

Alaska Republican Party Convention Fact Sheet



There is always a great deal of interest in attending the Republican National Convention which in 2020 will be in Charlotte, North Carolina, August 24-27.

National conventions combine three important functions:

- Nomination of candidates for office of President and Vice President;
- Formulation and adoption of a statement of party principles – the platform; and
- Adoption of rule and procedures governing party activities, particularly the nomination process for presidential candidates in the next election cycle.

Who chooses delegates and alternates to the National Convention?

In Alaska, the State Party Chairman appoints a Nominations Committee that includes a delegate from each legislative District. State Convention delegates interested in attending the National Convention submit a self-nomination form to the Nominations Committee prior to the start of the convention. To insure a proper delegation balance, the ARP Nominations Committee utilizes a procedure in state rules to ensure that a proportionate number of delegates and alternates represent the various segments of the state population. The Convention elects the delegates and alternates from the Nomination Committee Report. A guest pass is available to each delegate and alternate.

What happens if you are elected as a delegate or alternate and cannot attend the state or National convention?

If you are elected as a delegate or alternate and you cannot attend, you may not substitute someone else in your place. No proxies are allowed in any party convention. There are many deserving Alaska Republicans who would dearly love to attend a National Convention. If you submit your name for consideration, and if you are elected to be a delegate or alternate, you should be fully committed and financially able to represent Alaska at the National Convention.

How to participate:

- Attend District Convention to be elected State Delegate
- Attend State Convention to be elected National Delegate

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Who can participate?

At the **District** level, any registered Republican can attend the local convention and get elected as a delegate or alternate to the state convention. At the **State** level, only delegates can vote; alternates can participate in Committees. To be elected as a delegate or alternate to the **National** Convention, one must participate in both the District and State conventions. At the National convention, voting delegates have convention floor privileges. Alternates have preferred seating for all events. Guests have reserved seating.

Why do we have conventions?

Every two years, at the District level, we elect local Party officers and delegates and alternates to the State convention; we adopt proposed changes to the state party platform & rules; we organize for up-coming campaigns. Every two years, we have a State convention in which we elect certain Party officers, adopt a state party platform & rules and organize for up coming campaigns. In Presidential years, the state convention elects delegates and alternates to represent Alaska at the National Republican Convention.

The National Republican Party has a National Convention where Presidential and Vice Presidential Candidates are nominated; the National platform & rules are adopted and the up coming national presidential campaigns are organized.

Where & When are the Conventions held?

District: Check ARP Website: www.alaskagop.net
or call ARP Headquarters @ 868-1093

State: April 2, 3, 4 in Juneau, Alaska

National: Aug 24-27 - in Charlotte, N.C.

How much does it cost to attend?

District: \$20-\$50
State: \$275* convention fee plus hotel and travel
National: Mandatory 5-day hotel stay at approximately
\$300/day, \$750 airfare & \$500+ for incidental costs.

*2018 fee

Fun factoid: In 1856, 600 total delegates attended the first Republican Convention in Philadelphia. In contrast, in 2020 there will be an estimated 2,550 delegates in Charlotte. These delegates will come from all 50 states as well as the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.