

Convention Rules
of the
**Prohibition
National Committee**

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Section 1. Convention Call

A “call” for a quadrennial convention of the National Prohibition Party shall be issued by the National Chairman, after consultation with the Executive Committee. The “call” shall include the date, time, and place of said convention.

Section 2. Purposes

The purposes of the Convention will be to adopt a National Prohibition Platform, elect a National Committee, and nominate candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States.

Section 3. Delegates

Those persons who support the Prohibition Party may serve as delegates. Such persons are required to present delegate credentials signed by their State Chairman or by the National Chairman.

Section 4. Visitors

Visitors may be allowed to attend the Convention at the discretion of the Convention Officers. They may attend all Convention sessions, including fellowship and meal events. They shall not be eligible to vote in the business of the Convention.

Section 5. Platform

Each state delegation of one or more is entitled to name a member of the Platform Committee. The Committee shall present a complete platform to the Convention for its consideration. The platform adopted by the Convention shall be final, except that one or more persons may be designated by the Convention Chairman to make grammatical corrections after the Convention is over.

Section 6. Officers

The Officers of the Convention shall include a Chairman and a Secretary. A Parliamentarian, Sergeant-at-Arms, Music Director, and other positions may be filled to expedite Convention business. A Credentials Committee of two or more persons may be appointed to examine all credentials and make a report to the Convention. All Convention officers and personnel shall be appointed by the Executive Committee, subject to Convention approval.

Section 7. Nominations

Each state delegation has the privilege offering (*sic*) a nomination for the offices of President and Vice-President of the United States. When two or more candidates are nominated, there shall be a roll-call vote. Brief nominating and seconding speeches may be made before such a roll-call vote. When only one nomination is made for an office, the vote shall be by acclamation (*sic*).

Section 8. Good Order

Christian principles, which the Party advocates, require that Convention business be done decently and in order. All delegates shall be treated fairly and allowed to express their viewpoints. The Chairman shall rule out-of-order anyone speaking without permission and remove any attendee causing a disruption.

Section 9. National Convention

Each state delegation may nominate two persons to serve on the National Committee until the next National Convention. Such persons must be those who are in active support of the Party. In states where there is no recognized Prohibition Party Chairman or organization, the two persons named by delegates shall be suggestions (*sic*), with the final decision to be made by the National Committee. The Chairman of the National Committee shall present to that body, for their approval, a list of other persons to serve on the National Committee. This shall include people from states that had no representation at the Convention.

Section 10. Convention Site and Time

Insofar as it is possible, the location for the Convention shall be changed from time-to-time to allow people from *(sic)* various areas to attend one near their residence. The Convention shall be held in the calendar year prior to a national election.