

# Instructions for the Model Delegate Selection Plan For the 2012 Democratic National Convention

This **Model Delegate Selection Plan** is furnished to State Democratic Parties (including the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, the Virgin Islands, and Democrats Abroad) to assist with the preparation of their respective Plans for the 2012 delegate selection process. In preparing their Plans, State Parties are welcome, but not required, to follow this “model” format.

Provisions applicable for both typical primary or caucus states are included in this Model Plan. A State Party can adapt this document to the requirements of its own unique primary or caucus system. State or date references appear in parentheses (e.g., (*state*) or (*date*); state/system-specific choices or notations are indicated in brackets (e.g., [*indicate system: primary or caucus*]). All of these variables appear as ***bold and italicized*** text.

State Plans must be submitted to the Rules and Bylaws Committee by May 2, 2011. Before submitting the Plan, it must be approved by the State Party following a 30-day public comment period.

The Model Plan is available to State Parties electronically from the Office of Party Affairs and Delegate Selection at the Democratic National Committee.

For more information, please contact the Office of Party Affairs and Delegate Selection at (202) 488-5086.

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# **DELEGATE SELECTION PLAN**

2012 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

ISSUED BY THE OKLAHOMA DEMOCRATIC PARTY  
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# The Oklahoma Delegate Selection Plan For the 2012 Democratic National Convention

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## Section 1

### Introduction & Description of Delegate Selection Process

#### A. Introduction

1. Oklahoma has a total of 50 delegates and 4 alternates. (Call, I. & Appendix B.)
2. The delegate selection process is governed by the *Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States*, the *Delegate Selection Rules for the 2012 Democratic National Convention* (“Rules”), the *Call for the 2012 Democratic National Convention* (“Call”), the *Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee for the 2012 Democratic National Convention* (“Regs.”), the rules of the Democratic Party of Oklahoma, the Oklahoma election code, and this Delegate Selection Plan. (Call, II.A.)
3. Following the adoption of the Delegate Selection Plan by the State Party Committee, it shall be submitted for review and approval by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee (“RBC”). The State Party Chair shall be empowered to make any technical revisions to this document as required by the RBC to correct any omissions and/or deficiencies as found by the RBC to ensure its full compliance with Party Rules. The State Party Chair shall make such corrections and the Plan resubmitted to the RBC within 30 days of receipt of notice of the RBC’s findings. (Regs. 2.5, 2.6 & 2.7)
4. Once the RBC has found this Plan in Compliance, any amendment to the Plan by the State Party will be submitted to and approved by the RBC before it becomes effective. (Reg. 2.9)

#### B. Description of Delegate Selection Process

1. Oklahoma will use a proportional representation system based on the results of the : Primary for apportioning delegates to the 2012 Democratic National Convention.
2. The “first determining step” of Oklahoma’s delegate selection process will occur March 6 2012 with a State run Presidential Preference Primary.
3. Voter Participation in Process
  - a. Participation in Oklahoma’s delegate selection process is open to all voters who wish to participate as Democrats. Oklahoma is a closed primary state according to the Oklahoma Democratic Party’s by-Laws, Article IX, Section 3. A person who is eighteen (18) years of age or older, a citizen of the United States and a resident of Oklahoma may register to vote by contacting their County Election Board. When a person registers to vote he or she will be required to declare his or her affiliation with a political party or as an independent. To participate in an election a person must register to vote at least 24 days prior to the day of the election. (Rules 2.A. & 2.C. & Reg. 4.3.)

- b. At no stage of Oklahoma's delegate selection process shall any person be required, directly or indirectly, to pay a cost or fee as a condition for participating. Voluntary contributions to the Party may be made, but under no circumstances shall a contribution be mandatory for participation. (Rule 2.D. & Reg. 4.4.)
  - c. No persons shall participate or vote in the nominating process for the Democratic presidential candidate who also participates in the nominating process of any other party for the corresponding elections. (Rule 2.E.)
  - d. No person shall vote in more than one meeting, which is the first meeting in the delegate selection process. (Rule 3.E. & Reg. 4.6.)
4. Oklahoma is participating in the state government-run presidential preference primary that will utilize government-run voting systems. The State of Oklahoma uses accessible precinct based optical scan systems. These machines provide a verifiable paper trail and include recognized security systems.

## Section II Presidential Candidates

### A. Ballot Access

A presidential candidate gains access to the Oklahoma presidential preference primary ballot, by filing with the Secretary of the State Election Board (<http://www.elections.state.ok.us/>); located in the Oklahoma State capitol Building; P.O. box 53156, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73152; (405) 521-2391; an oath stating that the candidate has filed a statement of candidacy with the Federal Election Commission and has raised or expended not less than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for said office. Said oath shall be signed **BY THE CANDIDATE**, and the signature shall be witnessed by a notary. Said filing begins 8:00 a.m. on the first Monday in December (December 5, 2011) and ends at 5:00 p.m. Wednesday of that same week (December 7, 2011). The statement of candidacy must be accompanied by a petition supporting the candidate's filing, signed by one percent (1%) of the registered voters in each congressional district, or one thousand (1,000) registered voters in each congressional district, whichever is less, or by a cashier's check in the amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred dollars (\$2,500.00). Candidates should review Title 26 of the Oklahoma Statutes, section 20-101 et seq. for further information. A waiver for exemption Rules 11.B and 14.E are located in the appendices.

Oklahoma election law does not allow for write-in votes in the Presidential Preference Primary, nor is there any method for a voter to cast a vote for "uncommitted".

- B. Each presidential candidate shall certify in writing to the State Democratic Chair, the name(s) of his or her authorized representative(s) by December 2, 2011. (Rule 12.D. (1))

- C. Each presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) shall use his or her best efforts to ensure that his or her respective delegation within the state delegation achieves the affirmative action goals established by this Plan and are equally divided between men and women. (Rule 6.I.)

## **Section III**

### **Selection of Delegates and Alternates**

#### **A. District-Level Delegates**

1. Oklahoma is allocated 29 district-level delegates. All alternates will be elected at large. (Rule 8.C., Call, I.B., and I.I. & Appendix B.)

Delegates to the 2012 Oklahoma Democratic Party State Convention (and congressional district caucuses held therein) are elected in the following manner:

Registered Democrats attending Precinct Meetings held on March 19, 2011 will elect three officers in each precinct who will also serve as delegates to their respective County Convention held on April 2, 2011. The delegates to each County Convention will elect delegates to the State Convention (and congressional district caucuses held therein) for the years 2011 and 2012.

There will be no secret ballots at any stage of the national delegate selection process.

2. District-level delegates shall be elected using a Presidential Preference Primary/Post-Primary Caucus system. Allocation of delegates to each district will be determined by the results of the Presidential Preference Primary held on March 6, 2012. District-level delegates will be elected at the Oklahoma Democratic Party State Convention held in Oklahoma City on April 14, 2012 by congressional district caucuses composed of delegates elected pursuant to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Oklahoma Democratic Party.

An individual does not have to be a delegate to the State convention in order to run as a national convention delegate.

State convention delegates shall sign and mail in a hard copy of a pledge of support for a presidential candidate to the Oklahoma Democratic Party office, 4100 N. Lincoln Blvd., OKC, OK, 73119, no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 17, 2012.

As the State delegates enter the State convention, they shall register their presence, receive their credential for their previously declared presidential preference and receive a color-coded ballot (one containing the names of male delegate candidates and one containing the names of female delegate candidates which have been approved as delegate candidates by the presidential candidates or their authorized representatives). Only delegates declaring a given Presidential candidate preference shall be given a ballot and may be permitted to vote at this stage for national convention delegates pledged to that preference.

The State Convention shall divide into caucuses by congressional district, and then by Presidential candidate preference, to elect its national convention delegates.

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Each presidential preference caucus will be required to elect the numbers of male and female delegates to which they are entitled. In accordance with Rule 12H, a candidate for District-level delegate may run for election only in the congressional district in which he/she is registered to vote.

Voting for District-level delegates shall be conducted separately for male and female positions. Candidates for delegate must receive a majority of those votes cast in order to be elected. The State Party will designate uniform procedures (See Below) whereby the field of candidates may be narrowed and runoff votes taken in the event enough candidates do not receive a majority of the first ballot.

The First Ballot: Any male or female candidate for delegate who receives more than 50% of the vote from the congressional district presidential caucus shall be declared elected as a national convention delegate, provided that the number of candidates receiving a majority vote does not exceed the number of delegates of that gender allocated to the congressional district as reflected in the allocation chart in Section I of this Delegate Selection Plan. If the number of candidates who receive 50% or more of the votes is greater than the number of delegates allocated for their gender, the candidates receiving the highest number of votes and those receiving the next highest totals (in descending order) shall be elected until all allocated positions of that gender have been filled.

