

GRAHAM COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE BYLAWS

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ARTICLE I- General

Section A. Name of Organization

The name of the organization shall be the Graham County Republican Committee, hereinafter referred as "GCRC".

Section B. Affiliation and Arizona Law Requirements

GCRC shall be organized and governed pursuant to A.R.S. 16-823, as it may be amended from time to time, and shall be affiliated with the Arizona Republican Party.

Section C. Bylaw Applicability

These bylaws shall conform to and be subject to the state bylaws and the Arizona Revised Statutes.

Section D. Bylaw Effectiveness

These bylaws shall take effect at the close of the meeting at which they are ratified and shall continue in effect until amended in accordance with ARTICLE VII.

Section E. Parliamentary Authority

Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern this county in all matters of procedure not covered in these bylaws.

ARTICLE II- Objectives

Section A. The objectives of the County shall be:

1. To elect Republican state legislators for Graham County;
2. To elect Republican candidates at all levels of government;
3. To promote an informed electorate through political education;
4. To foster loyalty to the Republican Party and to maintain and promote it's principles;
5. To increase the effectiveness of Republican workers in the cause of good government through active political participation;
6. To promote Republican awareness and support Republican appointments to appointed offices, commissions, and committees, at all levels of government.

ARTICLE III- Membership

Section A. Precinct Committeemen

The membership of this organization shall consist of all elected and duly appointed precinct committeemen in Graham County. Precinct committeemen are elected in accordance with A.R.S. 16-823 at the party primary election held before each general election. Additional

precinct committeemen may be appointed to fill vacancies remaining after the election.

Section B. Number

Each precinct may elect at least one precinct committeeman plus an additional one for each 125 Republican voters (or majority fraction thereof) registered before March 1 in the general election year.

Section C. Duties

The duties of all members of this organization shall be:

1. To attend all regular or special meetings of the GCRC;
2. To attend all GCRC statutory and mandatory meetings in person or by proxy when allowed;
3. To attend all state statutory and mandatory meetings in person or by proxy, if elected to serve on the state committee;
4. To campaign and carry petitions in their respective precincts on behalf of Republican candidates;
5. To participate in party voter registration campaigns and to offer assistance to those who wish to register within their precinct and Graham County;
6. To organize and assist workers within their precinct and Graham County to turn out maximum Republican vote;
7. To develop, maintain, and support a permanent Republican precinct organization.

ARTICLE IV- Meetings

Section A. Regular Meetings

No fewer than ten (10) regular monthly meetings of the GCRC will be held annually.

Section B. Special/Executive

Special meetings of the GCRC may be called by the chairman when necessary, or may be called at the written request of at least 15% of currently serving precinct committeemen. The chairman may call special meetings of the executive committee as needed or at the request of a majority of the executive committee.

Section C. Statutory Organizational Meeting

The statutory organizational meeting shall be held during the time period defined by A.R.S. 16-823

Section D. Quadrennial Convention Delegate Meeting

The meeting to elect the county's state quadrennial convention delegates shall be held at the first regular GCRC meeting, providing for proper meeting notice, following official notification from the Arizona Republican Party as to the state convention date and the number of delegates allotted to the county. A special county meeting may be called if required by time constraints.

Section E. Meeting Notice

A regular meeting date, time and place shall be established by the county executive

committee and presented to the general membership for approval. Except as noted below, notice of regular GCRC meetings shall be mailed (postal or email) or delivered in person to each precinct committeeman not later than five (5) days prior to the meeting, together with any pertinent information thereto. Notification requirements for election, officer removal, and bylaws amendment meetings are established in the corresponding ARTICLE and Sections governing these events.

Section F. Quorum

A quorum is required for all transaction of business, and shall consist of;

1. Fifteen percent (15%) of the elected and appointed precinct committeemen of record, in person or by proxy, for a regular or special non-election meeting;
2. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the elected precinct committeemen, in person or by proxy, for the county statutory organizational meeting;
3. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the elected and appointed precinct committeemen as of December 31st of the preceding year, present in person for a meeting to elect state quadrennial convention delegates, where proxies are not permitted (as per state bylaws);
4. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the elected and appointed precinct committeemen, in person or by proxy, for a bylaws amendment ratification meeting; for a meeting to remove a GCRC officer; or for a meeting to elect a new GCRC officer in the event of death ineligibility, resignation, or following removal in accordance with ARTICLE V;
5. Fifteen percent (15%) of the elected precinct committeemen present in person or by proxy for the election of the nominating committee.

