Rule 1.4. Determination of Timely Filing.

A. Documents **required to be** filed electronically with the Commission under these Rules shall be timely filed if filed at any time on the day specified, including weekends, holidays, or when the Commission offices are closed.

B. All other documents filed with the Commission under these Rules shall be timely filed if filed no later than 4:30 p.m. on the day specified. When the day that a document is required to be filed falls on a day other than a business day, that document shall be timely filed if filed on the next succeeding business day. As used in this section, “business day” shall mean any day on which the Commission is open to conduct business, and “filed” means actually received by the Commission.


A. Unless otherwise prohibited or limited by law or these Rules, a contribution to a political party, a political action committee or a candidate committee may be made by any individual or other person or entity. A child under the age of eighteen (18) may make a contribution only if the contribution is attributed to his or her parent (or equally between two parents) or guardian.

B. The name, address, occupation and employer shall be required for any individual contributor regardless of amount or value.
of contribution unless the contribution is an anonymous
contribution of less than Fifty Dollars ($50.00) as provided
for in Rule 2.20.

Rule 2.19. Cash Contributions.
No contribution of more than Fifty Dollars ($50.00) in cash
in the aggregate may be made to or accepted by a political party
committee, a political action committee or a candidate
committee.

Rule 2.20. Anonymous Contributions.
No anonymous contribution of more than Fifty Dollars ($50.00)
may be made to or accepted by a political party committee, a
political action committee or a candidate committee. Any
anonymous contribution of more than Fifty Dollars ($50.00)
received by a committee shall be deposited in the general
revenue fund of the state to the extent that the contribution
exceeds Fifty Dollars ($50.00).

No limited liability company that has one or more
incorporated members may make a contribution to a political
party committee, a political action committee, or a candidate
committee, except as permitted by law or these Rules.

1. A political party committee, a limited committee, or a
candidate committee, which receives a contribution from a
limited liability company is required to report the contribution by attributing the contribution to the individual members of the limited liability company in proportions equal to the individual member’s ownership interest in the limited liability company. This includes, but is not limited to, the individual member’s name, address, occupation and employer.

2. An unlimited committee which receives a contribution from a limited liability company is required to report the contribution by attributing the contribution to each member of the limited liability company in proportion to the member’s interest in the limited liability company. For individual members, this includes, but is not limited to, the individual’s name, address, occupation and employer. For corporate members, this includes the name, address, and principal business activity of the corporation.

Rule 2.25. Contributions by Partnerships.

No partnership that has one or more incorporated partners may make a contribution to a political party committee, a political action committee, or a candidate committee, except as permitted by law or these Rules.

1. A political party committee, a limited committee, or a candidate committee, which receives a contribution from a partnership is required to report the contribution by...
attributing the contribution to the individual partners of the partnership in proportions equal to the individual partner’s ownership interest in the partnership. This includes, but is not limited to, the individual partner’s name, address, occupation and employer.

2. An unlimited committee which receives a contribution from a partnership is required to report the contribution by attributing the contribution to each partner of the partnership in proportion to the partner’s interest in the partnership. For individual partners, this includes, but is not limited to, the individual’s name, address, occupation and employer. For corporate partners, this includes the name, address, and principal business activity of the corporation.

Rule 2.38. Candidate Contributions to Own Committee.

No candidate or candidate committee shall receive contributions from a political party, political action committee or other person in excess of the limits provided in this Rule. Provided, however, a candidate may contribute an unlimited amount to his or her candidate committee from his or her personal funds or from joint funds of the candidate and the candidate’s spouse. A gift or gifts to a candidate or a candidate’s spouse that are nontaxable under the United States Internal Revenue Code shall be considered contributions to the candidate’s candidate committee to the extent that the gift or
gifts exceeds gifts from the same donor in three (3) of the
preceding five (5) calendar years. No candidate or candidate
committee shall refund contributions of the candidate unless the
contribution is a properly executed loan under Rule 2.67 between
the candidate, and the candidate committee.

Rule 2.48. Candidate Committee Surplus Funds.