The Run-off Procedure: If a sufficient number do not receive a majority on the first ballot, a second vote will be taken, dropping the winner(s) and those receiving less than 20% off the list. On this and subsequent ballots, convention delegates shall have only as many votes as the number of delegate positions of the appropriate gender left to be filled. This procedure shall be repeated until a sufficient number of candidates of the appropriate gender have been elected by a majority vote to fill the allocated positions for that gender.

The State Party shall be responsible for preparing ballots for the election of national delegates at the district caucuses.

### 3. Apportionment of District-Level Delegates

Oklahoma's district-level delegates are apportioned among the districts based on a formula giving equal weight to total population and to the average vote for the Democratic candidates in the 2004 and 2008 presidential elections. (Rule 8.A: Regs. 4.10, 4.11 & Appendix a)

- a. The state's total number of district-level delegates will be equally divided between men and women. Because Oklahoma has an odd number of delegates, the overall variance between men and women will not exceed 1 (rule6.c (1) & reg.4.8)
- b. The district-level delegates are apportioned to districts as indicated in the following chart:

District	Delegates		
	Males	Females	Total
#1	3	3	6
#2	3	3	6
#3	3	2	5
#4	3	3	6
#5	3	3	6
Total	15	14	29

4. District-Level Delegate Filing Requirements

- a. A district-level delegate candidate may run for election only within the district in which he or she is registered to vote. (Rule 12.H.)
- b. An individual can qualify as a candidate for district-level delegate to the 2012 Democratic National Convention by filing a statement of candidacy designating his or her presidential preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidate with the State Party by 5 p.m. on March 15, 2012

5. Presidential Candidate Right of Review for District-Level Delegates

- a. The State Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than 5 p.m. March 22, 2012, a list of all persons who have filed for delegate pledged to that presidential candidate. (Rules 12.D. & 12.F.)
- b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must then file with the State Democratic Chair by 5 p.m. on April 4, 2012, a list of all such candidates he or she has approved, provided that approval be given to at least three (3) times the number of candidates for delegate men and three (3) times the number of candidates for delegate women. (Rule 12.E. (1), Reg. 4.23.)
- c. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate candidates submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate, or the authorized representative(s), signifies otherwise in writing to the State Democratic Chair not later than 5 p.m. April 4, 2012.
- d. National convention delegate candidates removed from the list of bona fide supporters by a presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized

representative(s), may not be elected as a delegate at that level pledged to that presidential candidate (including uncommitted status). (Rule 12.E. & Reg. 4.23.)

- e. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective district-level delegate candidates meet the affirmative action and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action section of this Plan within three (3) business days of returning the list of approved district-level delegate candidates as indicated in section III.A.5.b of this Plan.

6. Fair Reflection of Presidential Preference

- a. Presidential Primary - Proportional Representation Plan (Rules 13.A., 13.B. & 13.D.)

The (Oklahoma) presidential primary election is a “binding” primary. Accordingly, delegate positions shall be allocated so as to fairly reflect the expressed presidential preference of the primary voters in each district. The National Convention delegates selected at the district level shall be allocated in proportion to the percentage of the primary vote won in that district by each preference, except that preferences falling below a 15% threshold shall not be awarded any delegates.

- b. Within a district, if no presidential preference reaches a 15% threshold, the threshold shall be the percentage of the vote received in that district by the front-runner minus 10%. (Rule 13.F.)
- c. Caucuses of persons from the respective congressional district who have signed and filed a pledge of support for a presidential candidate to the Oklahoma Democratic Party office no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 15, 2012, shall select district-level delegates pledged to that presidential candidate. District caucuses will be held at the Oklahoma Democratic Party state convention on April 14, 2012. (Rule 12.G.)

7. Equal Division of District-Level Delegates and Alternates

- a. In order to ensure the district-level delegates are equally divided between men and women, delegate positions within each district will be designated by presidential preference beginning with the highest vote-getting presidential preference. This assignment of delegate positions, alternating by sex as mathematically practicable, will continue with the next highest vote-getting preferences in descending order until the gender of each position has been assigned. (Rule 6.C. (1) & Reg. 4.8.)
- b. The gender allocation of delegate positions has been pre-determined so that the gender of the first position to be filled by the winning presidential candidate is female. Once the allocation of district-level delegates among presidential candidates has been calculated, the remaining delegate positions will be assigned to the presidential preference(s) in

order of the vote won, alternating by gender.

8. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee (DNC) the election of the state's district-level delegates to the Democratic National Convention within ten (10) days after their election. (Rule 8.C. & Call, IV.A.)

## **B. Unpledged Delegates**

1. Unpledged Party Leaders and Elected Officials
  - a. The following categories (if applicable) shall constitute the Unpledged Party Leaders and Elected Official delegate positions:
    - (1) Members of the Democratic National Committee who legally reside in the state; (Rule 9.A. (1), Call, I.F., J., & Reg. 4.13.)
    - (2) All of Oklahoma's Democratic Members of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate; (Rule 9.A. (3), Call I.H. & J.)
  - b. The certification process for the Unpledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates is as follows:
    - (1) Not later than March 1, 2012, the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee shall officially confirm to the State Democratic Chair the names of the unpledged delegates who legally reside in Oklahoma. (Rule 9.A.)
    - (2) Official confirmation by the Secretary shall constitute verification of the unpledged delegates from the categories indicated above. (Call, IV.B.1.)
    - (3) The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the presidential preference of state's unpledged delegates 10 days after the completion of the State's Delegate Selection Process. (Call, IV.B)

## **C. Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) Delegates**

1. Oklahoma is allotted 6 pledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) delegates. (Call, I.D., E. & Appendix B)
2. Pledged PLEO Delegate Filing Requirements
  - a. Individuals shall be eligible for the pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegate positions according to the following priority: big city mayors and state-wide elected officials (to be given equal consideration); state legislative leaders, state legislators, and other state, county and local elected officials and party leaders. (Rule 9.B. (1) & Reg. 4.15.)

- b. An individual can qualify as a candidate for a position as a pledged PLEO delegate by filing a statement of candidacy, designating their presidential preference, with the Oklahoma Democratic Party (Attn: Delegate Selection), 4100 North Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, OK 73105 no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 15, 2012. The statement of candidacy will include a place for an individual to indicate their party leader or elected official position
  - c. An individual who qualifies as a candidate for a position as a pledged PLEO delegate may also file as a candidate for a district-level and At-Large delegate and/or alternate.
3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review
- a. The State Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than 5 p.m. Thursday March 22, 2012, a list of all persons who have filed for a party and elected official delegate pledged to that presidential candidate. (Rules 9.B. (3) & 12.D.)
  - b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must file with the State Democratic Chair, by 5 p.m. April 4, 2012, a list of all such candidates he or she has approved, as long as approval is given to at least two (2) names for every position to which the presidential candidate is entitled. (Rule 12.E. (2) & Reg. 4.23.)
  - c. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate candidates submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate or the authorized representative(s) signifies otherwise in writing to the State Democratic Chair not later than 5 p.m. April 4, 2012.
  - d. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective pledged PLEO delegate candidates meet the affirmative action and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action section of this Plan within three (3) business days of returning the list of approved pledged PLEO candidates as indicated in section III.C.3.b of this Plan.
4. Selection of Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates
- a. The pledged PLEO slots shall be allocated among presidential preferences on the same basis as the at-large delegates. (Rule 9.B. (2), 10.C., 13.E. & F.)
  - b. Selection of the pledged PLEO delegates will occur at 10 a.m. on April 14, 2012 in Oklahoma City, which is after the election of district-level delegates and prior to the selection of at-large delegates and alternates. (Rule 9.B.)
  - c. These delegates will be selected by the State Convention (Rule 9.C.)

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In electing pledged Party Leader/Elected Official delegates, the delegates to the state convention shall elect an equal number of males and females.

Delegates to the Oklahoma Democratic Party State Convention shall not be required to declare their presidential candidate preference, and the entire body of delegates shall vote for all Pledged Party Leader/Elected Official delegates being selected.

Voting for delegates shall be conducted separately for each male and female slot. Candidates for delegate must receive a majority of those votes cast in order to be elected. The State Party will designate procedures (See Below) whereby the field of candidates may be narrowed and runoff votes taken in the event enough candidates do not receive a majority on the first ballot.

The First Ballot: Any male or female candidate for delegate in these categories who receives more than 50% of the vote shall be declared elected as a national convention delegate or alternate.

The Run-off Procedure: If a sufficient number do not receive a majority on the first ballot, a second vote will be taken between the top two vote getters for that slot on the First Ballot. The candidate for delegate who receives more than 50% of the vote shall be declared elected as a national convention delegate or alternate.

