



**Oklahoma Democratic Party  
2017 State Convention**

**Tower Hotel 3233 NW Expressway**

**Oklahoma City, OK 73112**

**May 19th - 20th, 2017**



Dear Fellow Democrats,

We are delighted to welcome you to the 2017 Oklahoma Democratic Party Convention. It's always exciting when Democrats from across our great state get together and this year promises to be no exception.

We hope that you will join us not only for the Convention on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 but also for the Carl Albert Dinner on Friday night, May 19<sup>th</sup>, with Honored Speaker Congressman Keith Ellison, the DNC Deputy Chair. We will also present the Carl Albert, Opio Toure, Chairman's, Bob Lemon Humanitarian, and Activist Awards, honoring some of those who have worked hardest to elect Democrats across the state.

At this Convention, as well as at the recent County and District Conventions, we are laying the foundation for our work in the 2018 election cycle. When the gavel closes this Convention, we will have completed our constitutional requirements for organizing our Party, and then we will fan out across Oklahoma and get to work electing Democrats and spreading the message that Oklahoma Democrats support progress, equality and unity.

We look forward to seeing you at Convention!

Democratically yours,

*Mark Hammons, Connie Johnson, Dave Ratcliff, and Donna Russell*

**Saturday Convention Lunch** – \$25 Boxed Lunches must be pre-ordered online at [okdemocrats.org/2017-state-convention](http://okdemocrats.org/2017-state-convention).

**Carl Albert Awards Dinner** - The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Carl Albert Awards Dinner is Friday, May 19, 2017 at the Tower Hotel where we will present the Carl Albert, Opio Toure, Bob Lemon Humanitarian, Chairman's and the annual Activists Awards. You can meet and visit with the award winners at the Chairman's Reception prior to the dinner. The Reception is 6:00-6:45pm and dinner begins at 7:00pm.

**Dinner Reservations are \$100 per person.** Table sponsorships are also available: Platinum-\$5,000, Gold-\$2,500 & Silver-\$1,000 all seating 8. Reservations for the Chairman's Reception are \$100 per person. Visit [okdemocrats.org/2017-state-convention](http://okdemocrats.org/2017-state-convention), by phone (405) 427-3366 or by mail to order your tickets. The deadline for orders is Tuesday, May 16.

## **Bylaws: Article I: Section 9 - Calls and Election of Officials**

**Section 9:** Meeting Committees – The County, Congressional District and State Central Committees shall appoint the following committees of their respective Conventions at the earliest possible date, but not later than the date on which the respective call is issued:

- A.** A rules committee to promulgate such rules as may be necessary or expedient to the orderly conduct of the meeting. Such rules shall be consistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Oklahoma Democratic Party and with any appropriate Convention Bylaws. Rules for any Convention meeting shall be printed and made available to the delegates at **least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the Convention date with copies available at the meeting site at least one (1) hour prior to convening the meeting.**
- B.** A credentials committee, whose appointed members may otherwise be delegates to the convention and a volunteer staff adequate to insure each credentials table is not left unattended to:
- 1) Prepare a list of delegates certified by the State Secretary as delegates to the Convention,
  - 2) Hear challenges to the right of any delegate to be seated at the Convention meeting,
  - 3) Make prior arrangements for an orderly process in distributing credentials, including arranging credentials tables at district and state conventions to group counties in alphabetical order without regard to congressional district,
  - 4) Prepare a credentials “badge” to present to each certified Convention delegate,
  - 5) Report to the Convention on the number of delegates issued credentials and on the resolution of any dispute,
  - 6) Review and record valid proxy statements,
  - 7) Remain open until the adjournment of the Convention meeting; and
  - 8) Make revised reports to the Convention as may be required.
- C.** A resolutions committee to:
- 1) Review resolutions proposed to the Convention,
  - 2) Propose resolutions on the initiative of its own members,
  - 3) Revise and draft resolutions,
  - 4) Recommend the adoption of resolutions in its report to the Convention, and
  - 5) Print and make available to delegates all resolutions recommended by the committee at least **seventy-two (72) hours prior to the Convention date, with copies to be made available at the meeting site at least one (1) hour prior to convening the meeting.**
- D.** An arrangements committee (which shall be optional) to handle all the details of securing the meeting site, obtaining any necessary supplies and holding a fund-raising event, if appropriate.
- E.** A Constitution and By-Laws Committee for the State Convention to
- 1) review all proposed changes the state party receives,
  - 2) to propose on the initiative of its own members,
  - 3) revise and draft proposed changes, and
  - 4) recommend the adoption of proposed changes in its report to the convention, and
  - 5) Print and make available to delegates all proposed changes at least **seventy-two (72) hours prior to the Convention date, with copies to be made available at the meeting site at least one (1) hour prior to convening the meeting.**