A. Surplus funds of a candidate committee are those funds not
otherwise obligated following the election at which the office
for which the candidate committee was formed has been determined
as to that candidate, which, in the candidate’s discretion, are
not required to be used for campaign expenses or officeholder
expenses. Such surplus funds may be:

(A) Retained in any amount for use in a future
campaign of the candidate for the next succeeding term for the
same office;

(B) Retained for a future campaign of the candidate for a
different state elective office, excluding a judicial office;

(C) Donated to a charitable organization as described in
Section 501(c)(3) of Title 26 of the United States Code as it
currently exists or as it may be amended;

(D) Returned to any contributor, as long as the amount returned
does not exceed the contributor’s aggregate contribution during
the immediately preceding primary, runoff primary and general
elections; or
(F5) Contributed to a political party committee in any amount not to exceed Twenty-five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00) in the aggregate.;

(F6) Used to purchase item(s) for donation to a charitable organization as described in Section 501(c)(3) of Title 26 of the United States Code as it currently exists or as it may be amended; provided:

1. the donated item(s) are sold by the charitable organization for fundraising purposes;

2. the purchase of the item(s) for donation is reported on a Contributions and Expenditures Report which includes a description and cost of the item(s) purchased;

3. the donation of the item(s) is reported on a Contributions and Expenditures Report as an in-kind expenditure to the charitable organization which includes a description and the value of the item(s) donated; and

4. the donated item(s) may not be purchased or used by the candidate whose committee is donating the item, any other candidate, a committee, or officer, board member or employee of the charitable organization; or

(G7) Donated in accordance with the provisions of Title 60 O.S. § 381, et seq., to the State of Oklahoma, or, to any county, city, town or school district within the State of Oklahoma.
B. Any surplus funds remaining in the candidate committee’s possession within ninety (90) days after the expiration of the term to which the candidate was elected shall be deposited in the general revenue fund of the state. For candidates who were not elected, any surplus funds remaining in the candidate committee’s possession within ninety (90) days after the second year following the general election, or one-hundred eighty (180) days after the special general election, whichever is earlier, shall be deposited in the general revenue fund of the state.

C. A candidate committee of a candidate who does not file a declaration of candidacy with the state election board for an election during the year for which the committee was formed shall be limited to use of committee funds as follows:

1. for contributions received for the election for which the committee was formed, those contributions are restricted to items (A)(4) and (A)(5) above;

2. for a committee that received funds through a transfer as provided in (A)(1) or (A)(2) above, the committee may transfer an amount equal to the amount originally transferred to another committee as provided for in (A)(1) or (A)(2);

3. for a committee that received a loan from the candidate or financial institution, the committee may make payments towards the loan.
3. Any funds remaining in the candidate committee’s account ninety (90) days after the last day of the declaration of candidacy filing period applicable to the election for which the committee was formed shall be deposited in the General Revenue Fund of Oklahoma.

Rule 2.56. Candidate Committee Printed Advertisements Disclosure Requirements.

Whenever a candidate committee makes an expenditure for the purpose of a communication through Internet advertising, or direct mail, magazine advertisement, newspaper advertisement or any other printed medium, the communication shall state in writing of sufficient size and contrast to be clearly readable by the recipient of the communication: “Authorized and paid for by NAME OF COMMITTEE”. Provided that for campaign signs, banners and other campaign materials capable of re-use, the name of the committee for purposes of this Rule is the name of the committee as registered with the Ethics Commission but is not required to include the year of the election for which the committee is formed. This provision shall not apply to bumper stickers, campaign buttons, t-shirts, aerial advertising or similar advertisements of such a nature that inclusion of a disclaimer would be impractical.
Rule 2.62. Golf Fund-Raising Events.

Any goods or services donated to a golfing fund-raising event by a political party committee, political action committee or candidate committee shall be considered as contributions based on the fair market value of the goods or services, regardless of how the goods or services are used. Any fee paid to participate in such a golfing fund-raising event shall be considered as a contribution, regardless of whether the person paying the fee receives value in exchange for the fee. No goods or services may be donated, nor a fee paid, by any corporation to a political party committee, limited committee, or candidate committee.

