

KANSAS GOP PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE CAUCUS AND DELEGATE SELECTION PLAN

*for the
2012 Republican National Convention*

SECTION I Introduction

1. The Kansas Republican Party has been allocated a total of 40 delegates and 37 alternates according to Rule 13 of the Rules of the Republican Party.
2. This delegate selection plan is governed by the Rules of the Republican National Committee (“RNC”), the Rules of the Republican Party as adopted by the 2008 Republican National Convention, the rules of the Kansas Republican Party (“KSGOP”), and Kansas statute.
3. Following the adoption of this delegate selection plan by the Kansas Republican State Committee (KSGOP Constitution Article VI), it shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Republican National Committee by October 1, 2011.
4. The KSGOP Executive Committee (KSGOP Bylaw Section 5) shall be empowered to make any technical changes or revisions to this document as required by the RNC to comply with all applicable party rules following review by the KSGOP Rules Committee (KSGOP Bylaws Section 6 B(c)) to ensure full compliance with KSGOP rules and the overall intent of the KSGOP State Committee when passing this plan.
5. All questions of interpretation of these rules and procedures shall be resolved by the KSGOP Rules Committee and shall be subject to final resolution by the KSGOP Executive Committee.

SECTION II Description of the Presidential Preference Caucus

1. The Caucus for the determination of Kansas’s Republican presidential preference shall be held on Saturday, March 10, 2012 beginning at 10:00 AM CST.
2. Voter Participation in the Process
 - A. Participation in the KSGOP presidential preference caucus is open to all eligible voters who wish to participate as Republicans. To be eligible to participate in the presidential preference caucus, the voter must present proof (defined as a state issued photo ID matching current

- Secretary of State voter registration rolls for name and date of birth or a state issued photo ID and a current voter registration card with a matching name and date of birth) that he or she is a registered Republican. Voters wishing to participate in the KSGOP presidential preference caucus must be registered Republicans on or before February 17, 2012. (KSGOP Constitution, Article III)
- B. At no time during the KSGOP presidential preference caucus shall any person be required to pay a cost or fee as a stipulation of participating. Voluntary contributions to the Kansas Republican Party, a District or County Party, or to a campaign may be made, but under no circumstances shall such a contribution be mandatory.
 - C. Pursuant to the KSGOP Constitution, Article III, no persons shall participate or vote in the nominating process for the Republican Presidential candidate who also participates in the nominating process of any other party for the same or corresponding election.
 - D. No person shall be allowed to vote in more than one meeting for the same purpose in selecting the KSGOP presidential preference. Participants may vote in the caucus of their choosing held in the Congressional district in which they reside.
 - E. Any reference to Congressional districts contained in these rules shall be determined based upon the boundaries as of the most recently preceding November general election.
 - F. The KSGOP is required to notify all state executive committee members, state committee members, district committee members and officers, precinct committeepersons, county party officers, and make the best possible attempts to notify the attendees of the 2008 Kansas Republican Presidential Caucus and other readily identifiable Republican donors and activists with the details of each caucus in their district. The KSGOP, the Congressional district parties, and county parties shall make every effort to publicize the Presidential caucus in order to reach as many Republicans as possible.

SECTION III

Ballot Access and Caucus Participation

1. In order to gain access to the KSGOP caucus ballot a Republican Presidential candidate must be registered as Republican Presidential candidate with the Federal Election Commission and file a declaration of candidacy with the Kansas Republican Party, P.O. Box 4157, Topeka, KS 66604 and include a filing fee of \$10,000 on or before 5:00 PM CST, Saturday, December 31, 2011.
2. "Uncommitted" shall also appear on the ballot. No write-in candidates are allowed.
3. Each presidential candidate shall certify in writing to the State Republican Chair the name(s) of his or her authorized representative(s) no later than Saturday, December 31, 2011.