ARTICLE V- Organization

Section A. Officers/Executive Committee

1. The officers of the GCRC shall consist of the GCRC chairman, first, second and third vice chairmen, secretary and treasurer. These officers, in addition to any elected state party officers and state executive committee members residing in Graham County, shall constitute the voting members of the executive committee.
2. Officers shall be elected at the statutory organizational meeting of the GCRC prescribed by the Arizona Revised Statutes (see ARTICLE VI, Section C., for nomination and election eligibility and process).
3. Officers shall serve (subject to replacement) through the next county statutory organizational meeting. All officers of the GCRC shall be elected precinct committeemen of Graham County and reside within said county throughout their term or office.
4. Any officer may be removed at any time, with or without cause, provided that a petition calling for the proposed removal vote is signed by a majority of the elected and appointed Precinct Committeemen and presented at a regular meeting. Official notice with a copy of the petition, proxy, and removal vote meeting shall be mailed at least 20 days before the meeting at which removal is to be voted upon.
5. Replacement; in the event of death, ineligibility, resignation, or removal of a GCRC Officer, shall be:
 - a. Chairman: the order of succession shall be the elected first vice chairman,

the elected second vice chairman, the elected third vice chairman. In the event that none of the three are eligible to serve, or all three decline the position, an election shall be held with-in 45 days, following the same rules as for the GCRC statutory organizational meeting. Until the election occurs and is certified, the first vice chairman shall serve as acting chairman.

b. First vice chairman: the order of succession shall be the elected second vice chairman and the elected third vice chairman. In the event that neither of the two are eligible to serve, or both decline the position, the chairman will appoint a precinct committeeman to serve the remainder of the term.

c. Second vice chairman shall be replaced by the elected third vice chairman. In the event that the third vice chairman is not eligible to serve, or he/she declines the position, the chairman will appoint a precinct committeeman to serve the remainder of the term.

d. Third vice chairman shall be replaced by a precinct committeeman appointed by the chairman. The executive committee may, by majority vote, elect to keep the position vacant for the remainder of the term.

e. Secretary or treasurer shall be replaced by a precinct committeeman appointed by the chairman. The executive committee may by majority vote elect to combine the position with another committee office, except that of chairman, for the remainder of the term.

Section B. Duties of Officers:

1. The duties of the chairman, in addition to those specified in the state bylaws, shall be:
 - a. To preside at all meetings of the GCRC organization;
 - b. To represent the GCRC as a member of the state executive committee in accordance with the state bylaws;
 - c. To keep members of the GCRC organization informed of the activities of the county and state committees and to insure that the GCRC is is represented at all state meetings;
 - d. To appoint GCRC members (who are elected state committeemen), with the advise and consent of the executive committee, to the standing committees of the state party;
 - e. Together with the respective GCRC committee chairmen, to approve all committee programs with the advise and consent of the executive committee.
 - f. To regularly monitor the activities of GCRC committees to ensure that their approved programs are progressing in a timely manor toward successful completion;
 - g. Where vacancies exist in the GCRC, with the advice of the executive committee, to recommend qualified persons to the county board of supervisors to serve as precinct committeemen;
 - h. When vacancies occur due to death, resignation, or county residency, to approve for appointment and submit the names of replacement state committeemen to the chairman of the state Republican party;
 - i. Mandatory resignation: The chairman shall resign said chairmanship upon formal announcement of candidacy, or upon filing nominating petition, for any partisan elective office except precinct committeeman;
 - j. Upon election of a new GCRC chairman, initiate transfer of all GCRC property and records in his possession to the new chairman within days.

2. The duties of the First Vice-Chairman shall be:

- a. To preside at all GCRC county meetings when the chairman is absent;

- b. To perform any of the other non-appointed duties of the chairman when so requested by the chairman, or during the interval prior to the election of a new chairman in the event of replacement;
- c. To act as chairman of the county meeting program committee.

3. The duties of the Second and Third Vice-Chairmen shall be:

- a. To assist the chairman and first vice-chairman as requested;
- b. To perform the specified non-appointed duties of both of these officers in their absence.

