



OKLAHOMA DEMOCRATIC PARTY

**OKLAHOMA DEMOCRATIC PARTY
2017 STATE CONVENTION - RECONVENE**

Oklahoma City Community College – Student Union

7777 South May Ave

Oklahoma City, OK 73159

July 15th, 2017



Oklahoma Democrats,

We're excited to welcome you to the reconvening of the 2017 Oklahoma Democratic Party Convention. We have a few items of business left unfinished from the May convention, so please join us on **Saturday, July 15, at the Oklahoma City Community College Student Union, 7777 S. May Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 73159.**

Credentialing will begin at 8:30am in Room CU1, and the convention will start promptly at 10:00am. The bulk of our work will involve debate on changes to the party's resolutions and governing documents, giving us an opportunity to set our agenda, shape our party's structure, and build a strong foundation for 2018, 2020, and beyond.

We understand that conducting party business is an enormous commitment, and we also understand the party can do a better job managing the time of our volunteer delegates. In particular, we'd like to thank our delegates from rural counties, who not only have the time commitments of everyone else, but who also have greater travel time to Oklahoma City, where we are required by the party constitution to conduct all state convention business. As officers, we are committed to finding more efficient ways of handling party meetings, and would value any suggestions or insights any of you might have in service of a solution to this problem.

At the same time, we know how valuable it is for us to spend time together--to gather as Democrats, to visit with friends, to plan for elections and put in the work to build a better future for the people of our state.

We know you're eager to do this, and we are too. That's why, over the course of the next two years, we'll be training our party officers, activists, and volunteers--giving you the tools you need to be leaders for change in your communities.

Through empowering the grassroots, developing the next generation of leaders, and taking action for the people of Oklahoma, we are together building the Democratic party.

Thank you for all you do, and we look forward to seeing you at Convention!

Democratically yours,

Anna Langthorn
Brian Jones
Dave Ratcliff
Rachael Hunsucker

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 or 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:
okdemocrats.org/2017-state-convention-reconvene**

Oklahoma Democratic Party

2017 State Convention Reconvene Call

OCCC Student Union – 7777 South May Ave.
Oklahoma City, OK 73159 Saturday – July 15, 2017
Credentialing begins at 8:30 AM - Room CU1

AGENDA

- 10:00 Call to Order & Welcome
- 10:10 Pledge and National Anthem
- 10:15 Introduction of New Officers
- 10:20 Chair's remarks
- 10:30 Vice Chair's remarks
- 10:40 Secretary's remarks
- 10:50 Treasurer's remarks
- 11:00 Presentation

LUNCH

- 1:00 Credentials Report
- 1:15 Adoption of Credentials Report
- 1:20 Rules Report
- 1:30 Discussion/Debate of Rules
- 2:00 Adoption of Updated Rules
- 2:05 Constitution & By-Laws Report/Adopt Report
- 2:10 Removal of sections for Debate
- 2:30 Vote on Constitution & By Laws that were not held
- 2:45 Discussion/Adoption of each held Constitution & By-Laws
- 3:00 Resolutions Report/Adopt Report
- 3:10 Removal of sections for Debate
- 3:30 Vote on Resolutions that were not held
- 3:45 Discussion/Adoption of each held Resolution
- 6:00 Adjournment

COMMITTEES

Credentials Committee

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

Rules Committee

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

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

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



I, _____, do hereby give my PROXY to _____ who is a Democrat, registered within the _____ County and the _____ District/Precinct, with authority to vote in my place on any and all matters that may come before said meeting unless otherwise instructed below.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Office: _____

Address: _____

Instructions for use of Proxy (if none, write "None")

STATE OF OKLAHOMA)
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COUNTY OF _____

On this, the _____ day of _____, 2017, before me a notary public, the undersigned officer, personally appeared _____, known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged that he/she executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In witness hereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal

(Affix Seal Here)

Signature of Notary Public

My Commission expires: _____

Commission #: _____

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