

**MARICOPA COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE  
MANDATORY MEETING - JANUARY 14, 2012  
RULES**

Your appointed Rules Committee does hereby submit the following report as the proposed Rules to govern the Mandatory Meeting of the Maricopa County Republican Committee (the "MCRC") of Jan. 14, 2012.

**RULE I**

**GOVERNING EFFECT**

These Rules shall govern the Mandatory Meeting of the Maricopa County Republican Committee of the Republican Party of Arizona in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not in conflict with the Statutes of the State of Arizona, the Bylaws of the Maricopa County Republican Committee, or the Bylaws of the Arizona Republican Party. All matters not otherwise covered in these Rules, the Bylaws of the Maricopa County Republican Committee, or the Bylaws of the Arizona Republican Party shall be governed by the 10<sup>th</sup> edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

**RULE II**

**PRESIDING OFFICER**

The County Chairman shall preside at the Mandatory Meeting and shall designate a Parliamentarian, Timekeepers, and a Sergeant-at-Arms, as needed. The duly elected District Chairmen shall be assistants to the Sergeant-at-Arms.

**RULE III**

**VOTING MEMBERS**

Voting members at the Mandatory Meeting shall be limited to Precinct Committeemen elected at the Primary Election on August 24, 2010 and Precinct Committeemen appointed by the Maricopa Board of Supervisors not less than forty-five days prior to the Mandatory Meeting. A Precinct Committeeman who has lost his or her voting privileges under the Bylaws of the Maricopa County Republican Committee (i.e., Art 5, Sec 1B; Art 6, Sect 5B) shall not be considered a voting member and not entitled to vote. The voting members shall be entitled to vote in person or by proxy. The proxy must be carried by a registered Republican currently residing in the same Precinct as the voting member and the proxy carrier must not have lost his or her voting privileges (Art 4, Sec 3; Art 6, Sect 5B). The proxy must be signed by a Notary or two (2) witnesses other than the proxy carrier and the Precinct Committeeman. After registration at the Mandatory Meeting by a voting member, his or her vote may be cast by the registered voting member or may be passed on by proxy to another voting member using the form pre-printed on the voting credentials that the voting member received during the registration process. Proxies thus created at the meeting may not be re-proxied to a third party (Art 4, Sec 2, C2).

Voting members shall be seated in a section reserved for them. Guests shall be seated apart from the voting members.

**RULE IV**

**NOMINATIONS**

Nominations for members-at-large shall be made by a Nomination Committee composed of the District Chairmen or their designated representatives (Art 4, Sect 1B). Additional candidates for the county offices may be nominated from the floor (Art 4, Sect 1B). Each candidate will be entitled to nominating and seconding speeches not to exceed a total of three (3) minutes.

**RULE V**

**BALLOTING**

Ballot voting shall be used if there is a contested election. If only five (5) people are nominated for member-at-large, the vote may be by voice vote. The Credentials Committee shall keep the roll of the voting members qualified to vote. Only those ballots prepared and distributed by the Credentials Committee shall be accepted for tally.

Election of Members-at-Large shall be determined by a majority vote of the voting members of the MCRC present, in person or by proxy. A majority vote is defined as receiving a vote from over fifty percent (50%) of the voting members. For example, if a hundred voting members are present, in person or by proxy, a nominee has received a majority vote if fifty-one or more of the hundred voting members vote for the nominee. The procedure for electing the five Members-at-Large shall be as follows:

- a. On the first ballot each voting member of the MCRC present, in person or by proxy, may vote for no more than five (5) of the nominees;
- b. If, after the first ballot, all of the five (5) offices are not filled by a majority vote, the nominees for the second ballot for the vacant offices shall be the nominees who were not elected but received the next highest plurality of votes. The number of remaining vacant offices shall be multiplied by two (2) and the resulting number shall be the number of nominees for the second ballot. For example, if four of the five member-at-large offices are filled by majority vote after the first vote, the two unelected nominees receiving the highest plurality of votes in the first ballot would be the only nominees for the one remaining office on the second ballot; and
- c. In the event that all of the offices are not filled on the second ballot, the procedures shall be repeated until all offices are filled (Art 4, Sect 2B).

RULE VI  
DEBATE

No person other than a voting member may be recognized for the purpose of motions or to address any pending question. No voting member may speak on any pending question longer than one (1) minute. After a voting member has spoken once on a pending question, he or she may not speak again on the same question until everyone else has had an opportunity to speak upon such question. If such a voting member speaks a second time, he or she shall be limited to one (1) minute. No voting member may speak more than twice on any pending question. There will be a maximum time of five (5) minutes allowed for each of the affirmative and negative sides of debate for a pending question.

RULE VII  
RESOLUTIONS

The Resolution Committee may present one or more resolutions for consideration by the voting members. Any resolution not timely presented to the Resolutions Committee or any resolutions presented to and rejected by the Resolutions Committee may be brought to the floor only if sponsored by not less than one hundred (100) Precinct Committeeman present, representing no less than eight (8) legislative districts. The resolution must be presented in writing to the Resolutions Committee at least thirty (30) minutes prior to the Resolution Committee's report. Each resolution, unless previously submitted to the Resolutions Committee and included with the call for the Mandatory Meeting, shall be submitted in sufficient copies for each voting member present in person to receive a copy of the resolution. No amendments/changes to a proposed Resolution will be heard from the floor. Voting on a resolution will be by ballot. Passage of the Resolution will be declared upon receiving a majority of the vote rendered.

RULE VIII  
AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

Only Amendments to the Bylaws submitted to and approved by the Bylaws Committee will be considered. No amendments/changes to a proposed Amendment to the Bylaws will be heard from the floor. Voting on an Amendment to the Bylaws will be by ballot. Amendments to the Bylaws shall require a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of voting members present in person or by proxy.

RULE IX  
CELL PHONES

Cell phones must be turned off or remain in vibrate during the Mandatory Meeting.

RULE X  
AMENDMENT TO THESE RULES

After adoption, these Rules may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those voting members present in person or by proxy.

Rules Committee  
Daniel J. Schultz, Chairman  
Dated: December 20, 2011