

Self-Nomination Information
Nevada State Republican Convention
May 13-15, 2016

National Delegates:

At the state convention, we'll be electing Nevada's delegates to the Republican National Convention in Cleveland, OH July 18-21, 2016. Nevada is entitled to a total of 30 delegates, 3 of which are our members of the Republican National Committee. We'll elect the remaining 27 delegates at the state convention, and we'll also elect 27 alternates in the event a delegate is unable to attend.

12 of these delegates are selected by Congressional District. These delegates will be voted on only by convention delegates from each respective Congressional District. The remaining 15 delegates represent the entire state of Nevada, and will be voted on by the entire group of state convention delegates.

State delegates may choose to run for either Congressional District delegate or At-Large statewide delegate, but not both.

All national delegates are responsible for all of their own expenses to attend the National Convention, including airfare, hotels, meals, fees, convention special events and parties, local transportation in Cleveland, etc. Expect the cost of attending to be at least a few thousand dollars, possibly several thousand.

Nevada Republican Party rules require the delegates to be bound on the first ballot at the National Convention to vote in the same proportion as the results of the Presidential Preference Poll held in Nevada on February 23, 2016. Our rules provide for serious penalties for delegates who fail to honor their binding on the first ballot to insure that the wishes of Nevada caucus attendees are honored.

If you wish to be a National Delegate, you must submit your self-nomination in writing to the Secretary of the Nevada Republican Party on or before May 7, 2016. You will receive confirmation from the Secretary when your self-nomination has been received, and if you don't receive confirmation you should follow up to make sure that your nomination form was received. There is no provision in our rules to be added to the ballot after the May 7th deadline, so it's critical for you to verify that you're on the list.

Each nominee has the option to provide a biography or public statement of 250 words or less which will be posted on the Nevada GOP website at least three days prior to the state convention. Additionally, you may request that the name of your preferred presidential candidate appear in parentheses next to your name on the official ballot at the convention. No nominee is required to disclose their presidential preference if they choose not to do so.

The state party does not have the resources to print hard copies of biographies or other campaign materials for the anticipated large number of national delegate nominees. If you wish to print and distribute such materials at the convention, you should make your own arrangements to do so.

Presidential Electors:

Presidential electors are Nevada's members of the Electoral College. State law alleges that Presidential Elector is a ceremonial position - pursuant to NRS 298.005 – 298.089, the electors have no discretion in who they cast their votes for – it must be cast for the winner of the popular vote in the Nevada general election.

Per Article II, Section 1 of the US Constitution, Nevada is entitled to six electors in the electoral college – one for each Congressional District and one for each of our Senators. All six of these electors will be elected by the convention at large – there is no requirement for any elector to come from a particular part of the state.

If our Republican nominees eventually win the popular vote in Nevada in November, the electors chosen at our state convention will be required to travel to Carson City in December and physically cast an electoral vote for the Republican nominees for President and Vice President, and those votes will be transmitted to the US Congress to be counted as specified in the Constitution.

Should any candidates other than the Republican nominees win the general election, the services of the Republican electors will not be required.

You may self-nominate in advance for the position of Presidential Elector, or you may self-nominate for that position on the day of the convention. Nominations for Presidential Elector will close 15 minutes after the final credentials report is presented on Saturday morning.

National Committeeman/National Committeewoman:

These two individuals will be elected at the convention, and will serve as two of Nevada's three representatives to the Republican National Committee for the next four years. Nevada's third member of the Republican national Committee is our state party Chairman.

In addition to representing Nevada at the RNC, these individuals have the primary responsibility for raising funds needed to operate the Nevada Republican Party and to allow the Nevada GOP to accomplish our mission of recruiting and electing Republican candidates to office.

The positions require extensive travel, as RNC meetings are held at least four times per year in various parts of the country, generally from Wednesday through Saturday. Other events are held in between the regular meetings that may require additional travel.

The National Committeeman and National Committeewoman will both be elected by the convention at large. They will be elected in separate elections, as our bylaws state that these two individuals must reside in different counties. Nominations for National Committeeman and National Committeewoman will close at the same time as nominations for presidential Elector.

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Following is an excerpt from the Nevada Republican Party standing rules that covers the nominations and elections process for National Delegate. Please be familiar with these rules, and if you have any questions, contact the state party office at 702-586-2000, or send us an email at info@nevadagop.org.

