

2020 CCRRO CONVENTION AGENDA & RULES

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Greenview Inn at Eastlyn, Vineland, New Jersey

Introduction

This is the process to select the county party endorsed candidates for the 2020 Republican primary (awarding the “county line”), including one (1) Presidential candidate; one (1) United States Senate candidate; (1) Member of the House of Representatives candidate; three (3) County Freeholder candidates; one (1) County Sheriff candidate; and various municipal offices. County Committee Members and other eligible persons will vote by secret ballot for their preferred candidates. If a person is eligible to vote, they will be provided with a ballot. The Vice-Chairman and Solicitor of the CCRRO shall preside over this event.

Rules

1. The CCRRO bylaws on file with the Clerk of Cumberland County are incorporated herein.
2. The Municipal Leader of the respective municipalities shall be the official representative of the respective municipal delegation and the recognized spokesperson thereof.
3. The Order of Business at the convention shall be:
 - a. Welcome
 - b. Opening prayer and Pledge of Allegiance
 - c. Introduction of the County Vice Chairman
 - d. Call to Order
 - e. Nomination and Elections
 - f. Invocation and Closing
4. All candidates submitting letters of intent to the Vice Chairman on or before **February 15, 2020** may be nominated and seconded from the floor of the convention. Candidates eligible to participate in the 2020 Convention are listed on the Attachment.
 - a. Nominations shall be in substantially the following form:
(Mr./Madam) Vice Chairperson, I nominate (Name of Candidate) as a candidate for nomination by this Convention for the Office of (Office). Nominations should be completed in less than one minute.
 - b. A bare second (no speech) from the floor will be required.
5. When nominations are complete, nominated candidates or their designee and shall then have an opportunity to speak to those assembled according to the following time restrictions: Federal candidates – Seven minutes; Candidates for County Office – five

minutes; Candidates for local office – two minutes. These are maximums, not minimums.

6. Unopposed candidates are strongly discouraged from giving extended remarks. Their endorsement will be moved via a voice vote.
7. Candidates running as a “slate” may address the Convention as a group. If addressing the Convention as a slate / group, the combined candidates are allotted three (3) minutes per person (example, a slate of two (2) candidates will be allotted six (6) minutes of speaking time).
8. Once all nominations and speeches are complete, voting shall begin.
9. If an office being sought for nomination only includes a portion of the county as its represented area, then only those delegates who reside in the represented area shall be permitted to vote for the office. For example, residents of LD-1 shall not vote for candidates seeking to represent LD-3, and vice-versa. Persons voting at the convention must identify their residence to the Vice Chairman, who will ensure that they receive the proper ballot. This rule is not applicable for the 2020 Convention.
10. Voting shall be conducted by secret ballots prepared in advance by the CCRRO. One ballot will be prepared for residents of LD-1 and one ballot will be prepared for residents of LD-3. This rule is not applicable for the 2020 Convention.
11. CCRRO reserves the right to prepare separate ballots for federal, state, county and/or local elections.
12. The right to vote is pursuant to the CCRRO bylaws. The bylaws provide voting rights to: (a) the members of the county committee, (b) the CCRRO board of directors, (c) Republican elected officials serving within Cumberland County and/or representing Cumberland County, and (d) the two (2) state committeepersons.
13. No person may cast more than one ballot (for example, an elected official that is also a member of the county committee is limited to one ballot, and not two).
14. Voting by proxy and/or by mail is not allowed. You must be present at the convention to cast a ballot.
15. Ballots shall be tallied by the Vice Chairman and the CCRRO Solicitor. Candidates may witness the process, but shall not interfere. The results of the voting will be announced immediately after tallying the ballots on the night of the meeting.
16. Candidates receiving the most votes shall be endorsed by the CCRRO and shall be entitled to appear in a column on the primary ballot under the CCRRO slogan. Successful candidates may give brief remarks to the convention.
17. In the event of a tie, additional rounds of speeches and voting shall take place, until a winner is determined.

ATTACHMENT

President - Donald J. Trump (no other letter of intent received)

U.S. Senate - Rik Mehta, Gary Rich, Hirsh Singh, Natalie Rivera, Tricia Flanagan

U.S. Congress - Jeff Van Drew (no other letter of intent received)

County Freeholder - Darwin Cooper, Victoria Lods, Tony Romero, Patti Gross

County Sheriff - Anthony Loteck, Michael Donato, Norm Franckle