SECTION IV Presidential Preference Caucus Proceedings

1. A Congressional district may hold as many caucuses as necessary to accommodate the geographic diversity of its population.
 - A. County party organizations shall hold at least one (1) caucus in their county or partner with a neighboring county for a regional caucus.
 - B. All county parties must notify the State Chair and their Congressional district Chair by November 15, 2011 of their plans including:
 - a. the description of the planned location of their caucus(es)
 - b. an outline of how they plan to coordinate, execute, and promote their individual caucus(es); or
 - c. their plans to partner with a neighboring County caucus; or
 - d. their plans to direct their voters to participate in a nearby caucus.This information must be submitted with the notification to the Congressional District Chair and State Chair by November 15, 2011. In the event that a county central committee does not organize a caucus, other registered Republicans within that county shall have the right to organize a caucus and submit a plan to the State Chair and their Congressional District Chair for approval in similar fashion by December 5, 2011. A county who does not organize their own caucus or partner with a neighboring county for a regional caucus must be excused in writing by the State Chair, in which case they shall be allowed to direct voters in their county to participate in a nearby caucus within their Congressional District.
 - C. All caucus plans must be approved by the Congressional District Chair and/or the State Party Chair by December 12, 2011.
 - D. The KSGOP will announce the list of caucus locations and publish the list on its official website by December 15, 2011.
 - E. A county party may hold as many caucuses as necessary to accommodate the geographic diversity of its population.
2. The general process for each caucus will be as follows:
 - A. The chair of the county central committee or his or her designee or the Caucus Chair designated by the KSGOP shall open the floor to a representative of each campaign for the purpose of discussing his or her candidate's positions on issues of interest to Kansas Republican voters. Each representative shall be given no more than ten (10) minutes to make his or her presentation.
 - B. Upon the conclusion of the candidate's presentations, the chair will have ballots distributed and each voter will be allowed to cast one (1) ballot for the candidate of his or her choice. Voting shall be held open for no less than one (1) hour to allow each voter equal opportunity to vote. Each voter shall be given only one (1) ballot and may vote only one (1) time.
 - C. The results of the vote in each caucus will be tabulated and sent to KSGOP headquarters as soon as they are tabulated or no later than 5:00 PM CST on Saturday, March 10, 2012.
 - D. In the cases of a county being split between 2 Congressional Districts, those counties shall keep the Congressional District ballots separate, count them separately and report the totals accordingly.
 - E. The KSGOP Rules Committee shall be empowered to develop, pass and require implementation of rules for the proceedings of each individual caucus, not inconsistent with

these rules, which further clarify and enumerate the caucus proceedings.

3. Within three weeks following the caucus the KSGOP Executive Committee shall meet to certify the final count and results of the caucus.

SECTION V

Election of Delegates and Alternates to the Republican National Convention

1. Each Congressional District shall be required to hold a District Convention (KSGOP Bylaws Section 3(A)) for the purpose of electing three (3) Congressional District delegates and three (3) Congressional District alternate delegates to the Republican National Convention
 - A. The meeting of the Congressional District Committee shall be held no earlier than March 30, 2012 and no later than April 23, 2012.
 - B. It shall be called pursuant to Section 3(A) of the KSGOP Bylaws and said bylaws shall govern the process of the meeting.
 - C. The State Chair must be notified of the meeting of the Congressional District Committee no fewer than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting being held. The State Party shall supply each Congressional District chair with the names of each person who has completed a self-nomination form for delegate or alternate delegate no less than fourteen (14) days prior to the Congressional District convention. Any individual having properly submitting their application for a delegate or alternate delegate position shall be on the ballot for the positions they designate on their application.
 - D. Delegates shall be elected and announced prior to the election of alternate delegates. The three people receiving the highest vote totals shall receive the delegate spots. In the event of a tie the winner shall be determined by lot. If a person, having been nominated for delegate status does not receive enough votes, that person can still be considered for alternate delegate if they so desire. In the event that an individual is elected as a congressional district alternate they may decline the election and choose rather to seek election as an at-large delegate. In such event, said alternate permanently relinquishes their election as a congressional level alternate and the next highest vote getter shall receive their position until all three alternate seats are filled.
 - E. The Congressional District chair or his or her designee shall report the results to KSGOP Headquarters no more than one (1) business day following the conclusion of the convention.
 - F. Any person not chosen as a delegate or alternate delegate at the district level shall be considered for at-large delegate and/or at-large alternate delegate status as outlined in Section V, item 2 of these rules.
2. Pursuant to Rule 15 of the RNC, at-large delegates and alternates shall be elected by the Kansas Republican State Committee at a meeting called for that purpose by the Chair of the Kansas Republican Party no earlier than April 24, 2012, and no later than July 1, 2012. The number of at-large delegates to be elected shall be twenty-five (25). The number of at-large alternate delegates to be elected shall be twenty-five (25). The Kansas Republican State Committee shall meet in accordance with the KSGOP Bylaws Section 4. The meeting process shall be as follows:
 - A. Anyone, not already been elected at a Congressional District Convention as a National Convention delegate or alternate delegate, having properly submitting their application