Alternates are not selected at the pledged Party Leader and Elected Official level. These alternates are combined with the at-large alternates and selected as one unit. (Reg. 4.30.)

5. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee the election of the state's pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates to the Democratic National Convention within ten (10) days after their election. (Rule 8.D. & Call, IV.A.)

### **D. At-Large Delegates And Alternates**

1. The state of Oklahoma is allotted **10** at-large delegates and **4** at-large alternate. (Rule 8.C., Call, I.B., II. & Appendix B)
2. **At-Large Delegate and Alternate Filing Requirements**
  - a. Persons desiring to seek at-large delegate or alternate positions may file a statement of candidacy designating their presidential preference or and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidates with the Oklahoma Democratic Party (Attn: Delegate Selection), 4100 North Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, OK 73105 no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 15, 2012. (Rules 12.B. & 14.G.; Regs. 4.21. & 4.27.)
  - b. The statement of candidacy for at-large delegates and for at-large alternates will be the same. After the at-large delegates are elected by Oklahoma Democratic Party State Convention, those persons not chosen will then be considered

candidates for at-large alternate positions unless they specify otherwise when filing. (Rule 18.A.)

- c. Seeking election as a district-level delegate does not disqualify one from filing as an at large delegate as well.

3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review

- a. The State Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than 5 p.m. Thursday, March 22, 2012, a list of all persons who have filed for delegate or alternate pledged to that presidential candidate. (Rule 12.D.)
- b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must then file with the State Democratic Chair, by 5 p.m. April 4, 2012, a list of all such candidates he or she has approved, provided that, at a minimum, two (2) names remains for every national convention delegate or alternate position to which the presidential candidate is entitled. (Rule 12.E. (2) & Reg. 4.23.)
- c. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate candidates submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate or the authorized representative(s) signifies otherwise in writing to the State Democratic Chair not later than 5 p.m. April 4, 2012.
- d. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective at-large delegate candidates and at-large alternate candidates meet the affirmative action and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action section of this Plan within three (3) business days of returning the list of approved at-large delegate candidates and at-large alternate candidates as indicated in section III.D.3.b of this Plan.

4. Fair Reflection of Presidential Preference

- a. At-large delegate and alternate positions shall be allocated among presidential preferences according to the Presidential Preference Statewide Primary Vote (Rule 10.C.)
- b. Preferences, which have not attained a 15% threshold on a statewide basis, shall not be entitled to any at-large delegates. (Rule 13.E.)
- c. If no presidential preference reaches a 15% threshold, the threshold shall be the percentage of the statewide vote received by the front-runner, minus 10%. (Rule 13.F.)

- d. If a presidential candidate is no longer a candidate at the time of selection of the at-large delegates, then those at-large slots that would have been allocated to the candidate will be proportionally divided among the remaining preferences entitled to an allocation. (Rule 10.C.)
- e. If a given presidential preference is entitled to one or more delegate positions but would not otherwise be entitled to an alternate position, that preference shall be allotted one at-large alternate position. (Rule 18.B., Call, I.I. & Reg. 4.30. & 4.33.)

5. Selection of At-Large Delegates and Alternates

- a. The selection of the at-large delegates and alternates will occur at the Oklahoma Democratic Party State Convention in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on April 14, 2012, which will begin at 10 a.m., after all pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates have been selected. (Rule 8.D. & Call, III.)

In electing pledged at-large delegates and alternates, the state convention shall elect an equal number of males and females. In the case where the number to be elected in any category is odd, the difference between elected males and elected females cannot exceed one (1). Except that, the selection of at-large delegates will follow the selection of District-level and Party Leader/Elected Official delegates and shall be used, if necessary, to obtain an equal division of positions between men and women in Oklahoma's overall delegation and priority of consideration will be given to other groups by virtue of race/ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, or disability.

Delegates to the Oklahoma Democratic Party State Convention shall not be required to declare their presidential candidate preference, and the entire body of delegates shall vote for all party at-large national convention delegates and alternates being selected. Voting for delegates and/or alternates shall be conducted separately for each male and female slot. Candidates for delegate or alternate must receive a majority of those votes cast in order to be elected. The State Party will designate procedures (See Below) whereby the field of candidates may be narrowed and runoff votes taken in the event enough candidates do not receive a majority on the first ballot.

The First Ballot: Any male or female candidate for delegate or alternate in these categories who receives more than 50% of the vote shall be declared elected as a national convention delegate or alternate.

The Run-off Procedure: If a sufficient number do not receive a majority on the first ballot, a second vote will be taken between the top two vote getters for that slot on the First Ballot. The candidate for delegate or alternate who receives more than 50% of the vote shall be declared elected as a national convention delegate or alternate.

- b. Priority of Consideration

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- (1) In the selection of the at-large delegation priority of consideration shall be given to African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and women. (Rule 6.A.)
  - (2) In order to continue the Democratic Party's ongoing efforts to include groups historically under-represented in the Democratic Party's affairs and to assist in the achievement of full participation by these groups, priority of consideration shall be given other groups by virtue of race/ethnicity, age, sexual orientation or disability. (Rules 5.C., 6.A. (3), & Reg. 4.7.)
  - (3) The election of at-large delegates and alternates shall be used, if necessary, to achieve the equal division of positions between men and women, and may be used to achieve the representation goals established in the Affirmative Action section of this Plan. (Rule 6.A. & 6.C.)
  - (4) Delegates and alternates are to be considered separate groups for this purpose. (Rules 6.A. (3), 10.A. & Regs. 4.8 & 4.19.)
6. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee the election of the state's at-large delegates and alternates to the Democratic National Convention within ten (10) days after their election. (Rule 8.C. & Call, IV.A.)

### E. Replacement of Delegates and Alternates

1. A pledged delegate or alternate may be replaced according to the following guidelines:
  - a. Permanent Replacement of a Delegate: (Rule 18.D. (2))
    - (1) A permanent replacement occurs when a delegate resigns or dies prior to or during the national convention and the alternate replaces the delegate for the remainder of the National Convention.
    - (2) Any alternate permanently replacing a delegate shall be of the same presidential preference and sex of the delegate he/she replaces, and to the extent possible shall be from the same political subdivision within the state as the delegate.
      - (a) In the case where the presidential candidate has only one alternate, that alternate shall become the certified delegate.
      - (b) If a presidential candidate has only one alternate, and that alternate permanently replaces a delegate of the opposite sex, thereby causing the delegation to no longer be equally divided, the delegation shall not be considered in violation of Rule 6.C. In such a case, notwithstanding

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Rule 18.D. (2), the State Party Committee shall, at the time of a subsequent permanent replacement, replace a delegate with a person of the opposite sex, in order to return the delegation to equal division of men and women. (Reg. 4.32.)

b. Temporary Replacement of a Delegate: (Rule 18.D. (3))

- (1) A temporary replacement occurs when a delegate is to be absent for a limited period of time during the convention and an alternate temporarily acts in the delegate's place.
- (2) Any alternate who temporarily replaces a delegate must be of the same presidential preference as the delegate he/she replaces, and to the extent possible shall be of the same sex and from the same political subdivision within the state as the delegate.
- (3) The delegation shall choose the alternate. (Rule 18.D. (1))

c. Certification of Replacements

- (1) Any alternate who permanently replaces a delegate shall be certified in writing to the Secretary of the DNC by the State Democratic Chair. (Rule 18.D. (2))
- (2) Permanent replacement of a delegate (as specified above) by an alternate and replacement of a vacant alternate position shall be certified in writing by the Oklahoma's Democratic Chair to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the replacement is selected. (Call, IV.D.1.)
- (3) Certification of permanent replacements will be accepted by the Secretary up to 48 hours before the first official session of the Convention is scheduled to convene. (Call, IV.D.1. & Reg. 4.31.)
- (4) In the case where a pledged delegate is permanently replaced after 48 hours before the time the first session is scheduled to convene or, in the case where a pledged delegate is not on the floor of the Convention Hall at the time a roll call vote is taken, an alternate may be designated (as specified above) to cast the delegate's vote. In such case, the Delegation Chair shall indicate the name of the alternate casting the respective delegate's vote on the delegation tally sheet (Call, VIII.F.3.d., VIII.F.3.b. & Reg. 5.5.)

d. A vacant alternate position shall be filled by the delegation. The replacement shall be of the same presidential preference, of the same sex and, to the extent possible, from the same political subdivision as the alternate being replaced. (Rule 18.E.)

2. Unpledged delegates shall not be entitled to a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to a replacement, except under the following circumstances: (Rule 18.E. & Reg. 4.33.)

