



Republican National Committee

Counsel's Office

MEMORANDUM

**TO: MEMBERS OF THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE AND
INTERESTED PARTIES**

FROM: RNC COUNSEL'S OFFICE

DATE: NOVEMBER 30, 2012

SUBJECT: BASIC INFORMATION CONCERNING 2013 RNC OFFICER ELECTIONS

This memorandum sets forth basic information concerning the elections for Republican National Committee ("RNC") officers that will take place at the 2013 RNC Winter Meeting. The officer elections will be conducted in accordance with *The Rules of the Republican Party* (the "Rules"), as adopted on August 28, 2012, by the 2012 Republican National Convention, as well as *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, 11th Edition* ("Robert's Rules"), and in accordance with precedent established by past RNC officer elections.

The 2013 RNC Winter Meeting is scheduled for January 23 – 26, 2013 in Charlotte, NC at the Westin Charlotte. In accordance with the Rules, the elections for RNC Chairman, Co-Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer, will be held during the General Session of this meeting. The regional elections for Vice Chairmen, members of the Executive Committee, members of the Standing Committee on Resolutions, and members of the Standing Budget Committee will also take place at the Winter Meeting.

To have one's name officially placed into nomination for the position of RNC Chairman, Co-Chairman, Secretary, or Treasurer, an individual must be nominated from the floor and have the support of at least two (2) RNC Members from each of at least three (3) states. Written evidence of this support must be submitted to the RNC Secretary at the designated time prior to the election. **Please note that under the new Rule No. 5(a)(3), candidates for RNC Secretary and Treasurer are required to be RNC members or officers. No such requirement exists for candidates for Chairman and Co-Chairman.**

An election is won by attaining a majority of the votes cast. Valid proxy holders are allowed to vote on behalf of an absent Member. Proxies shall be considered valid if the standard requirements for proxy designation are met. If all 168 Members or their proxy holders cast ballots, the majority needed to win will be 85 votes.

Upon announcement of candidacy, each officer candidate must contact Jennifer Voldness in the RNC Counsel's Office at jvoldness@rnchq.org to designate an official campaign representative to receive correspondence on behalf of the campaign. All questions related to the officer elections should be directed to counsel@gop.com or to (202) 863-8638. Additional information and details concerning the RNC officer elections will be provided to all RNC Members and announced candidates in the near future.