

# By-Laws of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

*Adopted March 18, 1989. Amended May 15, 1993, May 18, 1997, May 15, 1999, May 17, 2003, and February 21, 2004*

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Section 1: The Organizational Meetings – The Precinct Committees and County, Congressional District, and State Conventions shall meet in odd-numbered years and elect officers and such other officials as may be required to serve until the next organizational meeting.

A) The Precinct Committees shall meet on the second Thursday in March (March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011) at 7 p.m. ; however, the County Central Committee of a county, allocated three (3) or less State delegates as set out in Subsection 2.C of Article IV of the Constitution, may vote to call precinct meetings on the same date specified in Subsection B of this Section 1 for the County Convention at a time prior to the County Convention, and shall mail a call for both the precinct and county meetings on the date required for precinct calls in Section 2 of this Article I of the By-Laws.

B) The County Conventions shall meet at 10 a.m. or 2 p.m. on the fourth Saturday (April 2, 2011) following the precinct committee meetings or any day within 7 days of the regularly scheduled county convention meetings.

C) The Congressional District Conventions shall meet at 10 a.m. or 2 p.m. on the fourth Saturday (April 30, 2011) following the County Convention meetings.

D) The State Convention shall meet on the second weekend following the Congressional District Convention meetings (May 14, 2011) unless the State Central Committee, by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote, moves the meeting to the third or fourth Saturday following the Congressional District Convention meeting.

E) It shall be the determination and decision of the State Central Committee that should any holiday be in conflict with any of these dates, they may elect to change the date and time by a majority vote.

### Section 2: Precinct Call –

A) The organizational meeting of a Precinct Committee shall be called by the County Central Committee's mailing to the precinct officers the official call of the meeting, which shall include the date, time and location of the precinct meeting. Said call shall be mailed at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting date. The County Central Committee shall further publicize notice of the meeting, and precinct officers shall notify Democrats and publicize notice of the meeting within the precinct. The County Central Committee should mail the call to precinct committee delegates and to other Democrats interested in Party affairs and should also publish a list of the precinct meetings in a local newspaper.

B) A meeting of the Precinct Committee other than the organizational meeting:

- 1) May be called by the precinct chair,
- 2) May be called by the County Central Committee on its own initiative,
- 3) Shall be called by the County Central Committee upon receipt of a petition signed by fifteen (15) registered Democrats from the precinct.

C) Notice of a meeting of the Precinct Committee called pursuant to subsection B shall be given by publicizing the meeting and contacting the registered Democrats of the precinct as may be feasible.

Section 3: County Convention Call – A meeting of the County Convention shall be called by the County Central Committee’s mailing to all the precinct officers and other delegates of the County Convention the official call, which shall include the date, time and location of the County Convention meeting. It shall also state the names of the chairs and all members of the meeting committees and the time, date and location of their meeting. The call shall be mailed at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting date. The Central Committee shall further publicize the meeting to inform the public.

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Section 6: Congressional District Central Committee Call – A meeting of the Congressional Central Committee may be called by the congressional district chair.

Section 7: State Convention Call – A meeting of the State Convention shall be called by the State Central Committee’s mailing to all delegates to the Convention, the official call which shall include the date, time and location of the meeting, which shall be in Oklahoma City. It shall also state the names of the chairs and all members of the meeting committees and the time, date and location of their meeting. Said call shall be mailed at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting date.

Section 8: State Central Committee Call –

A) A meeting of the State Central Committee shall be called by the State Chair’s mailing to all members of the Central Committee a letter calling the meeting, which shall state the date, time and location of the meeting. Said letter shall be mailed at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting date.

B) A meeting of the State Central Committee may also be called by the State Central Committee’s setting the date, time and location of the meeting at a regularly called meeting of the State Central Committee, in which case the State Secretary shall mail a letter to the members of the committee stating said information at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting date, unless the date of the meeting shall be less than ten (10) days from the date of the meeting at which it is set, in which case the State Secretary shall mail the letter at the earliest possible date.

C) A meeting of the State Central Committee may also be called by ten (10) members of the Committee’s signing a petition which calls the meeting and states the date, time and location. Notice of the meeting shall be mailed to all the members of the committee at least twenty (20) days prior to the date of the meeting by the State Secretary, but if the State Secretary refuses; any of the petitioners may mail the notices of the meeting.

D) The notice of a meeting of the State Central Committee shall include an agenda which shall set forth those items which are to be considered or which may require a vote of the Committee and, if the meeting is called pursuant to subsections A or B, shall include a copy of the minutes of the previous meeting.

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