- a. Members of Congress and the Democratic Governor shall not be entitled to name a replacement. In the event of changes or vacancies in the state's Congressional Delegation, following the official confirmation and prior to the commencement of the National Convention, the DNC Secretary shall recognize only such changes as have been officially recognized by the Democratic Caucus of the U.S. House of Representatives or the Democratic Conference of the U.S. Senate. In the event of a change or vacancy in the state's office of Governor, the DNC shall recognize only such changes as have been officially recognized by the Democratic Governors' Association. (Call, IV.D.2.a.)
  
- b. Members of the Democratic National Committee shall not be entitled to a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to a replacement, except in the case of death of such delegates. In the case where the state's DNC membership changes following the DNC Secretary's official confirmation, but prior to the commencement of the 2012 Democratic National Convention, acknowledgment by the Secretary of the new DNC member certification shall constitute verification of the corresponding change of unpledged delegates. (Call, IV.D.2.b.)
  
- c. In no case may an alternate cast a vote for an unpledged delegate. (Call, VIII.F.3.d.)

## Section IV Convention Standing Committee Members

### A. Introduction

1. Oklahoma has been allocated (2) members on each of the three standing committees for the 2012 Democratic National Convention (Credentials, Platform and Rules), for a total of 6 members. (Call, VII.A. & Appendix D.)
2. Members of the Convention Standing Committees need not be delegates or alternates to the 2012 Democratic National Convention. (Call, VII.A.3.)
3. These members will be selected in accordance with the procedures indicated below. (Rule 1.G.)

### B. Standing Committee Members

1. Selection Meeting
  - a. The members of the standing committees shall be elected by a quorum of Oklahoma's National Convention delegates, at a meeting to be held on Saturday April 14, 2012. (Call, VII.B.1.)
  - b. All members of the delegation shall receive adequate notice of the time, date and place of the meeting to select the standing committee members. (Call, VII.B.1.)
2. Allocation of Members
  - a. The members of the standing committees allocated to Oklahoma shall proportionately represent the presidential preference of all candidates receiving the threshold percentage used in the state's delegation to calculate the at-large apportionment pursuant to Rule 13.E. of the Delegate Selection Rules. (Call, VII.C.1. & Reg. 5.7.)
  - b. The presidential preference of each candidate receiving the applicable percentage or more within the delegation shall be multiplied by the total number of standing committee positions allocated to Oklahoma. If the result of such multiplication does not equal 0.455 or above, the presidential preference in question is not entitled to representation on the standing committee. If the result of such multiplication is 0.455 but less than 1.455, the presidential preference is entitled to one (1) position. Those preferences securing more than 1.455 but less than 2.455 are entitled to two (2) positions, etc. (Call, VII.C.2.)
  - c. Where the application of this formula results in the total allocation exceeding the total number of committee positions, the presidential candidate whose original figure of representation is farthest from its eventual rounded-off total shall be denied that one (1) additional position. Where the application of this formula

results in the total allocation falling short of the total number of committee positions, the presidential candidate whose original figure of representation is closest to the next rounding level shall be allotted an additional committee position. (Call, VII.C.3.)

- d. Standing committee positions allocated to a presidential candidate shall be proportionately allocated, to the extent practicable, to each of the three standing committees. When such allocation results in an unequal distribution of standing committee positions by candidate preference, a drawing shall be conducted to distribute the additional positions. (Call, VII.C.4.)

### 3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review

- a. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), shall be given adequate notice of the date, time and location of the meeting of the state's delegation authorized to elect standing committee members. (Call, VII.D.1.)
- b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must submit to the State Democratic Chair, by 5 p.m. April 4, 2012, a minimum of one (1) name for each slot awarded to that candidate for members of each committee. The delegation shall select the standing committee members submitted by the presidential candidates. Presidential candidates shall not be required to submit the name of more than two (2) people for each slot awarded to such candidate for members of standing committees. (Call, VII.D.2.)

### 4. Selection Procedure to Achieve Equal Division

- a. Presidential candidates shall use their best efforts to ensure that their respective delegation of standing committee members shall achieve Oklahoma's affirmative action goals and that their respective members are equally divided between men and women. (Rule 6.I. & Reg. 4.9.)
- b. Each position on each standing committee shall be assigned by gender. For example, the first position on the Credentials Committee of the presidential candidate with the most standing committee positions shall be designated for a *[male]*, the second position for a *[female]*, and the remaining positions shall be designated in like fashion, alternating between males and females. Positions for presidential candidates on each committee shall be ranked according to the total number of standing positions allocated to each such candidate. After positions on the Credentials Committee are designated by sex, the designation shall continue with the Platform Committee, then the Rules Committee.
  - (1) A separate election shall be conducted for membership on each standing committee.
  - (2) The membership of the standing committees shall be as equally divided as possible under the state allocation; if the number is even, the membership

shall be equally divided between men and women; if the number is odd, the variance between men and women may not exceed one (1) person, and the advantaged gender must not remain constant for the three standing committees. (Call, VII.E.1.)

- (3) The positions allocated to each presidential candidate on each committee shall be voted on separately, and the winners shall be the highest vote-getter(s) of the appropriate sex.

5. Certification and Substitution

- a. The State Democratic Chair shall certify the standing committee members in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after their selection. (Call, VII.B.3.)
- b. No substitutions will be permitted in the case of standing committee members, except in the case of resignation or death. Substitutions must be made in accordance with the rules and the election procedures specified in this section, and must be certified in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the substitute member is selected. (Call, VII.B.4.)

## Section V The Delegation

A. OKLAHOMA will select one (1) person to serve as Delegation Chair and 2 to serve as Convention Pages. (Call, IV.E. F.1. & Appendix C.)

### B. Delegation Chair

#### 1. Selection Meeting

- a. The Delegation Chair shall be selected by a quorum of the state's National Convention Delegates, at a meeting to be held following the adjournment of the State Convention on April 14, 2012. (Call, IV.E.)
- b. All members of the delegation shall receive timely notice of the time, date and place of the meeting to select the Delegation Chair. (Rule 3.C.)

2. The State Democratic Chair shall certify the Delegation Chair in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after his or her selection. (Call, IV.E.)

### C. Convention Pages

1. 2 individuals will be selected to serve as Oklahoma's Convention Pages by the State Democratic Chair in consultation with the members of the Democratic National Committee from the state. This selection will take place on April 14, 2012. (Call, IV.F.3. Appendix C & Reg. 5.6.)
2. The Convention Pages shall be as evenly divided between men and women as possible under the state allocation and shall reflect as much as possible, the Affirmative Action guidelines in the Affirmative Action Plan. (Reg. 5.6.A.)
3. The State Democratic Chair shall certify the individuals to serve as Oklahoma's Convention Pages in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the selection. (Call, IV.F.3. & Reg. 5.6.B.)

## Section VI

### General Provisions and Procedural Guarantees

- A. The OKLAHOMA Democratic Party reaffirms its commitment to an open party by incorporating the 'six basic elements' as listed below. These provisions demonstrate the intention of the Democratic Party to ensure a full opportunity for all minority group members to participate in the delegate selection process. (Rules 4.A. & C.)
1. All public meetings at all levels of the Democratic Party in Oklahoma should be open to all members of the Democratic Party regardless of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, economic status or physical disability (hereinafter collectively referred to as "status"). (Rule 4.B. (1))
  2. No test for membership in, nor any oaths of loyalty to the Democratic Party in Oklahoma should be required or used which has the effect of requiring prospective or current members of the Democratic Party to acquiesce in, condone or support discrimination based on "status." (Rule 4.B. (2))
  3. The time and place for all public meetings of the Democratic Party in Oklahoma on all levels should be publicized fully and in such manner as to assure timely notice to all interested persons. Such meetings must be held in places accessible to all Party members and large enough to accommodate all interested persons. (Rule 4.B. (3))
  4. The Democratic Party in Oklahoma, on all levels, should support the broadest possible registration without discrimination based on "status." (Rule 4.B. (4))
  5. The Democratic Party in Oklahoma should publicize fully and in such a manner as to assure notice to all interested parties a full description of the legal and practical procedures for selection of Democratic Party officers and representatives on all levels. Publication of these procedures should be done in such fashion that all prospective and current members of each State Democratic Party will be fully and adequately informed of the pertinent procedures in time to participate in each selection procedure at all levels of the Democratic Party organization. (Rule 4.B. (5))
  6. The Democratic Party in Oklahoma should publicize fully and in such a manner as to assure notice to all interested parties, a complete description of the legal and practical qualifications of all positions as officers and representatives of the State Democratic Party. Such publication should be done in timely fashion so that all prospective candidates or applicants for any elected or appointed position within each State Democratic Party will have full and adequate opportunity to compete for office. (Rule 4.B. (6))
- B. Discrimination on the basis of 'status' in the conduct of Democratic Party affairs is prohibited. (Rule 5.B.)
- C. Oklahoma's delegation shall be equally divided between delegate men and delegate women, and alternate men and alternate women. Such goal applies to the entire delegation, which includes