4. The duties of the Secretary shall be:

- a. To take and keep minutes of all the regular meetings, executive meetings, and special meetings;
- b. To keep a complete and maintain an up-to-date roster of GCRC officers, precinct committeemen, state committeemen, state convention delegates and alternates and elected public and party officers residing in Graham County;
- c. To maintain and transmit, within 7 days, the permanent records of the GCRC to the successor upon change of the person holding the office of secretary;
- d. Deliver hand-recorded minutes of the election meeting to the new secretary upon completion of the meeting;
- e. To conduct all correspondences of the GCRC, or to appoint with the consent of the chairman, an assistant secretary specifically tasked with keeping the GCRC correspondences;
- f. To be responsible for sending all official notices as outlined in Article IV of these bylaws;
- g. To report to the chairman at each meeting (as outlined in Article IV) when a quorum is present and the meeting may proceed.

5. The duties of the Treasurer shall be:

- a. To establish and maintain a GCRC bank account for which the treasurer and at least one other member of the executive committee, except chairman, shall be account signers;
- b. When office of any account signer changes hands, the bank account signers shall be updated as soon as possible;
- c. To receive and be custodian of all funds of the GCRC and pay all bills upon the authorization of the chairman, and authorized by the executive committee;
- d. To keep an account of all monies received and disbursed and to report month-to-month balance changes at regular meetings and as required by the chairman;
- e. To submit an annual written financial summary to the GCRC and file such other reports as required by law with the appropriate agency;
- f. Working with the executive committee, develop a budget which appropriates funds as needed for the current year. The budget shall be presented for review and approval by the executive committee. The budget may be presented to the GCRC if deemed necessary by the executive committee.

Section C. Audit of County Books

Upon a change in the person holding the office of treasurer, and after each statutory organizational meeting, the books of the GCRC shall undergo an audit by a committee from within the GCRC organization appointed by the in-coming chairman-elect.

Section D. Precinct Committeemen

1. Duties
 - a. Attend all regularly scheduled GCRC Meetings, as well as special meetings, called by the chairman;
 - b. Maintain precinct walking and alphabetic registration lists;
 - c. Distribute copies of registration lists to precinct volunteers as required;
 - d. Disseminate political activity information to precinct members not in attendance at GCRC meetings;
 - e. Organize the precinct in the most efficient manner for distribution of campaign literature, collection of nomination petition signatures, and Get Out the Vote activity;
 - f. Recruit volunteer precinct workers;
 - g. Recommend appointees to the county chairman for approval to fill precinct committeemen vacancies;
 - h. Organize precinct registration drives;
 - i. Coordinate precinct efforts in support of county and state committee activities.

Section E. State Committeemen

1. Number

The number of State Committeemen that may be nominated at the county statutory organizational election is equal to 1/3 the total number of precinct committeemen elected at the preceding September primary election. In any event, any precinct committeeman may be nominated.

2. Duties

Following the county organizational election, the newly elected state committeemen must meet in Phoenix, (the city containing the state capital in accord with A.R.S., Title 16) to elect new state party officers. This includes the election of the Republican state chairman, a secretary and a treasurer, as well as the at-large members of the state executive committee (three at-large members are elected from each congressional district). By law the state statutory organizational election must be held no later than the 4th Saturday of January following the general election. This is the primary duty of the elected state committeemen. An additional duty of the state committeemen is to attend the state mandatory meeting held in January of non-general election years to elect additional state party officers, including three vice-chairmen, an assistant secretary, and an assistant treasurer.

Section F. Quadrennial Convention Delegates

The Arizona Republican Party holds a quadrennial state/congressional district convention. This state convention is held in the spring of the presidential election year for the purpose of electing delegates and alternates to the Republican National Convention.

1. Number of Delegates and Alternates

GCRC delegates to the state/congressional district quadrennial convention are elected at the county level from any and all registered Republicans in Graham County, in accordance with state republican committee bylaws, Article VI, Section C, Election of Delegates and Alternates to the State Convention. The number of delegates allocated to each county is based on the total number of precinct committeemen relative to the overall state total. The number of delegates is determined by the state party in advance of the convention. An equal number of county alternate delegates may also be elected.

2. Selection

The GCRC elects its state/congressional district convention delegates and alternatives (with proper notice) at a regular county meeting held prior to the state quadrennial convention and following notification from the state party as to the convention date and number of delegates allotted to the county. A special county meeting may be held when required to meet time constraints.

3. Duties

The principal purpose of the state convention is to elect delegates and alternates to the Republican National Convention. A secondary function of the state convention is the election of a state national committeeman and committeewoman who will serve four-year terms as members of the Republican National Committee. The selection of these national delegates and committeemen is the duty of the quadrennial convention's delegates. In the event that elected GCRC delegates cannot attend, or are otherwise absent from a quadrennial convention vote, the next highest alternate delegates present shall replace the missing delegates for the vote at hand.

