RCW 29A.80.030](#))
- 8.1.2 Arrange for and hold Precinct Caucuses as specified in these bylaws.
- 8.1.3 Serve the voters within their precinct for purposes of voter identification, recruitment, training, support of SCRCC candidates and activity within their precinct.
- 8.1.4 Attend and participate in meetings of SCRCC, District Caucuses and District meetings.
- 8.1.5 Coordinate with the other PCOs in their district to hold district meetings when needed per Article 7.8.1.
- 8.1.6 Inform their District Leader of any changes in their contact information immediately.
- 8.1.7 Perform other duties and tasks as assigned by the Chair and/or their District Leader.

8.2 Election and Appointment: PCOs may either be elected or appointed by the Chair as outlined in these bylaws. ([RCW 29A.80.031](#)) and ([RCW 29A.80.051](#)) and ([29A.80.041](#)) and ([RCW 29A.52.171](#))

8.3 PCO Appointment: District Leaders may nominate a qualified candidate to fill a vacant precinct per Article 3.1.1. The Chair shall appoint or decline the nominee and notify the District Leader within thirty (30) days. Vacancies at the time of the PCO election may not be filled until after the Organization Meeting. Appointed PCOs shall not have voting privileges for the first thirty (30) days of their appointment. The term of the person filling the vacancy shall be for the unexpired term of the position. ([RCW29A.80.031](#))

8.4 Precinct Captains may be appointed by a District Leader to a precinct not having a PCO and are not required to reside in the precinct they are assigned to manage. Precinct Captains have no voting privileges.

Article 9: Vacancies in the State Legislature and Partisan County Elected Offices

9.1 An elected office becomes vacant for any of the reasons listed in [RCW 42.12.010](#).

9.2 Consistent with the Washington State Constitution Article II, Section 15, vacancies in Republican State Legislative and County partisan elective offices shall be filled by the following procedure:

9.2.1 For Districts within Spokane County: Within ten (10) days of the vacancy, the Chair shall provide written notice to the applicable portion of the SCRCC of a meeting to be held within twenty (20) days for the purpose of receiving nominations to fill the vacancy and submitting three (3) nominees to the Board of County Commissioners.

9.2.1.1 The applicable portion of the SCRCC for a legislative vacancy shall be the PCOs within that legislative district. The applicable portion of the SCRCC for a county elective office vacancy shall be the entire SCRCC. The Chair shall preside.

9.2.1.2 Nomination, Quorum, and Voting. Nominations may be made by any member of SCRCC who resides in the district for which position the vacancy is to be filled. Nominations to fill partisan County elective office vacancies may be made by any member of the SCRCC. Only qualified PCOs are entitled to vote. No establishment of a quorum shall be necessary.

9.2.1.3 The names of three (3) nominees shall be forwarded by the Chair to the Board of County Commissioners for their consideration and appointment of one (1) nominee to fill the vacancy as provided by law.

9.2.1.4 Balloting shall be defined in the Policies and Procedures under Meeting Rules.

9.2.2 Multi County Legislative Vacancies: Legislative vacancies for Districts where the boundaries of the district cross Spokane County boundaries and include parts or all of one or more other counties shall be filled pursuant to the provisions of the [Bylaws of the WAGOP](#).

Article 10: Standing Committees

The Chair shall appoint Committee Chairs for the following committees:

10.1 Finance and Fundraising Committee shall consist of a chair appointed by the Chair, the Treasurer and a minimum of three (3) additional members. It shall be the duty of this committee to prepare a budget for the calendar year and submit the proposal to the board for approval. The budget shall include a financial plan for acquiring funding for SCRCC expenses and include a calendar of events detailing the time and place of major fundraising efforts. The Board will assist this committee in organizing, executing and marketing all fundraising projects.

10.2 Lincoln Day Committee shall organize and plan the annual Lincoln Day Gala. The committee shall be formed as soon as practical following the current year's Lincoln Day event to plan for the following year's celebration. The Committee Chair shall serve until either relieved or a new committee chair is appointed and approved by the Board. The committee established in even numbered years may serve through a successor administration unless otherwise relieved of their duties by the Chair.