**The 2017 Proposed Rules, Resolutions and Constitution  
& By-Laws Reports are available online:  
[www.okdemocrats.org](http://www.okdemocrats.org) AND  
[www.okdemocrats.org/2017-state-convention](http://www.okdemocrats.org/2017-state-convention)**

# Oklahoma Democratic Party

## 2017 State Convention Call

Tower Hotel - 3233 N.W. Expressway - Oklahoma City, OK 73112 Saturday  
- May 20, 2017

**Credentialing begins at 8:00 AM First Floor Boardroom**

### AGENDA

#### 10:00 AM Grand Ballroom

- Call to Order & Welcome
- Colors & Pledge
- National Anthem
- Invocation
- Introduction of Governors  
George Nigh & David Walters
- Remarks by Governors  
George Nigh & David Walters (20 min)
- Chair Report & Introductions (10 min)
- Remarks by Candidates for Governor (5 min each)
- Vice-Chair Report (10 min)
- Credentials Report
- Adoption of Credentials Report
- Proposed Rules
- Adoption of Rules
- Secretary's Report/Approval of Minutes
- Treasurer's Report
- Constitution/By-Laws Report
- Adoption of Constitution & By-Laws Report
- Removal of Constitution/By-Laws Sections for Debate
- Adoption of Remaining Constitution/By-Laws
- Resolutions Report  
Adoption of Resolutions Report
- Removal of Resolutions Sections for Debate
- Adoption of Remaining Resolutions

#### LUNCH

- Updated Credentials Report
- Adoption of Updated Credentials Report
- Election of State Officers:
  - State Chair
  - Vice-Chair
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
  - Affirmative Action Members (Male)
  - Affirmative Action Members (Female)
- Removed Constitution/By-Laws  
Discussion/Adoption
- Removed Resolutions/Sections  
Discussion/Adoption
- Adjournment

# COMMITTEES

**Credentials Committee 1:00 PM**  
**Friday May 19<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 AM Saturday**  
**May 20<sup>th</sup> – Tower Hotel**

**Dave Ratcliff, Chair**  
Emily Allen  
Jenny Thompson  
Bernice Mitchell  
Victor Gorin  
Demetrius Bereolos  
Patti Basnett  
Maryilyn Goodban  
Suzette McDowell  
Lillie Buchner

**Rules Committee 8:30 AM – Tower**  
**Hotel**

**Debbe Leftwich, Co-Chair**  
**Tim Reese, Co-Chair**  
Tom Guild  
Tim Mauldin  
Ray Rowe  
Kimberly Fobbs  
Dee Dee Hensley  
Tiffany Graves  
Saleemah Muhammad

**Constitution & By-Laws**  
**Committee 8:30 AM – Tower Hotel**

**Earl Mitchell, Chair**  
Laurie Phillips  
Suzen McCann  
Kalyn Free  
Mark Henricksen  
Ali Canada  
Giovanni Perry  
Mark Ashton  
Al Thompson  
Kaleb Bailey  
Margaret Taylor  
Troy Green  
Donna Russell

**Convention Arrangement**  
**Committee**

**Mary Jac Rauh, Chair**  
Dana Orwig  
Aaron Walton  
Edward Jones  
Dody Sullivan  
Debbie Hogue-Downing  
Jim Frasier  
Brenda Calahan

**Resolutions Committee 8:30 AM –**  
**Tower Hotel**

**Bernice Mitchell, Co-Chair**  
**Eric Hermansen, Co-Chair**  
Mark Henricksen  
Linda Andre  
Mark Faulk  
Nadine Gallagher  
Mona Waymire  
Barbara VanHanken  
Martha Hardwick  
Suzette McDowell  
Mike Thomas  
Wyatt McGuire  
Earl Hatley  
Steve Jarman





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