Three national convention delegates and three national convention alternates are elected from each congressional district with the remainder of the state's national delegation elected at-large at the state convention. All delegates to the state convention vote to elect the at-large delegates to the national convention. Only delegates residing in a congressional district vote to elect their respective congressional district delegates and alternates to the Republican National Convention.

ARTICLE VI- Elections

Section A. Nominating Committee

1. Selection

A nominating committee shall be nominated from the floor and elected at the regular October meeting prior to the statutory organizational meeting; or at a special meeting to be held within 30 days following reapportionment enactment affecting GCRC boundaries. Only newly elected Precinct Committeemen shall be eligible to nominate, vote for, or be elected to the nominating committee. The nominating committee shall serve for the period through the following primary election. Vacancies occurring between elections shall be filled via appointment by the chairman.

2. Number

The nominating committee shall consist of five members elected by plurality vote, following nominations from the floor. A tie vote for the last positions shall be broken by drawing lots among the tied candidates. The candidate receiving the highest vote shall be the committee chairman, or in the event of a tie, the committee shall elect their own chairman. The nominating committee election vote shall be tallied by the outgoing tally committee members who are not nominated candidates for this election. The tally shall be conducted by at least 3 members. The Chairman shall select supplementary tally members up to a total of 3, if less than 3 tally committee members are available.

3. Duties

The duties of the nominating committee are to handle the nomination of GCRC officers, candidates standing for state committee, convention delegates, and the nomination for other elections as may occur during their term, and to participate in the conduct of elections process as indicated in the standing rules & procedures.

Section B. Credentials & Tally Committee

1. Selection

The elected nominating committee shall serve as the credentials & tally committee. The committee shall select one of their number as chairman of the credentials & tally committee. The chairman shall be a member other than the nominating committee chairman. If additional credentials & tally committee members are required to expedite the election task (due to the number of precinct committeemen and ballots to be processed) the chairman may recruit additional members at the election, as required.

2. Duties

The duties of the credentials committee are to prepare the ballots; conduct the verification and sign-in registration of eligible precinct committeemen and of proxies (where they are permitted) which they may be carrying; distribution of the corresponding ballot entitlement tags, as may be utilized; certification of the number of eligible votes in person and by proxy at the close of registration; and to handle ballot distribution and pickup during voting. The duties of the tally committee are to tally and report the vote count. See details of the election process in the county standing rules & procedures.

3. Candidate Appointees to the Tally Committee

The candidates for chairman, and for first and second vice chairman may designate one representative each, as tally observers. These appointees may, if requested, assist the elected members of the tally committee in the vote count/tally process, when teamed with a tally committee member.

Section C. Nomination of Officers

1. Within five (5) days following the election of the nominating committee, and at the direction of the chairman, the secretary shall issue the call for county

- officer candidates to all duly elected precinct committeemen. The call shall state:
- a. The place, date, and time of the statutory organizational meeting (provided that the date shall fall within the time period defined by A.R.S. 16-823; see Article IV Meetings, Section D of these bylaws for additional information).
 - b. The list of offices to be elected.
 - c. The number of state committeemen to be nominated.
 - d. That any elected precinct committeeman desiring to run for any office, and/or for state committeeman, shall submit his or her name, and the title of the office sought, in writing or by email, to any member of the nominating committee within 10 days from the issuance of the call (the final date for submitting shall be stated in the call).
 - e. The names, addresses, email addresses and phone numbers of the nominating committee members to whom the notices of candidacy may be submitted.
2. In the event that there are no precinct committeemen offering their candidacy for a given office, it will be the responsibility of the nominating committee to seek out one of more qualified individuals to run for each such unsought office.
 3. Immediately following the period for submission of candidacy, and prior to ballot preparation for officers, the nominating committee shall interview the candidates and shall apprise the candidates of the duties of the corresponding office to insure that they are aware of their responsibilities and agree to conduct them in good faith, if elected.
 4. The names of candidates shall be reported to the chairman within 3 days following the final date for candidate submission. At the direction of the chairman, the credentials committee will prepare the ballot (paper, punch card, or other as appropriate) with names of candidates for each office appearing in alphabetic order. Additional names may be nominated from the floor at all elections. Floor nominees must express their desire to serve in the position for which they are nominated.
 5. The regular 10 day meeting notice shall include a proxy form and a list of district officer and state committeemen candidates submitted by the nominating committee.
 6. An elected precinct committeeman requesting to be placed on the ballot must be placed on the ballot, providing that they meet the requirements set forth in these by-laws and state law.