Nominating and Election Procedures for National Delegates

excerpted from the

Standing Rules of the Nevada Republican Party, Chapter Three

§ 2.0 Nomination of National Delegates and Alternates.

Subsection 2.1

- a) Nominations for the position of National Delegate and Alternate, whether At-Large or congressional district, shall be by self-nomination.
- b) Self-nominations may be made for either a congressional district or At-Large Delegate position, but not both.
- c) Nominees must be Delegates to the State Convention.
- d) Nominations and any biography or public statement as provided for in Subsection 2.7, must be submitted in advance not less than seven (7) days prior to the State Convention in writing to the NRP Secretary.
- e) The NRP Secretary must include the information in paragraphs (a) through (d) above and information on how to self-nominate in the Call to the Meeting of the State Convention including all required information to self-nominate and in such form and manner as the Secretary shall prescribe.

Subsection 2.2 – Nominees for Congressional District National Delegate must be qualified electors of the congressional district they seek to represent.

Subsection 2.3 – The names of all properly submitted nominations shall be included on the respective Delegate ballots.

Subsection 2.4 – The NRP Secretary shall notify each Nevada State Convention Delegate of the names of all individuals properly nominated to be National Delegates not less than three (3) days prior to the State Convention. This information is not part of the Call to Convention.

Subsection 2.5 - The NRP Secretary must also include a reminder in the Call that those elected as a National Delegate or Alternate Delegate must pay all their own expenses to the national Convention including registration, travel, meals and lodging.

Subsection 2.6 – No person who is otherwise qualified to be a Delegate to the Republican National Convention shall be eligible to hold such a position if, at any time following the adoption of this rule, that person, acting as a Delegate, has failed to uphold their obligation, as provided for in these rules or the Rules of the RNC, in support of a specific candidate. The determination of this provision shall be based solely on the vote conveyed to the Convention Secretary by the Delegate. This provision shall not apply to delegates who are released from their commitment in accordance with these Rules and shall not be applied retroactively to past Delegates.

Subsection 2.7 – Each National Delegate nominee may optionally provide a biography or public statement of 250 words or less, along with their self-nomination, which shall be posted by the Secretary on the NRP website at least three (3) days prior to the Nevada Republican Convention. Additionally, each National Delegate nominee may opt to place the name of their preferred Presidential Candidate in parentheses adjacent to the nominee’s name on the ballot.

§ 3.0 Election of Delegates to the Republican National Convention

Subsection 3.1 – Delegates and Alternates to the Republican National Convention (National Delegates and Alternates) shall be elected at the Nevada Republican Convention. There shall be three (3) National Delegates allocated to represent each congressional district in Nevada, and a number of At-Large Delegates as determined in accordance with the Rules of the Republican National Committee. Each National Delegate position shall also have one (1) Alternate for that position, except for automatic Delegates.

Subsection 3.2 – National Delegates allocated to represent congressional districts (Congressional District National Delegates) shall be elected by the Nevada Republican Convention Delegates from each such congressional district. Each Delegate to the Nevada Republican Convention may vote for up to three (3) nominees for National Delegate for their congressional district. All nominees receiving votes shall be ranked in accordance with the number of votes received from highest to lowest. Congressional District Delegate positions shall be awarded to the three (3) highest ranked nominees, with Alternate positions being awarded to the next three (3) highest ranked nominees in descending order.

Subsection 3.3 – At-Large National Delegates shall be elected by all Nevada Republican Convention Delegates. Each Delegate to the Nevada Republican Convention may vote for up to the number of nominees for At-Large National Delegate as there are At-Large Delegate positions as determined in accordance with the Rules of the Republican National Committee. All nominees receiving votes shall be ranked in accordance with the number of votes received from highest to lowest. At-Large Delegate positions shall be assigned starting with the highest ranked nominee and continuing in descending order until all At-Large Delegate positions are filled, followed by Alternate positions to be assigned starting with the highest ranked nominee who did not win a Delegate position and continuing in descending order until all Alternate positions are filled.

Subsection 3.4 – Any ballot cast for the election of Congressional District or At-Large Delegates that has more votes cast than positions to be filled shall be declared void.

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The foregoing is an excerpt from the Standing Rules of the Nevada Republican Party as approved by the Nevada Republican Party Central Committee at its regular meeting in August 2015. The complete approved Standing Rules are posted at:

<http://nevadagop.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/Standing-Rules-Complete-Amended-Feb-8-2016.pdf>