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- all pledged delegates and alternates and all unpledged delegates. Delegates and alternates shall be considered separate groups for purposes of achieving equal division. (Rule 6.C.)
- D. All delegate and alternate candidates must be identified as to presidential preference or uncommitted status at all levels which determine presidential preference. (Rule 12.A.)
- E. No delegate at any level of the delegate selection process shall be mandated by law or Party rules to vote contrary to that person's presidential choice as expressed at the time the delegate is elected. (Rule 12.I.)
- F. Delegates elected to the national convention pledged to a presidential candidate shall in all good conscience reflect the sentiments of those who elected them. (Rule 12.J.)
- G. All delegates, alternates and standing committee members must be bona fide Democrats who have the interests, welfare and success of the Democratic Party of the United States at heart, who subscribe to the substance, intent and principles of the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States, and who will participate in the Convention in good faith. (Rule 12.H. & Reg. 4.24.)
- H. 40% of the members of any Party body above the first level of the delegate selection process shall constitute a quorum for any business pertaining to the selection of National Convention delegates, alternates, standing committee members, and other official Convention participants. (Rule 15)
- I. An accredited participant in a caucus, convention or committee meeting, after having appeared at such meeting and having established credentials, may register a non-transferable proxy with another duly accredited participant at that meeting (except where an accredited alternate is present and eligible to serve as a replacement), provided that no individual may hold more than one (1) proxy at a time. (Rule 16 & Reg. 4.28.)
- J. The unit rule, or any rule or practice whereby all members of a Party unit or delegation may be required to cast their votes in accordance with the will of a majority of the body, shall not be used at any stage of the delegate selection process. (Rule 17.A.)
- K. Any individual or group of Democrats may sponsor or endorse a slate of candidates for convention delegates. But no slate may, by virtue of such endorsement, receive a preferential place on a delegate selection ballot or be publicly identified on the ballot as the official Democratic Party organization slate, and all slates must meet identical qualifying requirements for appearing on a ballot at all levels of the delegate selection process. (Rule 17.B.)
- L. All steps in the delegate selection process, including the filing of presidential candidates, must take place within the calendar year of the Democratic National Convention, except with respect to the implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan. (Rules 1.F. & 11.B.)
- M. In electing and certifying delegates and alternates to the 2012 Democratic National Convention, OKLAHOMA thereby undertakes to assure all Democratic voters in the state full, timely and equal opportunity to participate in the delegate selection process and in all Party affairs and to implement affirmative action programs toward that end, and that the delegates and alternates to

the Convention shall be selected in accordance with the Delegate Selection Rules for the 2012 Democratic National Convention, and that the voters in the state will have the opportunity to cast their election ballots for the Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees selected by said Convention, and for electors pledged formally and in good conscience to the election of these Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees, under the label and designation of the Democratic Party of the United States, and that the delegates certified will not publicly support or campaign for any candidate for President or Vice President other than the nominees for the Democratic National Convention. (Call, II.B.)

## Section VII

### Affirmative Action, Outreach and Inclusion Plan

#### A. Statement of Purpose and Organization

##### 1. Purpose and Objectives

- a. In order for the Democratic Party, at all levels, be an open Party which includes, rather than excludes people from participation, a program of effective affirmative action is hereby adopted by Oklahoma. (Rule 5.A.)
- b. Discrimination on the basis of “status” in the conduct of Democratic Party affairs is prohibited. (Rule 5.B.)
- c. All public meetings at all levels of the Democratic Party in Oklahoma should be open to all members of the Democratic Party regardless of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, economic status or physical disability (hereinafter collectively referred to as “status”). (Rule 4.B. (1))
- d. Consistent with the Democratic Party’s commitment to including groups historically under-represented in the Democratic Party’s affairs, by virtue of race/ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, or disability, Oklahoma has developed Party outreach programs. Such programs include recruitment, education and training, in order to achieve full participation by such groups and diversity in the delegate selection process and at all levels of Party affairs for 2012. (Rule 5.C & Reg. 4.7.)
- e. In order to encourage full participation by all Democrats in the delegate selection process and in all Party affairs, the Oklahoma Democratic Party has adopted and will implement programs with specific goals and timetables for African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and women. (Rule 6.A.)
  - (1) The goal of the programs shall be to encourage participation in the delegate selection process and in Party organizations at all levels by the aforementioned groups as indicated by their presence in the Democratic electorate. (Rule 6.A. (1))
  - (2) This goal shall not be accomplished either directly or indirectly by the Party’s imposition of mandatory quotas at any level of the delegate selection process or in any other Party affairs. (Rule 6.A. (2))

- f. In order to achieve full participation of other groups that may be under-represented in Party affairs, including members of the LGBT community, people with disabilities and youth, the Oklahoma Democratic Party has adopted and will implement Inclusion Programs. (Rule 7)
2. Organizational Structure
- a. An Affirmative Action Committee shall be appointed by the State Democratic Chair by February 1, 2011. (Rule 6.F.)
  - b. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Rules and Bylaws Committee of the Democratic National Committee the compliance of the State's Affirmative Action Committee with Rules 5.C, 6.A and 7, and submit the names, demographic data and contact information no later than 15 days after their appointment. (Reg. 2.2.K)
  - c. The Committee shall consist of members from each delegate district representing the Democratic constituency groups set forth in the Introduction to the Affirmative Action Plan. See exhibit.
  - d. The Affirmative Action Committee shall be responsible for:
    - (1) Reviewing the proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans and making recommendations to the State Democratic Chair.
    - (2) Reviewing the proposed Inclusion Programs and making recommendations to the State Democratic Chair.
    - (3) Directing the implementation of all requirements of the Affirmative Action section of this Plan.
    - (4) Implementing a financial assistance program for delegates and alternates. (Rule 6.G.)
    - (5) Ensuring, on behalf of the State Party Committee, that district lines used in the delegate selection process are not gerrymandered to discriminate against African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and women. (Rule 6.E.)
  - e. Financial and staff support for the Affirmative Action Committee shall be provided by the State Party Committee to the greatest extent feasible, including, but not limited to, making available on a priority basis, the State Party staff and volunteers and covering all reasonable costs incurred in carrying out this Plan.
3. Implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan shall begin on September 16, 2011, with the distribution of the press kits, and will continue through the end of the delegate selection process. (Rule 1.F.)

**B. Efforts to Educate on the Delegate Selection Process**

1. Publicized educational workshops will be conducted in each of the delegate districts beginning in September 2011. These workshops will be designed to encourage participation in the delegate selection process, including apprising potential delegate candidates of the availability of financial assistance. These workshops will be held in places easily accessible to persons with physical disabilities. The times, dates, places and rules for the conduct of all education workshops, meetings and other events involved in the delegate selection process shall be effectively publicized by the party organization and include mailings to various organizations representative of the Democratic voting populace. (Rules 3.A., 3.C. & 3.D.)
2. A speaker's bureau of volunteers from the Affirmative Action Committee comprised of individuals who are fully familiar with the process, will be organized to appear before groups, as needed, to provide information concerning the process.
3. The State Party's education efforts will include outreach to community leaders within the Democratic Party's constituencies and making sure that information about the delegate selection process is available to Democratic clubs and Party caucuses representing specific constituencies.
4. The State Party will publish and make available at no cost: a clear and concise explanation of how Democratic voters can participate in the delegate selection process; an explanation of how, where and when persons can register to vote; and delegate district maps. As well, the State Party shall also make available copies of the State Party Rules, the Delegate Selection Plan (and its attachments), the Affirmative Action Plan, and relevant state statutes at no cost. Copies of documents related to the state's delegate selection process will be prepared and the Affirmative Action Committee will distribute them in the various delegate districts not later than December 1, 2011. (Rule 1.H.)
5. The State Party shall take all feasible steps to encourage persons to register and to vote as Democrats and will seek to ensure simple and easy registration procedures. (Rule 2.C.)

**C. Efforts to Publicize the Delegate Selection Process**

1. Special attention shall be directed at publicizing the delegate selection process in the state. Such publicity shall include information on eligibility to vote and how to become a candidate for delegate, the time and location of each stage of the delegate selection process and where to get additional information. The foregoing information will also be published in the State Party newspaper. The Party organization, official, candidate, or member calling a meeting or scheduling an event, shall effectively publicize the role that such meeting or event plays in the selection of delegates and alternates to the Democratic National Convention. (Rules 3.C. and 3.D.)