Section D. Nomination of State Committeemen

1. State committeemen are nominated by the GCRC at the statutory organizational meeting. They are elected at the following county committee statutory meeting.
2. At the county statutory organizational meeting, state committeemen shall be nominated from a ballot alphabetically listing the names of all elected GCRC precinct committeemen who have submitted, in writing or by email, their desire to serve as state committeeman, during the 10-day submitting period designated in the meeting call.

3. Note that, only GCRC precinct committeemen elected at the immediate previous primary election may be nominated for state committeemen.
4. In the event that fewer committeemen than the county quota have submitted their desire to serve a state committeemen, the nominating committee shall seek out qualified precinct committeemen to fill out the quota. The nominating committee shall consider the following criteria:
 - a. The relative degree and devotion with which the precinct committeeman has fulfilled his or her duties, as expressed in Article III, Section C. of the county bylaws;
 - b. The extent to which the committeeman has participated in special county and state committee registration, early ballot, and get-out-the-vote drives, and other special party activities;
 - c. The commitment with which the precinct committeeman has aided the chairman, as requested, including participation and quality of work performed on standing and special committees.
 - d. Attendance and participation at GCRC meetings and events.

Section E. Nomination of State Quadrennial Convention Delegates

1. State convention delegates and alternates are elected at the GCRC state quadrennial convention delegate election meeting.
2. Within five (5) days following official notification from the state party of the state convention date and the number of delegates to be elected by the GCRC, the secretary, at the direction of the chairman, shall issue the call to all elected and appointed precinct committeemen. The call shall state:
 - a. The place, date, and time of the GCRC meeting to elect delegates and alternates to the state convention.
 - b. The number of delegates and alternates to be elected.
 - c. The place, date, and time of the state convention.
 - d. That any GCRC precinct committeeman, or registered Republican, resident in Graham County desiring to be a candidate for delegate to the state convention shall submit his or her name in writing, to any member of the county nominating committee within seven (7) days from the issue of the call, (the final date submitting shall be stated in the call).
 - e. The name, phone number, and address of the nominating committee members where the notices of candidacy may be submitted.
3. Note that, only precinct committeemen, or registered Republicans from within Graham County may be nominated.
4. In the event that fewer committeemen than the county quota have submitted their desire to serve as a delegate, the nominating committee shall seek out qualified committeemen to fill out the quota. The nominating committee shall consider the same criteria used for the selection of state committeemen candidates.

5. The list of delegate candidates to the state quadrennial convention shall be reported to the chairman within 3 days following the final date for candidate submission. At the direction of the chairman, the credentials committee shall prepare the ballot (paper, punch card, or other as appropriate) with the names of candidates appearing alphabetically. Additional names may be nominated from the floor, including including any additional Graham County precinct committeemen, or registered Republican resident within the county; floor nominees must express, or have expressed in writing or by email, their desire to serve as a convention delegate.
6. The delegate election meeting will normally be held at the same time as the next regular meeting (unless the time constraints of the state convention date require a special meeting). In any event, the meeting call shall provide for the regular ten (10) day meeting notice at a minimum.

Section F. Voting and Election

1. **Eligibility**

Eligibility to vote in GCRC elections varies with the type of election;

 - a. GCRC statutory organizational election: All elected precinct committeemen voting in person, or by proxy are eligible;
 - b. GCRC election of delegates and alternates to the state quadrennial convention: All elected and appointed precinct committeemen, appointed before the cutoff date designated by the state Republican committee, are eligible to vote in person (no Proxies are permitted);
 - c. GCRC bylaw ratification vote, officer removal vote, and officer replacement election: All elected and appointed precinct committeemen voting in person, or by proxy are eligible;
 - d. GCRC Nominating Committee Election: All elected precinct committeemen voting in person or by proxy are eligible to vote.
2. **Voting Method**

Voting shall be by secret ballot except where only one nominee is being considered for an office, in which case a voice vote may be used.
3. **Proxies**

Precinct committeemen eligible to vote at a GCRC election may give their proxy to any registered Republican voter of the same precinct, for any GCRC election allowing vote by proxy. The form of the proxy shall be as illustrated by the sample proxy in the GCRC standing rules & procedures, which shall conform to that approved by the state committee.
4. **Conduct of Elections**

All GCRC elections shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures laid out in the GCRC standing rules & procedures.
5. **Nominating Speeches**

Each candidate, including nominees from the floor, for GCRC office may have nominating and seconding speeches. The length of the speeches shall be

defined in the county standing rules.

