

NEW HAMPSHIRE REPUBLICAN STATE COMMITTEE

2025 ANNUAL MEETING RULES COMMITTEE REPORT

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following be and they are hereby adopted as the Rules of the Annual Meeting of the New Hampshire Republican State Committee (“NHRSC”):

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BUSINESS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

RULE NO. 1 **DATES AND TIMES FOR THE MEETING**

Meeting Date: January 25, 2025

Credentialing Opens 9:00 AM

Credentialing Closes 10:30 AM

Meeting Starts 10:00 AM

Bylaw amendment proposals due by: 12:00 Noon on Monday, January 6, 2025

Resolution proposals due by: 12:00 Noon on Monday, January 6, 2025

Officer Candidacy Notice due by: 12:00 Noon on Friday, January 17, 2025

RULE NO. 2 **PRESIDING OFFICER**

The Chairman of the New Hampshire Republican State Committee shall be the presiding officer of the Annual Meeting and shall appoint the other Officers of the Annual Meeting, *viz.* Parliamentarian, Secretary, and Sergeant-at-Arms. If the Chairman is absent, the Vice Chairman of the New Hampshire Republican State Committee shall be the presiding officer. If the Chairman and Vice Chairman are absent, the Secretary of the New Hampshire Republican State Committee shall be the presiding officer. If the Meeting includes the election of a new Chairman of the New Hampshire Republican State Committee, the presiding officer may, in his or her sole discretion, transfer to the newly-elected Chairman of the New Hampshire Republican State Committee, his or her responsibilities for presiding over the balance of the Annual Meeting. If a question comes before the Annual Meeting that relates directly to the election or the financial interests of the presiding officer, the presiding officer shall appoint a presiding officer *pro tem* to preside during the consideration of the question.

RULE NO. 3 **VOTING MEMBERS**

Voting State Committee Members (each of which a “Member”) to the Annual Meeting shall be those individuals qualified pursuant to Article V, Section 1 of the Bylaws of the New Hampshire Republican State Committee, (the “Bylaws”), unless otherwise disqualified pursuant to the Bylaws, who have been credentialed for the Meeting during the credentialing period stated in Rule No. 1.

RULE NO. 4
ADMISSION TO THE MEETING HALL

No person except Members who have been credentialed and those staff designated by the presiding officer shall be admitted to the section of the meeting hall restricted to Members. Press, guests and non-designated staff shall be admitted to the section(s) of the hall authorized for them. Doors to the building shall open for credentialing at the time stated in Rule No. 1. All Members must be credentialed prior to the close of credentialing as stated in Rule No. 1. Only credentialed Members may vote at, speak at, or participate in, the Meeting

RULE NO. 5
RULES OF ORDER

The Rules contained herein, upon adoption by the Members in meeting, shall serve as the Rules of Order for the Annual Meeting. The published current edition of "Robert's Rules of Order" shall be the parliamentary guide. Where there is a conflict between these Rules and Robert's Rules the conflict shall be resolved in favor of these Rules. Voting for officers and bylaw amendments shall not begin prior to the close of credentialing as stated in Rule No. 1.

RULE NO. 6
ANNUAL MEETING REPORTS

The presiding officer shall hear the report of the Committee on Rules and verify the presence of a quorum before the business of the Annual Meeting commences.

Any report presented at the Annual Meeting shall be provided to each Member in writing no later than at the time of the Member's credentialing at the Annual Meeting. The oral presentation of each report shall consist only of a summary of the report's contents. In no case shall any such report be read aloud verbatim.

RULE NO. 7
QUORUM AND VOTING

At least one-fourth (1/4) of the total membership of the NHRSC shall be necessary to constitute a quorum. Each Member shall be entitled to one (1) vote, which may not be cast by any other person. Amendments to the Bylaws shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority of those present and voting for adoption.

RULE NO. 8
ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Before the Annual Meeting has voted on all proposed amendments to the Bylaws and all proposed resolutions in accordance with these Rules, the Annual Meeting will nominate and elect the officers of the NHRSC. To be nominated as an officer of the NHRSC, a

candidate must notify the Executive Director (or their previously identified alternate) of the NHRSC, before the time stated in Rule No. 1, of the candidate's intent to seek the office; provided, however, that, notwithstanding Rule 8, this deadline may be waived by a majority vote of the Annual Meeting.

- A. Nominations and Officer Elections will be held during the Annual Meeting:
1. immediately following a biennial election: for Assistant Treasurer, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary, Secretary, Vice Chairman, and Chairman and also for five (5) Regional Vice Chairmen
 2. in a Presidential election year, for National Committee Man and National Committee Woman
 3. for any Officers previously elected by the Executive Committee to fill a vacancy under Article II of the NHRSC Bylaws

B. The presiding officer shall recognize Members who wish to nominate registered Republicans who reside in New Hampshire for offices to be elected as described above. The presiding officer shall recognize Members who wish to second such nominations. Such nominating and seconding speeches shall not exceed a combined total of two (2) minutes. Candidates for office must accept the nomination and shall have three (3) minutes to speak.

C. All elections for party officers shall be by secret ballot, except in cases where only one candidate is nominated. In such cases, the presiding officer may request that a motion be made and seconded from the floor that nominations be closed and the Secretary be instructed to cast one ballot for the sole candidate.

D. If more than two candidates receive votes for an office and no candidate obtains a majority on the first ballot, a second vote shall be taken in that race. Only the two candidates having the largest number of votes on the first ballot shall appear on the second ballot.

