

Convention Rules

Adopted by the Prohibition National Committee on 25 April 2020

§1 – Convention call

A. The call for a Quadrennial Convention of the national Prohibition Party shall be issued by the Chairman of the Prohibition National Committee.

B. The call shall require the approval of the national Executive Committee and shall include:

1. The dates and hours
2. The location
3. An agenda

C. All members of the Prohibition National Committee shall be notified by email or by first-class mail not later than March 31 of the year of the convention and again periodically during that year up to the convention time.

D. Every effort will be made to disseminate official press releases announcing the convention to all forms of media at least two months prior to the convention and again one month prior to the convention.

§2 – Purpose

A. The purposes of the Quadrennial Convention shall be:

1. To update and/or change and adopt the party platform
2. Elect members of the Prohibition National Committee, which then elects its own officers

3. Nominate the presidential and vice-presidential candidates for those offices of the United States

4. Such other business as deemed necessary either by the Prohibition National Committee or by the Convention Committee

§3 -- Delegates

A. Each state is authorized voting delegates equal to its number of Congressmen.

B. The delegates from each state will be chosen by the state executive committee, except that where there is no such state committee, the National Committee chairman may appoint such delegates, with the approval of the national Executive Committee.

C. Each state chairman shall certify to the national executive committee the name of each state delegate. Those appointed by the national chairman will be certified by a letter from the national chairman.

D. a. Only members in good standing in the Party shall be eligible to be designated by their respective States, or by the National Chairman, to be Voting Delegates to the Quadrennial Convention.

D.b. -- Voting delegates to the Quadrennial Convention shall be certified by the National Chairman or the National Secretary no later than 21 days prior to the start of the Quadrennial Convention.

§4 – Credentials Committee

A. The convention committee chairman, with the approval of the convention committee, shall appoint three (3) delegates not all from the same state to serve as credentials committee members for the duration of the current convention.

B. It will be the responsibility of the credentials committee to assure the proper certification of each delegate to the convention.

C. The credentials committee will report the approved list of credentialed delegates to the convention chairman immediately following the opening remarks and introductions at the beginning of the convention.

§5 – Visitors

Visitors may be allowed to attend the convention at the discretion of the convention committee. They may attend all sessions but will not be allowed to vote.

§6 – Party Platform

Each state delegation is entitled to name a member of the Platform Committee. The Committee shall present a complete platform to the Convention for its consideration. The platform adopted by the Convention shall be final, except that one or more persons may be designated by the Convention Chairman to make grammatical corrections after the Convention is over.

§7 – Convention Officers

A. Convention officers shall be appointed in advance by the Executive Committee.

B. The officers of the Quadrennial Convention shall be:

1. Convention chairman
2. Convention secretary
3. Sergeant-at-arms
4. Parliamentarian

C. The convention officers shall be presented to the convention body by the national party Chairman, confirmed (or not) by the delegates, and seated at the beginning of the Quadrennial Convention. The national chairman will then relinquish the podium to the convention chairman.

D. Other convention officers may be appointed by the convention officers as needed to facilitate the orderly conduct of convention business.

§8 – Nominations for President

A. Nominations for president and vice-president shall be accepted from the floor but must be made by credentialed delegates. An individual may nominate himself.

B. Brief nominating speeches may be made prior to the roll-call vote.

C. When two or more nominations are made for one office, there will be a roll-call vote of the credentialed delegates and officers. If there is only one nomination, the convention chairman shall call for a unanimous vote.

§9 – Quadrennial Convention Site and Date

A. Convention delegates may discuss the site and date of the next quadrennial convention. In the event there is no selection adopted prior to the adjournment of the convention, the Executive Committee of the Prohibition National Committee shall make a decision

B. The Executive Committee shall make the announcement to the Prohibition National Committee members not later than June 30 of the year preceding the date of the Quadrennial Convention.

§10 -- National Committee

Each state delegation may nominate two persons to serve on the National Committee until the next quadrennial convention. Such persons must be in active support of the Party. In states where there is no recognized state Prohibition Chairman or organization, these two persons shall be recommended to the National Committee by the Delegates, pending Executive Committee approval. The national Chairman shall present to the Convention for their approval a list of additional persons to serve “at large” on the National Committee; this list may include people from states having no representation at the Convention.