6. Election to Office

At a GCRC election meeting at which a quorum is present (see Article IV, Section G, Quorum):

- a. GCRC officers shall be elected by a majority of votes cast. If no candidate receives a majority on the first ballot, a majority vote on the second ballot between the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes on the first ballot shall be used to determine the winner. In the case of a tie on the second ballot, re-balloting will continue until a winner is determined, unless the majority of precinct committeemen vote to approve an alternative method.
- b. State committeemen shall be nominated at the GCRC statutory organizational meeting by a plurality vote with those receiving the highest vote count nominated until the county's quota has been filled (there are no alternate nominees for state committeemen). If there is a tie vote for the last positions, there shall be a second vote between those tied candidates. If after a second vote there remains a tie, those tied shall draw lots to determine the final positions.
- c. State quadrennial convention delegates shall be elected by a plurality vote in the same manner as state committeemen, except that an equal number of alternates shall also be elected by plurality vote. Alternates shall be those delegate candidates receiving the next highest vote below the elected delegates. In the case of a tie for the last delegate positions, there shall be a second vote between those tied candidates. If after a second vote there remains a tie, those tied shall draw lots for the final delegate position(s). Those not achieving delegate status by the draw will be the top alternate delegates. In the same manner, a tie for the last alternate position(s) will be determined by drawing lots.

7. Certification of Election

- a. GCRC statutory organizational election results shall be certified to the chairman by the chairman of the tally committee. The certified results shall be signed by the tally Committee chairman and the tally representatives of the candidates for county chairman;
- b. The chairman shall announce the results of the GCRC officer elections to the meeting upon completion of the officer vote count. Upon announcement of officer election results, the newly elected chairman shall preside over the remainder of the meeting. A list of elected officers and state committeeman nominees shall be included with the next regular meeting notice;
- c. State quadrennial convention delegate election results shall be certified to the chairman by the chairman of the tally committee. The certified results shall be signed by the tally committee chairman;
- d. The county chairman shall certify the election results of the state quadrennial convention delegates and alternates to the chairman of the Arizona Republican Party within 3 days following the election;
- e. In addition to certified tally results, all ballots (both used and spare) shall be turned over to the chairman at the close of the elections to be processed in accordance with county standing rules & procedures;
- f. All GCRC election certification materials shall be secured with the GCRC

secretary within ten (10) working days of any GCRC election;
g. The GCRC secretary shall within 30 days of an election notify via postal letter the Arizona Republican Party of said election results.

ARTICLE VII- Bylaws Amendment Procedure

Section A. Introduction of Amendments

1. Proposed amendments shall be introduced at any regular meeting of the county. Such proposed amendments will be accepted for consideration if presented by the county executive committee; or if presented by a petition (citing the proposed amendment[s]) signed by at least 15% of the elected an appointed precinct committeemen;
2. Official notice of an amendment ratification meeting (scheduled jointly with the next regular meeting), together with a copy of the proposed amendment(s) will then be mailed or delivered in person with a proxy form by the secretary to each precinct committeeman. This official notification shall be mailed at least 20 days before the next regular meeting.

Section B. Amendment Ratification Meeting

1. The credentials and tally committee shall handle all matters of voting credentials, ballots and vote tally according to the conduct of elections procedures laid out in the county standing rules & procedures (see Article VIII);
2. The proposed amendments will be reviewed by the GCRC membership in the amendment ratification meeting. This meeting will afford an opportunity for presentations (pro and con), questions and answers, and motions to amend. Motions to change the proposed amendments may be accepted by a majority of those present and eligible to vote;
3. If changes are made, the proponents may decide to withdraw their original amendments, as modified;
4. Following approval of a motion to amend the proposed amendment(s), if any (and not withdrawn by the proponents) the proposed amendment(s), as modified, will be submitted to a ratification vote of the precinct committeemen.

Section C. Amendment Ratification

Amendment ratification is effected by a 2/3 vote of the precinct committeemen present in person or by proxy (refer to Article IV, Section G.4 for Quorum).

Section D. Reintroduction of a Failed Amendment

An amendment that fails to be ratified may not be re-introduced for at least six months after the failed ratification vote.

Section E. Effectivity of Ratified Amendment

Amendments receiving ratification shall become effective upon adjournment of the meeting at which they are ratified.

ARTICLE VIII- Standing Rules & Procedures

Meeting and election procedures, standard forms (such as proxies) etc. are documented under separate standing rules & procedures that may be changed as required without bylaws amendments.