

# RPNM Quadrennial Convention

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## Special Rules

1. **All Convention** Delegates and Guests must be registered Republicans. Voter ID may be required.
  - a. When all certified Republican Convention SCC Members and Delegates have been seated in the convention hall, the Convention guests may be seated until room capacity is met.
  - b. The final list of registered Republicans received from the Secretary of State within fourteen (14) days was used for verification of Convention Attendees.
2. **Hand-held literature** may be distributed within the convention after the State Central Committee has adjourned their meeting.
3. **Limitations and Alerts:**
  - a. No videotaping of the State Central Committee meeting or the Quadrennial Convention will be allowed except by designated RPNM staff. Videos will be taken to verify the proper permanent minutes of the two meetings.
  - b. Unrecognized floor debate or comments will not be accepted during the SCC Meeting or the State Quad Convention.
  - c. Discussions Time Allowed
    - i. The Special Rules discussion will be limited to 20 minutes.
    - ii. Each recommended rule change discussion will be limited to 5 minutes.
    - iii. When possible, preference will be given to speakers who have not been recognized to speak on other issues during the meeting.
    - iv. The discussion of appointees for the rules committee will be limited to 10 minutes
  - d. Any person who ignores either section “a” or “b” of this provision will be escorted from the SCC or Convention by the Sergeants-at-Arms, and shall not be readmitted in the convention hall and will lose all voting privileges, including any proxies they carry.
4. **Voting:**
  - a. The Convention Rules Committee Chair shall oversee the voting at the SCC and the Quadrennial Convention.
  - b. Voting at the SCC meeting shall be by voice vote unless the body approves otherwise.

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- c. Any challenge to the seating of a county delegation shall be determined by the SCC and then approved during the convention.  
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- d. Voting at the Quadrennial Convention for National Delegates shall be by paper ballot:
  - i. Credentials Report will be announced prior to voting.
  - ii. Ballots with more names than allowed (**over votes**) shall be marked **VOID**.
  - iii. Ballots with fewer names than allowed (**under votes**) shall be marked **VALID**.
  - iv. If there is a tie for a delegate seat, then those individuals will draw cards to fill that seat and any additional seats; until all tied individuals are seated, or there are no additional seats available.
  - v. Any ballots with mistakes by the voter may be exchanged one time only if the Convention Secretary approves.

### 5. National Committeeman & Committeewoman Forum

- a. Timekeeper will be in front of the stage.
- b. Unopposed positions may have an introductory speech of 2 minutes.
- c. Opposed positions will have a forum as follows:
  - i. Determination of who speaks first will be by flip of a coin, one tosses, one calls.
  - ii. Each will be allowed a 2-minute introductory statement.
  - iii. The person that spoke last will begin with the first question by pulling a number from a basket and will have 1 minute to answer. The second person will have 1 minute to answer the same question. If someone names or refers to their opponent, the opponent may have a 30 second rebuttal.
  - iv. After a total of 5 questions, each candidate will be allowed a 3-minute closing statement, beginning with whomever spoke last in the opening statements.

6. **The Rule of the Gavel** shall be the governing parliamentary procedure for both the SCC Meeting and the Quadrennial Convention.

7. **Press and their equipment** shall not be allowed in the SCC meeting or the Quadrennial Convention.