Rule 2.67. Loans to Candidate Committees by Candidate and Other Non-Financial Entities.

(A) A loan by any person other than a commercial financial institution to a candidate committee shall be considered a contribution from the lender, guarantor or endorser in the amount of the balance of the loan that has not been repaid.

(B) Provided, however, a candidate may make a loan to his or her candidate committee from his or her personal funds or from joint funds of the candidate and the candidate’s spouse. If a candidate makes such a loan to his or her candidate committee, the terms of the loan must be in writing in a document executed contemporaneously with the transfer of funds.
into the candidate committee’s account. The document must be signed and dated by all parties involved. Such a loan may be repaid from contributions received by the candidate committee, but the candidate committee shall not be permitted to pay any interest on the loan.

(C) If a candidate transfers his or her personal funds or joint funds of the candidate and the candidate’s spouse to the candidate committee without a written loan document, the candidate committee cannot repay the candidate for the transfer.

(D) A candidate who makes expenditures from personal funds or joint funds of the candidate and the candidate’s spouse that are not transferred to the candidate committee’s account shall not have made a loan to the committee. Such expenditures that are not intended to be reimbursed, however, shall be reported as contributions to and expenditures by the candidate committee, or as in-kind contribution to the candidate committee. Expenditures that are intended to be reimbursed must be reported as in-kind expenditures on the report covering the time period during which the expenditure was made and be reimbursed within ninety days (90) of the expenditure.

Rule 2.101. Reports for Candidate Committee in Election Year.

A. Regular Elections. Each candidate committee for a candidate who has filed a declaration of candidacy with the State Election Board for an office to be filled at the general election shall
not be required to file quarterly reports after April 30 of the
year in which the declaration of candidacy is filed but shall
file a pre-election Report of Contributions and Expenditures:
(1) no earlier than fourteen (14) days nor later than eight (8)
days before the primary election for the period beginning April
1 and ending fifteen (15) days before the primary election;
(2) no earlier than fourteen (14) days nor later than eight (8)
days before the runoff primary election for the period beginning
fifteen (15) fourteen (14) days before the primary election and
ending fifteen (15) days before the runoff primary election;
(3) no earlier than fourteen (14) days nor later than eight (8)
days before the general election for the period beginning
fifteen (15) fourteen (14) days before the runoff primary
election and ending fifteen (15) days before the general
election.
Such candidate committee shall file a post-election Report of
Contributions and Expenditures no earlier than January 1 nor
later than January 31 of the year following the general election
for the period beginning the day after the last day of the
general election pre-election reporting period and ending
December 31 of the immediately preceding year.
B. Special Elections. Each candidate committee for a candidate in
a special primary, runoff primary or general election shall file
a pre-election Report of Contributions and Expenditures for the
special primary, runoff primary or general election on the same
dates and for the same periods as provided in this section A.

1. If there is no special runoff primary election scheduled, the
   period covered by the pre-election report for the general
   election shall begin fifteen (15) fourteen (14) days before
   the primary election and end fifteen (15) days before the
   general election.

2. Following the special general election, each candidate
   committee shall file a post-election Report of Contributions
   and Expenditures during the filing period required for the
   next quarterly report following the special general election.
   That post election quarterly report shall be for a period
   beginning the day after the last day of the general election
   pre-election reporting period and ending on the same day as
   the last day of the regular quarterly report. Thereafter, the
   committee shall file reports as otherwise required by these
   Rules.

C. Except for good cause shown, any candidate committee that
   files more than one Report of Contributions and Expenditures
   after the date it is due shall be deemed to have intentionally
   failed to file the report in violation of these Rules.

