

**Republican Party of Iowa Presidential Straw Poll 2011 Rules**  
As approved by the RPI State Central Committee on May 14, 2011

Straw Poll Meetings:

- A. Campaigns are limited to two representatives attending each meeting; however, each campaign must designate one staff member as the primary contact for the Straw Poll.
- B. Straw Poll meetings will be established with 5 days notice.
- C. Minutes from the meetings will be emailed to all campaigns within a week of the meeting. The August meeting minutes will be emailed within 2 days following the meeting.
- D. A certified shorthand reporter will be present to record all proceedings at the Straw Poll meetings.
- E. The Republican Party of Iowa reserves the right to video tape all Straw Poll meetings and retains the sole rights to all recordings.

Campaign Materials:

- A. Doors at Hilton will be open from **8:00 am until 10:00am** on Friday, August 12 for campaigns to decorate, hang banners, etc. Use the south upper-level entrance.
- B. Campaign banners, signs and posters may be hung inside the Coliseum as well as on the concourse level at Hilton. Signs and posters may be taped to the concrete surfaces of the Coliseum with **duct tape only**. The duct tape will be provided by Hilton: tape may be picked up from an RPI designee on August 12, between 8:00 am and 10:00 am. Banners may be hung with rope. No taping is permitted on doors, or glass and wood surfaces. No signs or banners are allowed on ISU building exteriors.
- C. Banners may be hung inside the Coliseum, but there is very limited space for large banners. Banners may be hung on the face of the wall of the balcony, but cannot extend above or below the concrete surface of the balcony face wall. Nothing may be placed over any of the air ducts inside the Coliseum. To meet these constraints, the maximum size for banners placed on the balcony face is 54 inches wide by 42 inches tall.
- D. No campaign materials may be hung in the area directly behind the stage/podium or on the draping around the stage. The area is designated for RPI use only.
- E. **NO STICKERS** of any type are permitted. If your candidate's stickers are found on any surface (inside or outside), your campaign will be charged a clean up fee of \$10 per sticker.
- F. No literature tables will be available for Presidential campaigns.
- G. Campaigns may not place any materials on chairs inside the Coliseum.
- H. Campaigns may not hand out materials inside the Coliseum.
- I. Confetti drops, aerial equipment and other special effects, must be approved by RPI and the Iowa State Center, and must be coordinated by July 29, 2011. **Air horns are NOT allowed in any ISU buildings and property.** Some special effects may be subject to additional insurance, licensing, or other requirements by the Iowa State Center. The Iowa State Center reserves the right not to hang bags or other special effects if they do not meet Iowa State Center safety standards. If additional charges are incurred as a result of the special effect, that campaign will be billed by the Iowa State Center.
- J. Campaigns are responsible for taking down their own banners and signs and removing any left-over campaign materials at the conclusion of the event. Any materials remaining will be discarded and campaigns will be charged a cleaning fee.
- K. No sticks, sign posts, flag poles, or other similar potentially dangerous item may be brought into the Coliseum. Banners or flags that restrict other guests' view of the stage, or otherwise interfere with

their participation in the event, are prohibited. Small, handheld flags on dowels no longer than 18 inches are permitted.

#### Hilton Coliseum Program Entries/Doors:

- A. There will be a separate ticket for the Hilton Coliseum Program.
- B. Hilton Coliseum program ticketed attendees must enter through the west bank of the north doors. Only mobility-impaired attendees may enter through the lower level west door.
- C. Doors open at 11:00 am.
- D. If attendees enter and leave the building, they will be allowed to re-enter at a later time.

#### Parking:

- A. Campaign materials, leaflets, or flyers found in ISU parking areas will be assessed a fine by the Iowa State Center to the offending campaign.
- B. Each campaign will receive 10 VIP parking passes. You may disburse them however you wish; however, there will not be reserved parking for your candidate, except for these VIP passes.
- C. Parking in fire lanes is prohibited.
- D. Iowa State Center personnel will direct buses to special bus parking area.
- E. Iowa State Center personnel will direct general parking.
- F. Handicap parking is available on the southwest side of Hilton (Lot B2).

#### Tents/Receptions:

- A. Spaces on the grounds of the Iowa State Center used for pre-event receptions, parties, etc., will be auctioned at the June meeting. Payment for the space must be made in full to RPI within 7 calendar days following the auction at 5:00 p.m. If payment is not made in full by the deadline, the space will be forfeited to RPI and auctioned again. Campaigns are responsible in making their own arrangements for tents, rooms, catering, etc.
- B. Alcohol may not be brought onto the premises of the Iowa State Center.
- C. Iowa State Center will not provide equipment, tables, chairs, podiums, staging, sounds, etc to campaigns. Campaigns must contract their own outside vendor for these services. RPI will assume the cost of all Iowa State Center event expenses.
- D. All decorations, banners, signs, etc. must be confined within the borders of the campaign's assigned area. No signs, banners, or other decorations may be placed within a campaign's area, or on the area's perimeter, in such a way that interferes with another campaign's area.
- E. Any banners hung outside on Iowa State Center grounds must have wind-slits to allow air to flow through them.
- F. The use of sidewalk chalk, or any other item that may deface Iowa State Center property, either temporarily or permanently, is prohibited.
- G. Any streets or sidewalks that go through a campaign's assigned area are considered "public areas", and may not be obstructed or decorated in any way.
- H. Campaign demonstrations will only be allowed in designated areas.