10.3 Platform and Resolution Committee shall create, collect, distribute, and compile results of the county platform questionnaire, from which they will prepare and present the proposed platform to the County Convention. This committee receives, reviews, and makes recommendations for resolutions which are then submitted to the SCRCC in a timely fashion for action.

10.4 Caucus and Convention Committee shall plan and execute the caucuses and conventions of the SCRCC according to these bylaws and when called by the WAGOP.

10.5 Candidates Committee shall execute candidate operations as directed by the Board.

10.6 Elections Committee shall oversee Spokane County ballot processing and other issues related to fair and accurate elections.

10.7 Bylaws, Policies and Procedures, and Rules Committee

10.7.1 Bylaws: shall ensure the SCRCC bylaws align with the WAGOP bylaws and applicable state regulations and assess the existing bylaws to ensure they remain relevant and effective. The committee shall review and evaluate proposed amendments submitted by SCRCC members to determine suitability and necessity and present those recommended to both the Board and SCRCC for consideration and approval.

10.7.2 Policy and Procedures: shall develop, review and update policies and procedures to provide operational efficiency and accountability within the SCRCC. Policies and Procedures will be posted on the Spokane GOP website.

10.7.3 Rules: Shall publish standard rules in Policy and Procedures for meetings as described in Article 4. If circumstances require adjustments to the standard rules, they will be presented to the Board for tentative approval and distribution before the meeting.

10.8 Credentials Committee: Chair Shall ensure only authorized members, as defined in Article 3 and Article 11.4.2, shall be seated at precinct and district caucuses, county and state conventions, and at meetings of the SCRCC. The Credentials Committee will be comprised of the District Leaders, who may appoint PCOs from their Districts to assist as required. The Committee Chair will maintain the official roster of the PCOs ensuring the website reflects current information and perform duties as assigned by the Chair.

10.9 Other Committees: The Chair and the Board may establish other committees as necessary for the work of the SCRCC.

10.10 Meetings: Committee Chairs will determine method and frequency of their committee meetings.

Article 11: Precinct Caucuses and Convention

11.1 Precinct Caucuses: The Chair shall call a meeting of the Republicans in each precinct in the County per these bylaws and as directed by the WAGOP and in compliance with all applicable State Committee rules.

11.1.1 The meeting shall be known as the Precinct Caucus and is held to elect delegates and alternate delegates to the Spokane County Republican Convention.

11.1.2 The caucus may also recommend planks for inclusion in the County Republican Platform and address other relevant matters concerning the Republican Party within the precinct.

11.2 County Convention

11.2.2 Purpose and Objective: The County Convention shall be for the election of delegates and alternate delegates to represent Spokane County at the Washington State Republican Convention, for the consideration of a Convention Platform and resolutions, and for such other political activity or business that may appropriately come before the Convention.

11.2.3 Call and Notice: The Call and Notice of the County Convention shall be distributed to the elected delegates and alternates no later than two weeks prior to the County Convention.

11.3 Convention Committee: The purpose of the Convention Committee shall be the planning and providing all arrangements and registration for the convention. The District Leaders shall prepare convention notices and caucus materials.

11.4 Convention Planning, Credentials, Rules and Platform

11.4.1 The Chair shall appoint a chairman for the Convention Planning Committee who is responsible for all convention arrangements as listed in Policies and Procedures and the WAGOP Convention Manual. To ensure fair representation during the convention planning process, these committees shall endeavor to include representatives from each of Spokane County's Legislative Districts.

11.4.2 The Credentials Committee shall approve the voting credentials of all delegates to the County Convention, shall certify alternate delegates to replace elected delegates not in attendance, and shall report to the Convention the number of duly elected delegates and alternates (moved to delegates) present who are eligible to vote in Convention business. The report of the Credentials Committee shall be presented to the Convention as early as practicable, following opening ceremonies, and before the transaction of any business of the Convention.

11.4.2.1 Shall be consistent with WAGOP Bylaws or State Convention Rules. Any member of the Board who participates in another political party convention, openly endorses another political party's candidate, contributes financially or works on a campaign of another political party candidate will not be eligible to serve as a convention officer or delegate to the Republican County or State Convention during the time of such participation, endorsement, contribution, or work.