E. If required under Rule 8(A), five Regional Vice Chairmen shall be elected immediately after the election of those other officers enumerated in Rule 8(A).1. The Annual Meeting shall be divided by the presiding officer into regional caucuses consisting of those Members residing in the counties within each region specified by Article II of the NHRSC Bylaws as follows:

- Region 1: Carroll, Coos and Grafton Counties
- Region 2: Rockingham and Strafford Counties
- Region 3: Hillsborough County
- Region 4: Cheshire and Sullivan Counties
- Region 5: Belknap and Merrimack Counties

The same time limits for nominating, seconding, and acceptance speeches shall apply to the election of the Regional Vice Chairman as all other officers, specified in Rule 8(B). Upon completion of the election of the Regional Vice Chairmen, the Annual Meeting shall reconvene and the presiding officer shall announce the results of the Regional Caucuses.

RULE NO. 9
BYLAW AMENDMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS

A. Bylaws Amendments.

1. Any Member, or a Bylaws Committee established by the NHRSC Executive Committee, may propose one or more amendments to the Bylaws in accordance with this Rule 9. Any such amendment shall be submitted in writing, by the time stated in Rule No. 1, to the NHRSC by e-mail, U.S. Mail, overnight carrier, or any other means reasonably calculated to ensure delivery of the proposed amendment by the deadline. Proposed amendments shall be submitted separately on forms designated and provided for that purpose on the NHRSC website and shall be accompanied by a brief explanation of the purpose of the amendment. No proposed amendment to the Bylaws received by the NHRSC after the deadline will be considered at the Annual Meeting.

2. The NHRSC Executive Committee shall meet and confer upon all proposed amendments to the Bylaws. The Executive Committee shall have the authority to

- a. make editorial changes to any proposed amendment to improve its readability or clarify its intent;
- b. consolidate two or more proposed amendments having the same substantive purpose; and
- c. recommend for or against the adoption of any proposed amendment.

B. Resolutions

Any Member may propose a resolution for adoption by the Annual Meeting by providing the proposed resolution in writing to the NHRSC Chairman no later than the time stated in Rule No. 1. Any such resolution must be sponsored by at least ten (10) Members, and the name of each sponsor must appear on the resolution provided to the NHRSC Chairman. Resolutions addressing different subject matters must be submitted separately. The Chairman shall not accept resolutions addressing more than one subject matter. The sponsors of any such resolution must distribute copies of the resolution to each of the Members before the close of credentialing as stated in Rule No. 1.

C. Consideration and Debate

1. The Chairman shall take up each proposed amendment to the Bylaws in sequence. The Chairman shall recognize one Member who is a sponsor of each proposed amendment to the Bylaws, and that Member will be allotted five (5) minutes to present the proposed amendment. Severance of proposed amendments to separate and appropriate sections of the bylaws in a single proposal is permissible. The Chairman will announce any recommendation of the Executive Committee on the proposed amendment after the presentation given by the sponsoring Member. The Chairman will then open debate and recognize any other Member wishing to be heard

on the amendment. The remarks of any such Member shall not exceed two (2) minutes. No motion to amend any such proposed amendment will be accepted by the presiding officer. Upon conclusion of debate, the Chairman will call for a vote on the proposed amendment. The vote shall be by voice vote unless the Chairman is unable to determine the result of the voice vote and a Member requests a standing division vote.

2. Only Members who have registered to speak in advance shall be allowed to speak from the Annual Meeting floor. NHRSC staff will inform the Members no later than the time they are credentialed of the procedure for registration to speak. Any Member wishing to speak from the Annual Meeting floor must be recognized by the presiding officer, shall use one of the microphones, and shall state his/her name and city/town. No Member shall speak from the floor more than once on the same proposed amendment. Debate on proposed amendments to the Bylaws shall not exceed ninety (90) minutes unless otherwise allowed by the presiding officer of the Annual Meeting or by vote of the Members. Debate shall cease, without further motion, at the expiration of the time from the start of debate or when all registered speakers have been heard, whichever occurs first. If the Annual Meeting adopts conflicting amendments to the Bylaws, the later-adopted amendment shall take precedence over the earlier-adopted amendment to the extent the two are not reconcilable.

3. After the Annual Meeting has voted on the proposed amendments to the Bylaws, the Annual Meeting shall proceed to consider and vote upon any resolutions proposed in accordance with Rule 9(B). One of the Members who sponsored the proposed resolution will be recognized and allotted two (2) minutes to present it and to move its adoption. Upon a second of the motion, discussion of the resolution will begin. Any Member wishing to speak to the motion shall stand at one of the microphones to be recognized by the presiding officer. No Member may speak more than once or for longer than one (1) minute on the same resolution. Debate on any resolution shall not exceed ten minutes unless otherwise allowed by the presiding officer of the Annual Meeting or by vote of the Members.

RULE NO. 10
SUSPENSION OF RULES, MOTIONS, MISCELLANEOUS

A motion to suspend a Rule shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Members present and voting. All motions consisting of more than fifteen (15) words shall be submitted in writing at the request of the presiding officer before discussion of the motion begins. Motions for reconsideration shall not be in order.

RULE NO. 11
TEMPORARY RULES

These Rules shall be the temporary Rules of the Republican State Committee Annual Meeting and its committees and subcommittees, unless and until superseded.

Submitted by:

2025 NHRSC Committee on Rules

Dated this 21st day of November, 2024.

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