

2024 RPA Calendar | Dates To Know

***March 6th – May 25th:** County Committee Conventions

***March 11th – April 5th:** A Special Meeting of the County Convention for the purpose of electing members to vote in the May 11th Special District Conventions. **Members of the State Committee are prohibited from voting at the Special District Conventions as they will be voting at the State Committee Meeting on delegates.**

April 2nd: General Primary Election (runoffs, if necessary)

May 11th: Special District Conventions for the purpose of electing three delegates and three alternates to the Republican National Convention.

May 18th: State Committee Meeting in Little Rock for the purpose of electing 25 delegates and 25 alternates to the Republican National Convention, electing a National Committeewoman, electing a National Committeeman, and considering rules changes. Only State Committee Members vote for RNC delegate positions. Registration opens April 15th.

June 8th: Arkansas State Convention for the purpose of certifying state nominees, state committeewomen, state committeemen, adopting a platform, and considering resolutions and rules changes.

July 15th – 19th: Republican National Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin

October 6th: Deadline to Register to Vote in the General Election

October 21st: Early Voting Begins for the General Election

November 5th: General Election

December 3rd: General Runoff Election (County and Municipal)

Every two years county committees "dissolve" and those who filed with the committee during the last filing period are accepted as new members. You may be familiar with having multiple meetings in the same night. In essence, here is the flow:

Step 1: The County Convention: This is where state committeemen and state committeewomen are elected. They are then ratified at the State Convention, at which time their terms begin. The members of the county convention are those who filed during the filing period last November. **Reminder: County executive leadership is elected in January of odd-numbered years – not at the County Convention.** The County Convention can be held as early as March 6th if your county has no potential runoffs in the March primary. If you do have the potential for runoffs, please contact the RPA. **We strongly encourage all County Conventions to be completed by the end of May, as we anticipate the State Convention being held in June.**

Step 2: The first meeting following the County Convention: This is where district committeewomen, district committeemen, and members of the district committee (the number varies based on the votes cast for the Republican nominee for Governor in the last election) are elected. This is often done following the adjournment of the County Convention. This procedure is outlined in [RPA Rules](#).

Step 3: The Special Meeting of the County Convention (for the purpose of electing members to Special District Conventions) only happens in Presidential election years and is the process by which we elect delegates to the Republican National Convention. As outlined in the [adopted procedures here](#), each county will elect a base of 3 delegates. There will then be 1 delegate elected for each two thousand (2000) votes, or major fraction thereof, cast for the Republican nominee for Governor in the last election, 1 delegate for each elected Republican countywide official, 1 delegate for each Justice of the Peace, and 1 delegate for each College Republican, AFRW, and Young Republican club in the county. This formula largely mirrors the existing formula used in Step 2 above as it relates to the District Committees. Additionally, please remember that voting members of the State Committee are prohibited from voting at the Special District Conventions as they will have a vote in the delegate election process later at the State Committee Meeting (one person, one vote, one time).