



MICHIGAN REPUBLICAN PARTY

Memorandum

TO: Convention Candidates
FROM: Ron Weiser, Chairman
CC: Eric Doster, General Counsel; Josh Venable, Chief of Staff
DATE: August 10, 2010
RE: Convention Voting Procedures

This memorandum serves to outline the voting procedures that will be utilized at the upcoming August 28, 2010 Michigan Republican State Convention. Please take a moment to read this document carefully as it contains very important information.

As required by Convention Rule 19, we will once again utilize paper ballots and voting machines for all contested candidate nominations at the State Convention. This system has been in place now for several conventions and has served us well. I have asked Shelby Township Clerk and 10th District State Committee Member, Terri Kowall, to serve as our election director for the convention, which she has graciously agreed to do. Terri is very familiar with not only the voting process and machinery, but also with the mechanics of the convention. I am certain she will ensure we have a fair, open and honest election of which we can all be proud, regardless of the results.

In an effort to save both time and money, voting for all contested convention races will be conducted on the same ballot; there will not be separate voting and separate ballots for each race. Ballots will be printed with candidate names for those candidates who have fulfilled the requirements of Convention Rule 21. We will be in touch with each of your campaigns to verify how you would like your name to appear on the ballot. **PLEASE NOTE: This system will only be used in contested races. We will not utilize a paper ballot for uncontested races.** Those uncontested races, as of today, are Michigan State Board of Education, University of Michigan Board of Regents and Wayne State Board of Governors.

Convention Rule 25 requires a candidate to receive a majority of the votes cast in order to be nominated at the State Convention. If after the first ballot, no candidate in a particular race has received a majority vote, the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes will advance to

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a run-off on a second ballot. Since there is no way to predetermine if a run-off will be required nor which candidates will advance to a run-off, blank ballots will be utilized for any second balloting. The candidate with the highest number of votes will be designated as CANDIDATE 1 and the candidate with the second highest number of votes will be designated as CANDIDATE 2. Informational signs with the candidate's names will be placed in the voting booths as well as displayed on the large screens in the convention hall. Similar to the first ballot, all second balloting will be conducted on a one ballot, meaning if a run-off for more than one race is required, delegates will vote on all races at the same time.

In the contested races for which two candidates are nominated (Justice to the Michigan Supreme Court and Michigan State University Board of Trustees), voting will occur for each position. Because we have incumbent office holders seeking re-election to each of these posts, we will designate the first ballot position as an "Incumbent" slot and the second as a "Non-Incumbent" slot. We will be in contact with each of the campaigns in these races to determine on which ballot position candidates would like their names to appear. Candidates will only be permitted to appear on the ballot in one position, but the decision on the position will be left to the individual candidates.

As required by Convention Rule 17, results will be tabulated on a congressional district by congressional district basis, and each congressional district will vote the entire voting strength of their district. So, for example, if a congressional district is allocated 100 delegates and only 80 delegates and elevated alternates cast a ballot, all 100 votes will be cast for all races in proportion to the vote distribution of the 80 votes on the floor.

As mentioned previously, we will be in communication with each of your campaigns in the coming days to review further logistical details and answer any remaining questions. In the meantime, should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or my Chief of Staff, Josh Venable, at the State Party Headquarters.