Proposed Rules

- 1. Except as provided in these rules or as dictated otherwise in the constitution and by-laws of the Iowa Democratic Party, this convention shall have Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised as its parliamentary authority.
- 2. Amendments to the report of the Platform Committee will not be accepted unless made in writing and submitted to a member of the Platform Committee before 9:30 a.m. on the day of the convention.
- 3. Any attendee to the convention may debate, make motions and amendments, and be elected as a delegate, alternate, or committee member to the District and/or State Conventions.
- 4. Except to appeal a decision of the Chair, speakers shall be limited to three minutes, with debate on a single question limited to twelve minutes. The Chair may extend these limits in individual cases. In cases of appeal, speakers will be limited to one speech of one minute, and debate will be closed after five minutes. The Chair may not extend these limits without unanimous consent.
- 5. Voting shall be by voice vote, show of hands, or by ballot. A show of hands may be had on demand of 10% of the delegates present. A ballot may be had on demand of 30% of the delegates present.
- The Chair may entertain a motion to suspend the rules for a specific purpose; this question is not debatable and requires a vote of two-thirds of the delegates voting.
- 7. Delegates present from two-thirds of the precincts or 40% of the total number elected shall constitute a quorum. Once a quorum is achieved the convention may continue in session until final adjournment.
- 8. No amendments to motions or resolutions before the convention shall be permitted except amendments to committee reports offered at the direction of the appropriate committee or in a minority report of the committee.