Rule 2.106. Report Requirements for Candidate Committee.
A Report of Contributions and Expenditures by a candidate committee shall include, but not be limited to, the following information:

A. (1) the candidate’s name, the name of the committee and the time period covered by the report;

(2) the total of any surplus funds transferred from a candidate committee for a previous campaign of the same candidate;

(3) the total of all monetary contributions accepted during the time period covered by the report, and the aggregate total of all monetary contributions accepted;

(4) the total of all monetary contributions from political action committees accepted during the time period covered by the report, and the aggregate total of all monetary contributions from political action committees accepted;

(5) the total of all other funds accepted during the time period covered by the report, and the aggregate total of all other funds accepted;

(6) the total of all monetary contributions or funds accepted from any source during the time period covered by the report, and the aggregate total of all monetary contributions or funds accepted;

(7) the total value of all in-kind contributions accepted during the time period covered by the report, and the aggregate total value of all in-kind contributions accepted;
(8) the total of all expenditures made during the time period covered by the report, and the aggregate total of all expenditures made;

(9) the total of all refunds made during the time period covered by the report, and the aggregate total of all refunds made;

(10) the beginning balance of the campaign account for the reporting period, and the closing balance of the campaign account at the end of the reporting period.

B. (1) The name, address, occupation and employer of any person other than a political action committee, political party committee, or candidate committee, making a contribution or contribution(s) exceeding Fifty Dollars ($50.00) in value in the aggregate, the date and amount of any monetary or in-kind contributions made during the time period covered by the report, and the aggregate total of all contributions accepted from the person;

a. Contributions accepted from a limited liability company shall be reported as contributions from the individual members of the limited liability company in proportions equal to their ownership interest in the limited liability company; and

b. Contributions accepted from a partnership shall be reported as contributions from the individual partners of the
partnership in proportions equal to their ownership interest in
the partnership.

(2) any contributions received from individuals which do not exceed fifty dollars ($50) in the aggregate from any one individual are not itemized and are shown on the report by the total of all contributions accepted during the time period covered by the report from contributors making contributions of no more than Fifty Dollars ($50.00) in the aggregate, and the aggregate total of all such contributions;

(3) the name, address, and Commission identification number of a political action committee, political party committee, or candidate committee making a contribution or contributions, the date and amount of any monetary or in-kind contributions made during the time period covered by the report, and the aggregate total of all contributions accepted from the political action committee, political party committee, or candidate committee;

(4) the name, address, occupation and employer, if applicable, of a contributor to whom a refund was made during the time period covered by the report, the date and amount of the refund, and the aggregate total of all contributions refunded to the contributor;

(5) loans made to the committee during the time period covered by the report, including loans by the candidate and by commercial financial institutions; the name, address and, if
applicable, occupation and employer, of the person making the
loan; the amount of the loan, the date the loan was made, the
interest rate for the loan, the repayment terms for the loan and
the total of all loans made to the committee; any payments on
loans during the time period covered by the report, the amount
of the payment, the date the payment was made and the remaining
balance of the loan following the payment, and the total of all
payments made on all loans to the committee and the remaining
balance on all loans to the committee;

(6) the name and address of any person or entity to whom an
expenditure of more than Two Hundred Dollars ($200.00) in the
aggregate was made during the time period covered by the report,
a description of the goods or services purchased with the
expenditure, and the aggregate total of all expenditures made to
the person or entity, provided however:

a. Split purchasing for the purpose of evading reporting an
expenditure shall be prohibited;

b. Expenditures made to compensate consultants and similar
individuals or organizations shall be reported by identifying
the type of services provided to the campaign by the
consultants;

c. Expenditures made by political consultants and other
third parties on behalf of the committee shall be reported as if
the expenditures were made by the committee.
d. Expenditures made by using a credit card shall be reported by itemizing each individual expenditure of more than Two Hundred Dollars ($200.00);

e. All expenditures made to reimburse a candidate for personal expenditures made on behalf of the committee shall be itemized in detail, regardless of their value.

Contributions accepted from a limited liability company shall be reported as contributions from the individual members of the limited liability company in proportions equal to their ownership interest in the limited liability company.

Contributions accepted from a partnership shall be reported as contributions from the individual partners of the partnership in proportions equal to their ownership interest in the partnership.