- for a delegate or alternate delegate position shall be on the ballot for the positions they designate on their application.
- B. Those delegates and alternate delegates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected. In the event of a tie the winner shall be determined by lot.
 - C. Delegates shall be elected and announced prior to the election of alternate delegates. Those candidates for at-large delegate who were not elected, and have indicated their willingness to serve as an alternate delegate, shall have their names included in the election for at-large alternate delegate.
 - D. Each congressional district shall be entitled to at least six (6) at-large delegates and six (6) at-large alternate delegates per district. The remaining at-large delegate shall be awarded to the Congressional District which attains the highest percentage of caucus attendees based upon dividing the number of March 10, 2012 caucus attendees by the number of registered Republican voters within the Congressional District on February 17, 2012 in said district. The remaining at-large alternate delegate shall be awarded to the Congressional District which attained the second highest percentage of caucus attendees based upon dividing the number of March 10, 2012 caucus attendees by the number of registered Republican voters within the Congressional District on February 17, 2012 in said district.
3. Any registered Kansas Republican is eligible to be selected as a delegate or alternate delegate. The KSGOP Rules Committee shall develop a standard form for self-nomination of delegates and alternate delegates. Such forms shall be finalized no later than October 1, 2011. Copies of the self-nomination form shall be made available to any Kansas Republican so requesting. Completed forms must be mailed, emailed, faxed, or delivered to the offices of the Kansas Republican Party no later than 5:00 PM CST, Monday, March 12, 2012. Forms submitted after the deadline may be considered upon super majority vote (defined as 2/3 of the membership voting in the affirmative whether present or not) of the KSGOP Executive Committee. Applicants must be willing to sign an affidavit that they are willing to be bound to the results of the caucus and support the candidate their delegate seat is bound to as outlined in Section VI. The KSGOP shall make available to the bodies electing the delegates and alternate delegate copies (electronic format is acceptable) of each individual's self nomination form along with compiling an abbreviated version of the applications contents with all applicants listed as approved by the KSGOP Rules Committee.
 4. Pursuant to Rule 14(b) of the Republican National Committee, the bodies electing delegates and alternate delegates to the 2012 Republican National Convention shall take positive actions to achieve diversity through their recommendations. Pursuant to Rule 15 (c) 11 of the Republican National Committee, there shall be no automatic delegates to the national convention who serve by virtue of party position or elective office, except as provided for in Rule No. 13 (a)(2).
 5. At the Republican National Convention, all delegates and alternate delegates are required to cover their own expenses. Pursuant to RNC Rule 15(c)10, no delegate or alternate delegate, or candidate for delegate or alternate delegate, to the national convention shall be required to pay an assessment or fee in excess of that provided by the law of the state in which his or her election or selection occurs as a condition of standing for election or serving as a delegate or alternate delegate to the national convention.

6. In the election of all delegates and alternate delegates to the Republican National Convention voting by slate shall be prohibited.

Section VI

Binding of Delegates and Alternate Delegates

1. The congressional district level delegates elected to the Republican National Convention shall be bound to the winner of the Presidential vote cast at the March 10, 2012 caucus(es) of the Congressional District they represent. The winner shall be defined as the candidate, or uncommitted status, receiving the highest number of votes in said caucus(es) within that district. District level alternate delegates shall be bound by the same process. In the event of a tie between two candidates, one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate-delegate shall be bound to each of the candidates who tied and the final delegate and alternate-delegate shall be uncommitted. Delegates and alternate delegates shall remain bound until released by the candidate.
2. At-large delegates and alternate delegates shall be bound on a proportional basis to candidates receiving in excess of 20% of the certified statewide vote of the Presidential Preference caucus held on March 10, 2012. In the event that a single candidate or no candidate receives in excess of 20% of the certified statewide vote total then the sections pertaining to that requirement shall be null and void and the allocation determined from the results of the entire pool of statewide candidates. At-large delegates and alternate delegates shall be bound by the following formula:
 - A. The votes received by each Presidential Candidate who receives in excess of 20% of the total statewide vote shall be divided by the total number of valid votes cast for all Presidential Candidates receiving in excess of 20% of the statewide vote total on the March 10, 2012 KSGOP Caucus Ballot. Starting with the candidate receiving the highest number of statewide votes said percentage shall be multiplied by the total number of at-large delegates (25) rounding up to the next whole number to produce the Delegate Allotment for each candidate. Repeat this allocation process with each of the remaining Presidential Candidates in descending order of their statewide totals until all available delegates are allotted.
 - B. Alternates are bound in a similar fashion.

C. EXAMPLE:

STATEWIDE CAUCUS RESULTS		
Candidate	Vote Total	Percentage
Candidate A	6735	22%
Candidate B	695	2%
Candidate C	9013	29%
Candidate D	11903	38%
Candidate E	2005	6%
Candidate F	813	3%
Candidate U	156	0%
TOTAL	31320	

CANDIDATES RECEIVING 20+%	Vote Count	Raw %	Delegates Before Rounding	Final Delegates Rounded
Candidate D	11903	43.05%	10.7625	11
Candidate C	9013	32.60%	8.150	9
Candidate A	6735	24.36%	6.09	5 (Remaining)
	27651			25

- D. The KSGOP Rules Committee shall prepare the final formula and delegate allotments upon certification of the results of the Presidential caucus. The KSGOP Executive Committee upon affirmative vote of 2/3 of all members whether present or not shall certify the proportional allocation of the at-large delegates and alternates by April 15, 2012. In the event that questions arise relative to the delegate allotment, preference in awarding delegates shall always be given by rank to the candidate receiving the highest number of total statewide votes. Delegates and alternate delegates shall remain bound until released by the candidate.
3. The Chair, National Committeeman, and National Committeewoman shall be bound to support the winner of the statewide March 10, 2012 KSGOP caucus results and shall remain bound until released by the candidate. The statewide winner shall be defined as the candidate, or uncommitted status, receiving the highest statewide total number of votes from all caucus(es) within the state of Kansas on March 10, 2012.