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2. Newspapers, radio and television will be utilized to inform the general public how, when and where to participate in the delegate selection process. Specifically, this information should provide details as to how to qualify to run as a delegate candidate. Special effort shall be directed to the major daily newspapers, radio and television stations by the State Democratic Chair, Affirmative Action Committee members and staff. Regular releases during the delegate selection process to all other media sources, weekly newspapers, and wire services should complete timely coverage. (Rules 4.B. (3) & 6.D.)
3. A priority effort shall be directed at publicity among the Democratic Party's constituencies.
  - a. Information about the delegate selection process will be provided to minority newspapers and radio stations, ethnic press, Native American, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, Spanish-speaking and other non-English press, radio stations and publications, and women's organizations, student newspapers, gay and lesbian press, disability press, and any other specialty media in the state that is likely to reach the Democratic constituency groups set forth in the Introduction of this Affirmative Action Plan.
  - b. The State Party shall be responsible for the implementation of this publicity effort. For purposes of providing adequate notice of the delegate selection process, the times, dates, places and rules for the conduct of shall be effectively publicized, multi-lingual where necessary, to encourage the participation of minority groups. (Rule 6.D.)
4. Not later than September 16, 2011, a press kit shall be made and provided to each daily and weekly newspaper as well as to the electronic media. The press kit will include:
  - a. a summary of all pertinent rules related to the state's delegate selection process;
  - b. a map of delegate districts and how many delegates will be elected within each district;
  - c. a summary explaining the operation and importance of the 2012 Convention; and
  - d. materials designed to encourage participation by prospective delegate candidates.

**D. Representation Goals**

1. The State Party has determined the demographic composition of African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, and Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the state’s Democratic electorate. These constituency percentages shall be established as goals for representation in the state’s convention delegation. (Rule 6.A.)
2. The State Party has determined the demographic composition of members of the LGBT community, people with disabilities, and youth in the state’s Democratic electorate and furthermore, the State Party has chosen to establish these percentages as goals for representation in the state’s convention delegation.
3. The State Party has determined that members of the Democratic electorate as it relates to AAPI are less than 1%. The ODP has chosen to set a goal of 1 delegate to fulfill our goal of inclusion.

The following chart represents the Affirmative Action goals for the Oklahoma Democratic Party. These goals have been determined utilizing NCEC data.

	African Americans	Hispanics	Native Americans	LGBT Americans	Youth	Disabled
% In Democratic Electorate	19.8	4.0	17.5	5.2	11.9	< 1
Numeric Goals for Delegation	10	2	9	2	4	1

4. When selecting the at-large portion of the delegation, the demographic composition of the other delegates (district-level, pledged PLEO, and unpledged) shall be compared with the State Party’s goals in order to achieve an at-large selection process, which helps to bring about a representative balance.
5. Use of the at-large delegation to achieve the affirmative action goals established by this Plan does not obviate the need for the State Party to conduct outreach activities such as recruitment, education and training. (Rule 6.A. (3))

**E. Obligations of Presidential Candidates to Maximize Participation**

1. Presidential candidates shall assist the Oklahoma Democratic Party in meeting the demographic representation goals reflected in the Affirmative Action Plan. (Rule 6.H.)
2. Each presidential candidate must submit a written statement to the State Democratic Chair by October 17, 2011, which indicates the specific steps he or she will take to encourage full participation in Oklahoma’s delegate selection process, including, but not limited to, procedures by which persons may file as candidates for delegate or alternate. (Rule 6.H. (1))

3. Each presidential candidate must submit demographic information with respect to all candidates for delegate and alternate pledged to them. Such information shall be submitted in conjunction with the list of names approved for consideration as delegate and alternate candidates pledged to the presidential candidate. (Rule 6.H. (2))
  
4. Presidential candidates (including uncommitted status) shall use their best effort to ensure that their respective delegations within the state's delegate, alternate and standing committee delegations shall achieve the affirmative action goals reflected in the Affirmative Action Plan and that the respective delegations of each presidential candidate shall be equally divided between men and women. Furthermore, presidential candidates shall use their best efforts at the district level to approve delegate and alternate candidates who meet applicable equal division and affirmative action considerations in order to achieve the affirmative action goals and equal division for their respective delegations. (Rule 6.I. & Reg. 4.9.)

## Section VIII Challenges

### A. Jurisdiction & Standing

1. Challenges related to the delegate selection process are governed by the *Regulations of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee for the 2012 Democratic National Convention* (Regs. Sec. 3.), and the “Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee of the 2012 Democratic National Convention.” (Call, Appendix A.)
2. Under Rule 20.B. of the *2012 Delegate Selection Rules*, the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee has jurisdiction over challenges pertaining to the submission, non-implementation and violation of state Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans. (Rule 20.B. & Call Appendix A.)
3. The Rules and Bylaws Committee has jurisdiction to hear and decide any challenge provided it is initiated before the 56th day preceding the date of the commencement of the 2012 Democratic National Convention. (Call, Appendix A. & Reg., 3.1.)
4. Challenges to the credentials of delegates and alternates to the 2012 Democratic National Convention initiated on or after the 56th day preceding the date of commencement of the Democratic National Convention shall be processed in accordance with the “Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee of the 2012 Democratic National Convention.” (Call, Appendix A)
5. Any challenge to the credentials of a standing committee member shall be considered and resolved by the affected standing committee in accordance with Appendix A of the *Call for the 2012 Democratic National Convention*. The Rules and Bylaws Committee shall have jurisdiction over challenges brought before the 56th day preceding the date of the commencement of the Democratic National Convention. (Call, VII.B.5.)
6. Copies of the Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee and/or the Call for the 2012 Democratic National Convention, including the Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee (Appendix A), shall be made available by the State Party upon reasonable request.
7. Any group of fifteen Democrats with standing to challenge as defined in Reg. 3.2 or the Call (Appendix A, Sec. 2.A.), may bring a challenge to this Plan or to the implementation of this Plan, including its Affirmative Action provisions.

### B. Challenges to the Status of the State Party and Challenges to the Plan

1. A challenge to the status of the State Party Committee as the body entitled to sponsor a delegation from that state shall be filed with the Rules and Bylaws Committee not later than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the initiation of the state’s delegate selection process. (Rule 20.A. & Reg. 3.4.A.)
2. A challenge to the state’s Delegate Selection Plan shall be filed with the Chair of the Oklahoma Democratic Party and the Co-Chairs of the Rules and Bylaws Committee

within fifteen (15) calendar days after the adoption of the Plan by the State Party. (Reg. 3.4.B.)

3. A challenge to a Plan must be brought in conformity with the Rules and the Regs, which should be consulted for a detailed explanation of challenge procedures.

### **C. Challenges to Implementation**

1. A challenge may be brought alleging that a specific requirement of an approved Plan has not been properly implemented. Jurisdiction over all challenges initiated in a timely fashion shall reside with either the Rules and Bylaws Committee or the Credentials Committee of the National Convention (See Section VII.A. above). However, the Rules and Bylaws Committee may provide advice, assistance or interpretations of the Delegate Selection Rules at any stage of the delegate selection process. (Reg. 3.1.C.)
2. An implementation challenge brought before the Rules and Bylaws Committee is initiated by filing a written challenge with the State Party Committee and with the Rules and Bylaws Committee not later than fifteen (15) days after the alleged violation occurred. The State Party has twenty-one (21) days to render a decision. Within ten (10) days of the decision, any party to the challenge may appeal it to the Rules and Bylaws Committee. If in fact, the State Party renders no decision, any party to the challenge may request the Rules and Bylaws Committee to process it. The request must be made within ten (10) days after expiration of the above twenty-one (21) day period. (Regs. 3.4.C., E., & H.)
3. Performance under an approved Affirmative Action Plan and composition of the convention delegation shall be considered relevant evidence in the challenge to any state delegation. If a State Party has adopted and implemented an approved affirmative action program, the State Party shall not be subject to challenge based solely on delegation composition or primary results. (Rule 6.B.) The procedures are the same for challenges alleging failure to properly implement the Affirmative Action section of a Plan, except that such challenges must be filed not later than thirty (30) days prior to the initiation of the state's delegate selection process. (Reg. 3.4.C.)
4. Depending on the appropriate jurisdiction (see Section VIII.A. above), implementation challenges must be brought in conformity with the Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee or the Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee, which should be consulted for a detailed explanation of challenge procedures.

## Section IX Summary of Plan

### A. Selection of Delegates and Alternates

Oklahoma will use a proportional representation system based on the results of the : Primary apportioning its delegates to the 2012 Democratic National Convention.

The “first determining step” of Oklahoma’s delegate selection process will occur on March 6, 2012, with a : Primary.

