

Elections – Caucus Night 2024

- Before you begin the elections, explain that the caucus rules require that the threshold for winning an election is by majority (an integer greater than half).
 - *Ties are determined by a coin toss.*
 - **NOTE: majority threshold guarantees that more than half of the precinct support a candidate to represent them. This eliminates outliers that do not truly represent the precinct.*

- The precinct may choose the method of voting:
 1. Multiple-round voting
 2. Preference voting
 - *Note: The precinct may make these decisions once for the whole evening, or before each election. For this reason, the caucus host needs to be prepared for both the multiple-round and preference voting.*

- The precinct may also choose to bundle the precinct officer/delegate positions. Here is how they come automatically:
 1. Precinct Chair is also a State Delegate and a County Delegate
 2. Precinct Vice-Chair is also a County Delegate
 - *The precinct may vote (by majority vote) to bundle a state delegate position with the vice-chair, or combine the state and county delegates. The secretary and treasurer position may also be combined.*

- The precinct will also vote on how long to have the candidates speak (the caucus rules state 3 minutes per seat divided evenly, or 30 seconds, whichever is less, unless modified **by majority vote**)

- The last thing the precinct will need to decide is whether or not to elect *alternate* delegates, and how many (the new county by-laws state that “each voting precinct may also elect, in ranked order, **by majority vote**, alternates for County and State Delegates”). This is STRONGLY encouraged – there are always delegates who end up not being able to attend one of the conventions because of unforeseen circumstances. If alternate delegates are not elected, the Precinct Chair will appoint a replacement delegate if one is needed. The state delegates may be elected to act as alternates for county delegate, and the county delegates may be elected to act as alternates for state delegate position.

Voting will be by secret ballot in contested races.

Election results can be declared by acclamation if only one nominee is submitted for any given office.

Same-day ballots (also referred to as proxy ballots) only apply if electronic registration was used.

Election judges are volunteer, they do not need to be voted on.