SECTION VII

Vacancies

1. Should any individual, duly elected at the congressional district convention as either a delegate or alternate delegate decide to vacate or decline their position, they shall submit written notification of their intention to the State Chair. Within fourteen (14) days of receipt of such notification, the State Chair shall call a meeting of the KSGOP Executive Committee for the purpose of electing a replacement delegate or alternate delegate to the National Convention. When electing the replacement the KSGOP Executive Committee shall request and solicit input from the Congressional District party leadership where the vacancy occurs.
2. Should any duly elected at-large delegate or at-large level alternate delegate decide to vacate or decline their position, they shall submit written notification of their intention to the State Chair. In such an event the State Chair shall seat individuals in the following manner. In the case of a vacated delegate seat the State Chair shall seat in the vacated delegate's position the at-large alternate delegate from that congressional District who received the highest number of votes at the KSGOP State Committee election for at-large delegates and alternates. Tie votes shall be decided by lot. In the case of a vacated alternate delegate seat the State Chair shall seat the individual with the next highest number of votes, who is not already seated as an alternate, from the pool of at-large alternate candidates within that congressional district voted on at the state committee election. Tie votes shall be decided by lot. Multiple vacancies shall be filled in similar fashion in succession. In the event there are not sufficient remaining candidates on the ballot to fill the required vacancies the KSGOP Executive Committee shall be empowered to elect a replacement in a similar fashion to Section VII, 1.

SECTION VIII

Delegation Chair

1. Upon approval of these rules, the 2012 Republican National Convention delegation chair from Kansas shall be the Kansas Republican Party State Chair unless otherwise designated by the State Chair.

SECTION IX

Summary

1. The Presidential Preference Caucus will be held on Saturday, March 10, 2012 at 10:00 AM CST. Each county, unless excused by the State Chair, shall hold a caucus or partner with a neighboring county to hold a regional caucus.

Delegates and alternate delegates are summarized as follows:

Type	Delegates	Alternates	Process	Selecting body
Committed to Presidential Candidate based on Congressional District caucus results	12	12	Elected at a meeting of the Congressional District Committee.	Congressional District Committee Members.
At-Large delegates and alternates committed proportionally to overall statewide caucus results.	25	25	Elected at a meeting of the State Committee	State Committee Members
State Chair, National committeeman and woman	3	N/A		
Total	40	37		

2. Three delegates and alternate delegates will be elected by each Congressional District Committee at a meeting called no later than April 23, 2012. Those delegates and alternate delegates are bound to the winner of the Congressional District caucus(es) they represent.
3. The remaining at-large delegates and alternate delegates will be elected by the State Committee at a meeting no later than July 1, 2012. The at-large delegates and alternate delegates are bound proportionately to the results of the caucus held on March 10, 2012.
4. The state chair and national committee members are bound to the statewide winner of the caucus held on March 10, 2012.
5. Self-nomination forms will be available to all registered Republicans from State Party Headquarters no later than October 1, 2011.

6. Timeline

Date	Activity
August 13, 2011	Approval of plan for submission to RNC
October 1, 2011	Deadline for submission of plan to RNC for approval and self-nomination forms are available for qualified Republicans from KS GOP headquarters. www.ksgop.org .
November 15, 2011	Deadline for County Chairs to notify Congressional District Chairs and State Party Chair of caucus plan.
December 5, 2011	Deadline for others besides County Chairs to notify Congressional District Chairs and State Party Chair of caucus plan.
December 12, 2011	Deadline for Caucus plans to be confirmed.
December 15, 2011	List of Caucus locations available from the State Party.
December 31, 2011	Deadline for presidential candidates to participate in caucus.
February 17, 2012	Voter registration for the Presidential Preference Caucus is Closed.
March 10, 2012	Presidential Preference Caucuses held.
March 12, 2012	Deadline for receipt of self-nomination forms.
By April 23, 2012	Congressional Districts meet and elect 3 delegates and 3 alternate delegates per district to the RNC 2012 Convention.
By July 1, 2012	State Party Committee will meet to elect at-large delegates and alternate delegates to Republican National Convention.