

The Arizona Balanced Budget Amendment Planning Convention (AZ BBA).
19 states in attendance, 71 duly authorized state delegates, 4 days of work.
The first officially called Convention of States since 1861.
Work completed 9/15/2017.

Art V Rules Committee

- Summary of the rules:
 - Proposed rules for official Art V Convention. “will take the burden from the Art V Convention to do so”
 - Assure limited authority and scope based on applications. “shall not be amended or suspended, will not, cannot run away”

“My experience at this planning convention confirmed the virtue of the delegates sent by the states and their wisdom to uphold the principles of the constitution. In fact, the New Hampshire delegation would put their lives on the line to guard against a runaway convention, plus Oklahoma, Tennessee and Arizona would stand with them.”

“The decorum and atmosphere of the planning convention was like a legislative session; ordered, professional and congenial. Not like the rancorous setting of a political convention.”

- Outlining the duties of convention officers.
- Establish quorum and voting. “majority of the states present will constitute a quorum and one state, one vote will determine any decision.”

“This should encourage all states to attend even if the state has not passed an Art V application.”

- Other provisions are detailed on Heartland’s Constitutional Reform Center’s Website reporting information on the AZ BBA Planning Convention. Look for “Convention Resolution 1”

Art V Planning Committee

- Upon the receipt of the 34th application for a BBA Convention Congress is requested to call and convene the convention no later than 6 months.
- Request Congress to delegate to the states where the convention is to be held.
- The states are responsible for the cost of the convention.

- The states are encouraged to meet annually to assess the progress towards the goal of 2/3rd of the states and work on the logistics of an Art V convention.
- The states are encouraged to establish a process for the appointment of delegates. *“model delegate selection and standards are available on the Heartland’s Constitutional Reform Center’s Website reporting information on the AZ BBA Planning Convention”*

Limiting Outside Influence

- The AZ BBA Planning Convention drafted a strong statement guarding against special interest influence.
- *“The statement is available on the Heartland’s Constitutional Reform Center’s Website reporting information on the AZ BBA Planning Convention”*

And Most Importantly....

The creation of the Phoenix Correspondence Commission (**PCC**).

- Each state will have a voice in the process.
- Create a single point of contact with Congress. *“the states will speak in one voice, as a union of states to the national government”*
- Provide a process for legal representation, **if necessary**.

It was an honor to serve as a delegate and to deliver a “New Birth of Freedom” to these United States.

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Convention Resolution 1

PREAMBLE

ARTICLE 1 – Subject of the Convention

- 1.1 Convention Limited Authority
- 1.2 Temporary Rules
- 1.3 Initial Quorum
- 1.4 Prohibition on Amending or Suspending

ARTICLE 2 - Officers of the Convention

2.1 List and Duties of Officers

2.1.1 Temporary President

2.1.2 Permanent Officers

2.1.2.1 Duties of the President

2.1.2.1.1 Calling the Convention to Order

2.1.2.1.2 Duty to Preserve Order and Decorum

2.1.2.1.3 Authority to Enforce Rules

2.1.2.1.4 Points of Order

2.1.2.1.5 Committee Membership

2.1.2.2 Duties of the Vice President

2.1.2.2.1 Absence of the President

2.1.2.2.2 Convention Manager

2.1.2.3 Duties of the Secretary

2.1.2.3.1 General Duties of the Secretary

2.1.2.3.2 Journal Record of Proceedings

2.1.2.3.3 Verbatim Record of Proceedings

2.1.2.3.4 Numbering of Proposals

2.1.2.3.5 Preparation of Calendar, Reports, and Amendments

2.1.2.3.6 Preservation of Records

2.1.2.3.7 Necessary Deputies and Staff

2.1.2.3.8 Vote Tally

2.1.2.4 Duties of the Parliamentarian

2.1.2.4.1 Qualifications

2.1.2.4.2 Duties

2.1.2.5 Duties of the Sergeant-at-Arms

2.1.2.5.1 Convention

2.1.2.5.2 Committees

2.1.2.5.3 Deputies

2.1.3 Vacancy of an Officer

2.2 Election of the Officers

ARTICLE 3 – Quorums and Voting

3.1 Quorum

3.2 Voting

3.2.1 Voting by States

3.2.2 Majority Vote

3.2.3 Proposing an Amendment for Ratification

ARTICLE 4 – Committees

4.1 Rules Committee

4.1.1 Purpose of the Committee

4.1.2 Seating and Participation

4.1.3 Chair

4.1.4 Vice Chair

4.1.5 Sub-Committees

4.2 Amendment Committee

4.2.1 Purpose of the Committee

4.2.2 Seating and Participation

4.2.3 Chair

4.2.4 Vice Chair

4.2.5 Sub-Committees

4.2.6 Specific Issues Before the Committee

4.2.6.1 State Participation

4.2.6.2 Expert Testimony

4.3 Credentials Committee

4.3.1 Purpose of the Committee

4.3.2 Composition

4.3.3 State Resolutions

4.3.4 Recall Authority of the States

4.4 Additional Committees

4.5 Committee Debate

ARTICLE 5 – Sessions of the Convention

5.1 Composition

5.2 Rules and Procedures

5.3 Seating and Participation

5.4 Sessions

5.4.1 Time of Meeting and Procedure

5.4.2 Reading of the Journal

5.4.3 Order of Business

5.4.4 Prohibitions on the actions of the Convention

5.4.4.1 Amending Convention Rules

5.4.4.2 Proposing and Amending Amendment Language

5.4.5 Voting Process

5.4.5.1 Name of the State

5.4.5.2 Votes Cast

5.4.5.3 Request for Leave

5.4.6 Additional Rules of Procedure

ARTICLE 6 – General and Miscellaneous Provisions

6.1 Costs of the Convention

6.2 Open Meetings

6.3 Adjournment