

Article XV Emergency Operations

Section 1: Condition for Activation

In the event of a declared local, state, national emergency; or other event that prevents the safe in-person meeting of the Central Committee, this article automatically activates. This article automatically deactivates upon the termination of the declared event, or upon the Central Committee meeting in person, whichever happens first.

If any provision of this article conflicts with any previous provision of the bylaws, the provisions in this article, when active, take precedence.

Section 2: Electronic Meetings

All meetings, including the Central Committee and Organizational Meeting, may be conducted via electronic meeting or teleconferencing.

- a. Electronic Meetings requiring PCP Credentialing must be conducted in a way that verifies the identity of every PCP.
- b. Notice of meetings must be sent to current PCPs no later than 6 days in advance of any Electronic Central Committee meeting. Notice may be given by postal mail, electronic mail, or any other method of communication not prohibited by current ORS.
- c. When this article is active, Article X, Section 3(A) is not in effect.
- d. Electronic meetings may conduct all business that would otherwise be conducted at an in-person meeting

Section 3: Electronic Votes Outside of Meetings

Votes of the Central Committee may be conducted by electronic voting, provided that the method of voting verifies the identity of the voter to prohibit proxy voting.

- a. All electronic Central Committee votes must be announced to every member of the Central Committee by electronic mail.
- b. Such an electronic vote outside of a meeting may only be initiated by the Chair with the approval of a majority of the elected officers or authorized by a vote of the Central Committee during an electronic meeting.
- c. Electronic votes of the Central Committee cannot be conducted by electronic mail. A survey system such as Survey Monkey, Doodle, or other similar service should be used.
- d. All CC votes conducted by electronic voting must have a set deadline no shorter than 72 hours and no longer than 1 week.
- e. In the event of an issue-based vote, the issue being voted on must be clearly stated on the online ballot, and the options must be either Yes, No, or Abstain.
- f. In the event of an election vote, each electronic voting ballot should contain only the candidates for a single election. The position must be stated clearly and the ballot must support Ranked Choice Voting for elections containing 3 or more candidates. An option for abstention must be present on the ballot. A document containing candidate statements must accompany the ballot.
- g. The quorum for electronic CC votes is the same as the quorum for the Central Committee meeting. If the vote fails to meet quorum requirements by the deadline, it fails.
- h. Abstention votes do not contribute to the final vote tally, but do count toward quorum for the vote.

- i. The results of the vote must be announced to every member of the central committee within 24 hours of the deadline passing. The results must list the number of votes cast, the number of Yes votes, and the number of No votes. The results must also be accompanied by a report of all individual votes cast, the type of vote cast, and the time in which it was cast. The name of the voter in this report may be redacted or anonymized.
- j. The Secretary must preserve the full results of the vote for up to 6 months after the emergency ends, including the names, type of vote, and the time the vote was cast.
- k. The Central Committee or the Executive Board may request an audit of any electronic vote and its results.
- l. These rules for electronic voting do not apply to votes conducted during a live electronic or teleconference meeting of the Central Committee.