11.4.3 The Rules Committee shall prepare a set of Rules for the Convention for consideration and potential adoption to facilitate the smooth and orderly transaction of business during the Convention.

11.4.4 The Platform Committee shall review prior platforms, input from the precinct caucuses and from other Republicans, and shall prepare and present a proposed Platform for the Convention to consider adopting. The Committee may also review and make recommended resolutions for consideration at the Convention. In the event of a minority report from the Platform Committee, it shall follow the presentation of the majority report to the convention.

11.5 Temporary Convention Officers

11.5.1 The Chair shall appoint temporary convention officers to preside at the Convention until a permanent Convention Officer is nominated and elected by the Convention for each post. The temporary convention Officers shall be the Chair, Secretary, Parliamentarian, and Sergeant at Arms. A motion to replace the temporary chair and elect a permanent Chair may be in order any time after the Credentials Committee has given its first report.

11.5.2 Temporary Convention Officers, Convention Officers, Committee Chairs and Committee members may, but need not be delegates or alternate delegates to the County Convention.

11.6 Voting and Rules

11.6.1 All voting in the assembly of the convention shall be by majority vote, with the exception of the suspension of the convention rules, which shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

11.6.2 The Rules for the County Convention and its proceedings, including the elections of delegates and alternate delegates to the State Convention, shall be in conformity with the State Convention Rules where applicable or necessary.

11.7 Delegation to State Convention

11.7.1 Within two (2) weeks after the County Convention, the elected delegates to the State Convention shall meet at the Call of the Chair to elect a Delegation Chair and members, as allowed under State Convention Rules, to the State Convention Credentials, Rules, and Platform Committees. Matters relating to the State Convention may also be considered.

11.7.2 The establishment of a quorum shall not be necessary in order to transact business under this section. All voting shall be by majority vote.

11.7.3 The Chair or Chair's representative shall serve as temporary chair of the County delegation until the elected Delegation Chair is chosen. The election of the Delegation Chair shall be the first order of business. The Delegation Chair shall be one of the delegates elected to represent Spokane County at the State Convention.

11.7.4 In the event the delegation chair is unable to attend the State Convention, the delegation shall meet again to elect a substitute. This meeting may occur prior to or at the State Convention.

Article 12: Business Affairs

12.1 Audit: The books and financial records of the SCRCC shall be audited by a three (3) to five (5) member committee of knowledgeable people excluding Board members, appointed by the Chair and approved by the Board. Such audit shall be completed within thirty (30) days after the end of PDC C4 reporting periods ending May 31st and November 30th each year.

12.2 Indemnification: The SCRCC shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless all members of the Board against liability, damage, and expense arising from or in connection with good faith service as such and arising from defense of claims or lawsuits. This obligation shall be under all circumstances permitted by law for all acts conducted in good faith.

12.3 Reimbursement of Officer Expenses: The Board shall adopt a policy for the reimbursement of board member expenses.

12.4 Records: The Board shall adopt a policy for the retention and destruction of SCRCC records. The Board minutes shall record each board member's vote on all motions and make this record available to PCOs upon request.

Article 13: Authority

13.1 Statutory Authority: These Bylaws are promulgated under the authority of [RCW et seq.](#), permitting political parties to make their own rules and regulations, and to perform all functions inherent in such organizations. Powers herein delegated to officers, elected or appointed, shall be subject to paramount authority of the SCRCC.

13.2 Parliamentary Authority: The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, latest edition, shall govern this organization in all cases to which they are applicable and consistent with these Bylaws.

Article 14: Amendments

14.1 These Bylaws may be amended at any Organization or Special Meeting of the SCRCC by a two thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members present, provided there is a quorum present, and provided that notice of the proposed amendment or amendments has been included in the notice of the meeting.

14.2 Policies and Procedures may be adopted, amended or removed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board or the SCRCC.

SCRCC Chair

SCRCC Secretary

Rob Linebarger

John Scherling

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