

## 2023 Chatham Convention Rules

1. **Per the GAGOP Call** Registration will close at exactly 10:00 AM. All those in-line will be checked-in/registered, but no one new will be allowed into the line. Prior to the date of the Convention, the County Chair will designate an official clock. At 10:00 AM a designated party official shall stand at the end of the registration line in which there are potential delegates and alternates who are in line to register. No one will be allowed to enter the line after 10:00 AM to register, but will be allowed to remain as guest of the convention.
2. The Credentials Committee shall make its report before any official convention business can take place. Neither the Credentials Committee nor the convention has the authority to seat any delegate or alternate who has not registered and checked in or was not in line to register at the appointed deadline.
3. Signs designate seating areas on the convention floor for Delegates. Only those with proper credentials are admitted to those areas and to the convention floor.
4. Conventions cannot transact business while Convention Committees are in session. The Standing and Appointed Committees shall report to the Convention at the prescribed time, presenting for vote those items requiring a Convention vote.
5. Rule changes or Resolutions that have not previously been submitted to their respective Committee for consideration will not be considered from the floor.
6. Individuals may speak once for or against a motion or resolution and up to 1 minutes in total time on that issue.
7. The Nominating Committee shall meet as appropriate with prospective candidates for Executive Office. They will consider District and/or State Conventions Delegates and Alternates as they determine appropriately. After reviewing the qualifications of the candidate(s), the Nominating Committee shall present to the Convention, its recommendations. After the presentation of the Nominating Committee Report there will be a call for nominations from the floor. Only those that previously meet with the Nominations committee may have their name nominated for an Executive Office. Nominations must be placed in opposition to a specific individual already nominated. Cumulative voting will not be allowed. (Cumulative voting is when all nominees are voted on together and those receiving the most votes are elected.)
8. Individual that do not either pre-register and/or advise their desire to be a delegate to a convention may not challenge from the floor for a delegate position.
9. No individual may have their name placed into challenge for any position more than once. Individuals that challenge for a Delegate and have their names as Alternates forfeit their alternate seat and if they lose may not reclaim an alternate position for the convention.
10. In order to facilitate Convention business, the Chair may change the order of scheduled speakers for the presentation of the Credentials Committee and for appropriate voting. No individual including the chair may change the order of committee reports.
11. Approval of resolutions of the Convention shall require an affirmative vote of a simple majority of the seated delegates.
12. No Candidate for Office will be allowed to Speak to the Convention if they are not properly registered as a Delegate/Alternate or Guest of the Convention. Additionally, no local supporter of a candidate will be acknowledged for the campaign if they have not previously paid their 2021 Dues to the County Party. Finally, no material from a candidate will be allowed without approval of the County Party Chair prior to the Convention.
13. All votes taken will be done in the same manner starting with Voice and then progressing to Raising before any other method is considered.
14. The rules contained in **Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised 12<sup>th</sup> Edition** shall govern the Convention in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the State, County, or District Party Rules and these Standing Rules