#### Tickets:

- A. Ticket cost is \$30.00 per person.

- B. Tickets distribution TBD
- C. Absolutely no refunds will be issued. All ticket sales are final. No replacements tickets for lost, stolen, or damaged tickets.
- D. Once tickets are purchased and leave the RPI office, they are no longer RPI's responsibility.

#### Program:

- A. Doors for the Iowa Straw Poll open at 10:00 am. Voting will be open from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm. Voting participants may vote before, during, or after the candidates' speeches. Results will be announced after voting ceases.
- B. Each candidate receives 15 minutes for their speech/program. Your 15 minute program must be submitted to RPI by July 29<sup>th</sup>. Timers will be seated in front of the podium and will signal each candidate with a yellow flag when they have 1 minute remaining, a red flag when no time is left. Mics will be cut after 15 minutes. Each campaign will have 3 minutes prior to their candidate's speech to move supporters into the mosh pit area in front of the stage.
- C. There will be no stand-in speakers; only presidential candidates themselves will be allowed a forum.
- D. RPI provides standard sound equipment – no wireless mics.
- E. Speaking order will be determined at the campaign meeting in July by a draw of a hat. Program outlines will be given to each campaign at the August meeting.
- F. Pyro-techniques are allowed at Hilton, if operated by a federally licensed operator. Campaigns must provide RPI and Iowa State Center a copy of the operator's license and a description of the planned pyro-technique display. Campaigns, or the pyrotechnic company, must also provide an additional certificate of insurance per requirements stipulated by RPI and the Iowa State Center.
- G. All candidates will be introduced by a person who will be determined by the Republican Party of Iowa.

#### Voting / Balloting:

- A. Balloting begins when doors open at 10:00 am and continues until 4:00 pm when the voting areas are shut down. Votes will be tallied by the Secretary of State's office and results will be announced by emcee.
- B. The poll will be conducted on a one vote per person basis.
- C. Participants of the straw poll shall be Iowa residents who are registered voters or an eligible registered voter who will be 18 years of age on or before November 6, 2012. Only ticket holders who present photo identification of the following type will be allowed to vote: current and valid Iowa Driver's License or non-operator ID, Military ID or Student Photo ID from an Iowa College/University. ID's will be checked at voting areas.
- D. All result information obtained from the straw poll will be made available to the media and to the campaign committees.
- E. Voting machines will be used and will be located in secured areas.
- F. Each campaign is allowed to have 1 representative to observe the voting process per voting location, and up to 2 representatives to observe the tallying process. Campaigns must provide names of representatives by July 29, 2011.
- G. The Secretary of State's Office will oversee the voting process.
- H. Candidates will be listed on the voting ballot in randomized, rotating order according to last name.
- I. The Republican State Central Committee will determine the minimum requirements to appear on the ballot for the Straw Poll. The requirements for inclusion on the ballot will be: the purchase of space

at the land auction and the candidate having filed the appropriate campaign committee papers with the FEC; or at the discretion of the Republican Party of Iowa.

Miscellaneous:

- A. Any arrangements not explicitly addressed in these rules must be cleared by the Republican Party of Iowa by July 29, 2011. We encourage creativity, however we must operate within the policies of the Iowa State Center, provisions of RPI's insurance waiver and in regard to general safety concerns. **Special requests made by each campaign will be kept confidential by RPI staff and will not be disclosed to other campaigns.**
- B. Each candidate will be assigned a war room. Rooms will be available at 8:00 am August 13<sup>th</sup> and may be used until the end of the event. We will provide table and chairs in each room.
- C. Each candidate will be assigned a holding room in Hilton Coliseum. Rooms will be available when doors open at 10:00 am and may be used until the end of the event. We will provide table and chairs in each holding room.
- D. Silly string and other similar products are not allowed on the Iowa State Center grounds or inside any of the buildings.
- E. Hilton is a non-smoking facility.
- F. Food will be served inside Hilton. Hilton concessions will serve non-alcoholic beverages at their prices.
- G. No obstruction of traffic flow on outdoor stairways to either entrances or on the concourse level inside will be allowed.
- H. No animals are allowed on Iowa State Center premises, except those required for assistance to individuals with special needs.
- I. Any materials, banners, etc. left by campaigns will be thrown away and the campaign will be charged the cleaning costs.
- J. A campaign may not remove another campaign's materials.
- K. RPI will not disclose number of tickets sold or amount of money raised prior to August 13 at the conclusion of the event.
- L. Photographers and / or videographers are allowed inside the Coliseum; however, they will not be admitted into the building without a media credential.
- M. The Straw Poll Ballot will be publically released following the July 23, 2011 State Central Committee meeting.

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