Delegates and alternates will be selected as summarized on the following chart:

Type	Delegates	Alternates	Date of Selection	Selecting Body
				Filing Requirements and Deadlines
District-Level Delegates District-Level Alternates	29		4/14/12 4/14/12	<b>ODP State Convention</b> <i>Statement of candidacy due by 5 p.m. March 15, 2012</i>
Unpledged Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates*	##	n/a	n/a	Automatic by virtue of respective public or Party office as provided in Rule 8.A. of the 2012 Delegate Selection Rules.
Pledged Party Leaders and Elected Officials (PLEOs)	6	**	4/14/12	<b>ODP State Convention</b> <i>Statement of candidacy due by 5 p.m. March 15, 2012</i>
At-Large Delegates At-Large Alternates	10	4	4/14/12 4/14/12	<b>ODP State Convention</b> <i>Statement of candidacy due by 5 p.m. March 15, 2012</i>
TOTAL Delegates and Alternates	50	4		

\* Unpledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) delegates includes the following categories, if applicable, who legally reside in the state: the Democratic National Committee Members, the Democratic President, the Democratic Vice President, all Democratic Members of Congress, the Democratic Governor, and any other Distinguished Party Leader as specified in Rule 9.A. of the *2012 Delegate Selection Rules*. The exact number of Unpledged PLEO Delegates is subject to change due to possible deaths, resignations, elections or special elections.

\*\* Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) alternates are selected with the At-Large alternates. [Applicable to most states.]

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### B. Selection of Standing Committee Members (For the Credentials, Platform and Rules Committees)

1. Presidential Candidates are required to submit names of Standing Committee Members by 5:00 p.m. on April 4, 2012.

Standing committee members will be selected by the state's National Convention delegates as summarized below:

Members Per Committee	Total Members	Selection Date	Filing Requirements and Deadlines
2	6	4/14/2012	<i>Statement of candidacy filed by 5 p.m. March 15, 2012</i>

### C. Selection of Delegation Chair and Convention Pages

The Delegation Chair will be selected by the National Convention Delegates on April 14, 2012.

2 Convention Pages will be selected by the State Democratic Chair on April 14, 2012.

### D. Presidential Candidate Filing Deadline

Candidates for the office of Presidency must file with the Secretary of the Oklahoma State Election Board during the filing period of December 5-7, 2011. See Appendix 12 for specific requirements. (Rule 11.B. & 14.E.)

Presidential candidates must certify the name of their authorized representative(s) to the State Democratic Chair by December 2, 2011.

### E. Timetable

Date	Activity
<b>2011</b>	
February 1	Delegate Selection Affirmative Action Committee members are appointed by the State Chair. <i>[Note: This appointment is required to be made by March 1, 2011.]</i>
February 13	Affirmative Action Committee meets to draft proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans.
February 15	Delegate Selection Affirmative Action Committee members must be submitted to the Rules and Bylaws Committee including names, contact information and demographic data.
March 26	Proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans are tentatively approved for public comment by State Party Committee.
March 28	Public comments are solicited on the proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans. Press releases are mailed announcing the public comment period.
April 27	Period for public comment on state Plan is concluded. Responses are compiled for review by the State Party Committee.
June 25	State Party Committee reviews public comments and adopts revised Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans for submission to DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee. Press releases are mailed announcing the approval of the Plan.
September 16	State Party begins implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan. Press kits, as described in the Affirmative Action Plan, are sent to all state media.

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Date	Activity
October 17	Deadline for each announced presidential candidate to submit a statement specifying steps the candidate will take to encourage full participation in the delegate selection process. (Individuals who announce their candidacy after this date must provide this full participation statement to the State Party not later than 30 days after their announcement)
December 1	Deadline for documents related to delegate selection process prepared by the State Affirmative Action Committee to have been distributed at the district level
December 2	Authorized Presidential Representative must certify with the State Party
December 5-7	Presidential Candidate filing period with the Oklahoma State Election Board.
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January 17	All delegate, alternate delegate, and PLEO candidates may obtain the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms and filing instructions from State Party Committee Headquarters, in person, by mail, or from State Party's web site at <a href="http://www.okdemocrats.org/">www.okdemocrats.org/</a> .
March 1	Deadline for the Secretary of the DNC to officially confirm to the State Chair the names of the unpledged delegates who legally reside in Oklahoma
March 6	Presidential Preference Primary
March 15	Deadline for all Delegate, alternate delegate and PLEO candidates to file a statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms with the State Party.
March 22	Deadline for the State Party to provide a list of delegate candidates to the Presidential candidates.
April 4	Deadline for the Presidential candidates to provide a list of approved delegate candidates to the State Party
April 14	State Convention convenes. District level delegates are elected by CD caucuses. State Convention convenes. Pledged PLEO delegates elected. Following election of PLEO delegate candidates to State Party. State Convention selects at-large delegates and alternates.
April 14	National Convention delegation meeting. Delegates elect National Convention Standing Committee Members and Delegation Chair. State Chair names convention pages.
April 17	State Party certifies remainder of elected delegates and alternates (PLEOs and at-large), along with the State's Delegation Chair, Convention Pages, and Standing Committee Members
April 24	State Party certifies in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the Presidential Preference of the states Unpledged Delegates
April 24	State Chair certifies in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the State's Delegation Chair, Convention Pages and Standing Committee Members.

## Exhibits to the Affirmative Action Plan

### A. Members of the Affirmative Action Committee

District	Title	First Name	Last Name	Demographics
1	Male	Anthony	Rockefeller	LGBT/DISABLE
1	Female	Angela	Jackson	African-American
2	Male	Henry	Burris	African-American
2	Female	Andrea	Ford	Native American
3	Male	Earl	Mitchell	African-American
3	Female	Bernice	Mitchell	African-American
4	Male	Charles	Barrick	Hispanic
4	Female	Farah	Bazzereo	Transgender
5	Male	Lorenzo	Thompson	African-American
5	Female	Christine	Price-Allen	African-American
	Male	Carl	Downing	Native American
	Male	George	Young	African-American
	Female	Nicole	Kirkpatrick	Asian
	Female	Denay	Burris	African-American
	Male	Miller	Newman	African-American
	Female	Giovanni	Perry	Hispanic
	Male	Ismat	Esrar	Pakistani
	Female	Mata	Regina	NA/Hispanic
	Male	Tommy	Steen	Native American

### B. Media Outlets to be Contacted Regarding the Delegate Selection Process

#### C. MEDIA OUTLETS TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE DELEGATE SELECTION PROCESS

##### 1. Major Daily Newspapers, Radio and Television Stations

###### Television Stations

KSWO TV (Lawton)  
 KGBN TV (Ponca City)  
 KOCO TV (OKC)  
 OETA TV (OKC and Tulsa)  
 KOKH TV (OKC)  
 KWTW TV (OKC)  
 KFOR TV (OKC)  
 KSBI TV (OKC)  
 KDOR TV (Tulsa)  
 KJRH TV (Tulsa)

KTUL TV (Tulsa)

KOTV TV (Tulsa)

KOKI TV (Tulsa)

**Radio Stations**

KXOO KECO KADS Radio – Elk City

KIMY FM Radio - Watonga

KSEO KLBC Radio - Durant

KRMP Radio -Anadarko

KVSO KKAJ KTRX KYNZ Radio- Ardmore

KICM Radio - Ardmore

KEOK KTLQ Radio - Tahlequah

KITX FM Radio - Hugo

KGOU KROU Radio - Norman

KBZQ FM Radio - Lawton

KVRW FM Radio - Lawton

KCCU FM Radio - Lawton

KMGZ FM Radio - Lawton

KWEY KCDL KQMX Radio -Weatherford

KCRC KXLS KMMZ - Enid

KGWA/KOFM Radio - Enid

KBLP FM Radio - Lindsay

KOOL AM Radio - Chickasha

KLOR FM Radio - Ponca City

KPNC FM KOKB AM Radio -Ponca City

WBBZ AM Radio - Ponca City

KTIJ KTJS Radio - Hobart

KBEL Radio - Idabel

KKBI KQIB Radio - Broken Bow

KCSC FM Radio - Edmond

KVSP AM Radio - Oklahoma City

KJYO FM Radio - Oklahoma City

KHBZ FM Radio - Oklahoma City

KTOK AM Radio - OklahomaCity

KXXY KTST Radio - Oklahoma City

KATT KYIS KSYY KQOB FM

WKY AM Radio - Oklahoma City

KKWD FM Radio - Oklahoma City

KOMA/KRXO Radio - Oklahoma City

KOKL AM Radio - Okmulgee

KGFY/KVRO/KSPI Radio -Stillwater

KOSU Radio – Stillwater - Cushing

KNED KMCO KTMC Radio -McAlester

KTLS KKFC Radio- Ada

KKEN KXCD KDDQ Radio -Duncan

KKBS Radio - Guymon

KGYN Radio - Guymon

KYBE Radio - Frederick

KJMM FM Radio - Tulsa

KTFX AM Radio - Sand Springs

KVOO KXBL KFAQ Radio -Tulsa  
KMYZ FM Radio - Tulsa  
KBEZ FM Radio - Tulsa  
KJSR FM Radio - Tulsa  
KRAV FM Radio - Tulsa  
KRMG AM Radio - Tulsa  
KWEN KRTQ Radio - Tulsa  
KYFM KWON KRIG Radio -Bartlesville  
KALV KTTL Radio - Alva  
KSIW KWFX KWDQ Radio -Woodward  
KOSB KOKP Radio – Perry

