

## Duties of the Political Party Officers

### Precinct Committeemen and Vice-Committeemen

Precinct Committeemen and Vice-Committeemen are elected by the voters of their political party in each precinct in each city and serve as the voting delegates to the County and State Conventions. They cannot run for any other political party office. Since they are representing precinct voters, they are duty bound to give support to any candidates from their precinct, city and county before pledging (trading) votes with others. They elect the County Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer at the County Convention.

Then as delegates to the State Convention, they will be responsible for attempting to get the party's nomination for any candidate from their cities who may be seeking a State Elected Office. Since they are the voting delegates who nominate the party's candidates, they cannot run for any other office in the Political Party Structure nor file for any of the six State Elected Offices.

### City Chairman and Vice-Chairman

The City Chairman and Vice-Chairman are elected by the voters of their political party from both precincts in their city. They cannot run for any other Political Party Office. The City Chairman is a part of the State Central Committee, along with the County Chairman and County Vice-Chairman, who elect the State Party Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

The City Chairman will recommend city voters who can serve on the Rules, Resolutions, Platform, Campaign and Credentials Committees. She is responsible for bringing information back to the city regarding appointments, plans and political rallies.

The City Vice-Chairman acts in the city when the Chairman is absent on State Central Committee business. She helps the Deputy Clerk with filing candidates for office. The City Vice-Chairman will act as a Page for the County Convention, the State Party Organizational Meeting and at all State Convention meetings.

### County Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer

The County Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer organize their County Political Party and strive to fill their county slate for the elected County Officials. The County Officers cannot run for any other party offices. **The County Chairman cannot file for any of the six State Elected Offices and should know parliamentary procedure.**

The County Chairman and Vice-Chairman along with the City Chairmen in each County are delegates to the State Party Organizational meeting which meets on Monday afternoon. They will elect the State Party Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

The County Chairman is in charge of her delegation at the meetings of the State Convention. The County Chairman has NO VOTE but assists at the State Convention in counting and reporting the votes of her delegation.

Reminder: The District Organization is bypassed by ALA HGS.

### **State Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer**

The State Central Committee has the following four officers: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, who are elected by the State Central Committee which consists of the 3 County Chairmen, 3 County Vice Chairmen and 8 City Chairmen.

The State Party Chairmen presides at all meetings of the State Central Committee, conducts business of the State Party Organizational meeting and the State Convention meetings, and presides at the two-party rally, where she introduces her party candidates for State Elected Government Offices. She should know parliamentary procedure.

The Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer work under the direction of the State Party Leaders and State Chairman. The State Party Officers cannot file for any of the six State Elected Government Offices.

### **Keynote Speaker**

The Keynote Address sets the tone of the entire Convention, stating clearly and in a concise manner the party's platform as prepared by the Platform Committee and adopted by the voting delegates to the State Convention. The Keynote Speaker must therefore work closely with the State Party Officers and under the direction of the State Party Leader. She will not only address her own Party Convention, but also will address all citizens at the two-party rally held the night prior to the General Election. She is an ex-officio member of the Platform Committee. She cannot file for any of the six State Elected Government Offices.

Tryouts for Keynote Speaker will be judged on grammar, enunciation, poise, diction, fluency, force, sound thinking and gestures. The tryout speech topic is "Americanism".

### **Cheerleaders and Song Leaders**

Cheerleaders and Song Leaders will be selected by each political party to help develop enthusiasm for candidates during the two-party rally on Wednesday evening. Individuals trying out may use cheers and songs from their high schools.

### **NOTE:**

If you are elected to a Political Party Office, due to your involvement, you may not file for certain political or for certain elected offices. If you desire a particular elected office, please make sure any political party office will not interfere in that goal before submitting your name as a candidate.

## **Political Party Committees**

Listed below are committees needed by each ALA HGS Political Party. Each committee will have a chairman and several members appointed by each respective party's State Officers.

### **Rules**

The Rules Committee suggests a set of rules to govern the convention meeting, as well as, rules for the campaign. The Chairman must read the rules to the number of certified delegates at the request of the State Chairman.

### **Credentials**

The Credentials Committee is responsible for registering all delegates for convention meetings. The Chairman of the committee must make a report to the convention body as to the number of certified delegates at the request of the State Chairman.

### **Platform**

The Platform Committee will draft a list of their party's views on various topics of current interest to the State Government. Individuals on this committee must be able to express themselves in writing and be willing to lead the Party Platform Hearing in their County. Candidates for elective office will need to support the party beliefs and organize programs to implement the party's views.

### **Campaign**

The Campaign Committee will choose a campaign theme and organize party decorations and activities. They will be responsible for making and distributing patterns and materials for each city's participation in the campaign. They will recruit individuals who can help put the party theme into motion.

### **Resolutions**

The Resolution Committee will be in charge of writing resolutions of appreciation, outstanding service and various other virtues which are deemed appropriate.