**Daily Newspapers**

Ada Evening News  
Altus Times  
Alva Review-Courier  
Anadarko Daily News  
Daily Ardmoreite  
Bartlesville Examiner-Enterprise  
Blackwell Journal  
Broken Arrow Daily Ledger  
Chickasha Star-Express  
Claremore Daily Progress  
Clinton Daily News  
Cushing Daily Citizen  
Duncan banner  
Durant Daily Democrat  
Edmond Sun  
Elk City Daily News  
Enid News and Eagle  
Garfield County Daily Legal News  
Grove Sun Daily  
Guthrie News Leader  
Guymon Daily Herald  
Hugo Daily News  
McCurtain Daily Gazette  
Lawton Constitution  
McAlester News-Capital  
Miami News-Record  
Muskogee Phoenix  
Norman Transcript  
Journal Record  
Daily Oklahoman  
Okmulgee Daily Times  
Pauls Valley Daily Democrat  
Perry Daily Journal  
Ponca City News  
Poteau Daily News  
Pryor Daily Times  
Sapulpa Daily Herald

Seminole Producer  
Shawnee News-Star  
Stillwater News-Press  
Tahlequah Daily Press  
Tulsa Daily Commerce  
Tulsa World  
Vinita Daily Journal  
Weatherford Daily News  
Woodward News

**Other**

Associated Press  
CNHI News Service  
Oklahoma Observer  
Oklahoma Guardian  
Oklahoma City Gazette  
Yellow Dog Dispatch

2. Other “Non-Minority” Media Outlets

**Weekly Newspapers**

Stilwell Democrat Journal  
Westville Reporter  
Cherokee Messenger & Republican  
Atoka County Times  
Beaver Herald Democrat  
Sayre Record & Beckham Dem.  
Watonga Republican  
Geary Star  
Canton Times  
Okeene Record  
Bryan County Star  
Hinton Record  
Apache News  
Country Connection  
Carnegie Herald  
Cyril News  
Mustang News  
Yukon Review  
Piedmont Surrey Gazette  
El Reno Tribune  
Heraldton Herald  
Wilson Post Democrat  
Lone Grove Ledger  
Oklahoma Legend  
Choctaw County Times  
Boise City News  
The American  
Noble Free Press  
Coalgate Record Register

The Cache Times  
Fletcher Herald  
Fort Sill Cannoneer  
Walters Herald  
Drumright Gusher  
Bristow News & Record Citizen  
Mannford Eagle  
Thomas Tribune  
Delaware County Journal  
Dewey County Publisher  
Taloga Times Advocate  
Ellis County Capital  
Gage Record  
Northwest Oklahoman & Ellis  
County News  
The Vici Vision  
Garber-Billings News  
Maysville News & Stratford Star  
Wynnewood Gazette  
Lindsay News  
Rush Springs Gazette  
Wakita Herald  
Medford Star & Grant County  
Journal  
Pond Creek Herald  
Mangum Star News  
Hollis News  
Laverne Leader Tribune  
Harper County Journal  
Stiegler News Sentinel  
Holdenville Tribune  
Hughes County Times  
Eldorado Courier  
Waurika News Democrat  
Ryan Leader  
Ringling Eagle  
Johnston Cy. Capital Democrat  
Tonkawa News  
Newkirk Herald Journal  
Hennessey Clipper  
Kingfisher Times  
Mountainview News  
Kiowa County Democrat  
Hobart Democrat Chief  
Latimer County Today  
Latimer County News Tribune  
Talihina American  
Spiro Graphic  
Heavener Ledger

Meeker News  
Stroud American  
Prague Times Herald  
Lincoln County News  
Marietta Monitor  
Fairview Republican  
Madill Record  
Chronicle of Grand Lake  
Blanchard News  
Newcastle Pacer  
Purcell Register  
Southeast Times  
McCurtain County News  
Valliant Leader  
Indian Journal  
McIntosh County Democrat  
Sulphur Times Democrat  
Davis News  
Fort Gibson Times  
Haskell News  
Nowata Star  
Okemah News Leader  
Weleetka Weleetkan  
Black Chronicle  
Capitol Hill Beacon  
The Downtowner  
The Tribune  
Oklahoma County Newspapers  
Oklahoma Banker  
Baptist Messenger  
Midcity Advocate  
Eastern Oklahoma County Today  
Harrah News Today  
Durocher's OKCBUSINESS  
Tinker Takeoff  
Friday  
Vision  
OKC Business  
Edmond Life & Leisure  
Oklahoma City Gazette  
Morris News  
Fairfax Chief  
Barnsdall Times  
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Hominy News Progress  
Shidler Review  
Pawhuska Journal Capital  
Skiatook Journal  
The American

Perkins Journal  
Pawnee Chief  
Cleveland American  
Yale News  
Hartshorne Sun  
Allen Advocate  
Tecumseh Countywide News  
Pottawatomie County Democrat  
Shawnee Sun  
Clayton Today  
Antlers American  
Cheyenne Star  
Oologah Lake Leader  
Verdigris Voice  
Inola Independent  
Chelsea Reporter  
Catoosa Times Herald  
Konawa Leader  
Wewoka Times  
Muldrow Times Star  
Vian Tenkiller News  
Sequoyah County Times  
Marlow Review  
Comanche Times  
Hooker Advance  
Big Pasture News  
Frederick Leader  
Frederick Press  
Tulsa County News  
Jenks Journal  
Glenpool Post  
Sand Springs Leader  
Bixby Bulletin  
Oklahoma Eagle  
Urban Tulsa  
Collinsville News  
Guffey's Journal  
Tulsa Business Journal  
Owasso Reporter  
Coweta American  
Wagoner Tribune  
Washita County Enterprise  
Sentinel Leader  
Cordell Beacon  
Freedom Call  
Woods County Enterprise  
Mooreland Leader  
Roland Register

**High Education Publications**

Bacone College - The Baconian  
Cameron University - Collegian  
Carl Albert State College -Viking Banner  
Connors State College – The Collegian  
East Central University – The Journal  
Eastern Ok State College -Statesman  
Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College- Insight  
Langston University - Gazette  
Northeastern A&M College -Norse Wind  
Northeastern State University -The Northeastern  
Northern Oklahoma College – The Maverick  
Northwestern Oklahoma State Univ. - Northwestern News  
Oklahoma Baptist University -The Bison  
Oklahoma Christian University -Talon  
Oklahoma City Community Coll. -Pioneer  
Oklahoma City University – The Campus  
Oklahoma Panhandle State Univ - The Collegian  
Oklahoma State University – The Daily O'Collegian  
Oral Roberts University - University Oracle  
OSU-Okmulgee - The OSU Okmulgee Life  
Rose State College - 15th Street News  
Seminole State College - Collegian  
Southeastern Oklahoma State Univ.- The Southeastern  
Southern Nazarene University -The Echo  
Southwestern Oklahoma State Univ. - The Southwestern  
St. Gregory's University – The Chant  
Tulsa Community College – TCC Connection  
University of Central Oklahoma -The Vista  
University of Oklahoma – The Oklahoma Daily  
University of Science & Arts of OK - The Trend  
University of Tulsa – The Collegian

**Blogs**

Policy Forum  
The Left End of the Dial  
Existential Ramble  
Life and Deatherage  
Okiedoke  
The Practical Progressive  
Women in Black Oklahoma City  
Cutting to the Chase  
Oklahoma Committee for  
Conscientious Objectors  
This is Class Warfare  
The Oklahoma Law Blog  
Mainstream Babtist  
Okie Funk  
Daily Kos (Oklahoma)  
Blue Oklahoma

Jim Inhot Water  
Oklahoma Lefty  
Capitol Talk (Oklahoma)

3. Constituency and Specialty Media Outlets and Targeted Groups

Native America  
Native American Times  
Inside Native America (TV)

African American  
Oklahoma Eagle  
Black Chronicle  
Oklahoma City Herald

Hispanic American  
El Nacional  
Nuestra Comunidad  
El Latino American  
Univision Oklahoma (TV)

Asian American  
Dan Quyan

GLBT  
Gayly Oklahoman

