- (f) Organizational meeting. If the Petition for the Formation of a Political Party is properly drawn and filed, as in this section provided, then, within ninety days after the filing of the petition and appended papers, the persons designated in the petition as constituting the governing body of the party shall hold an organizational meeting and shall adopt for the conduct of the affairs of the party an interim constitution and bylaws, which shall be filed with the State Administrative Board of Election Laws within thirty days after adoption. Any amendments to the interim constitution and bylaws shall likewise be filed with the State Administrative Board of Election Laws within thirty days after adoption. The said organizational meeting shall be convened by the person designated in the petition as the State Chairman of the party, who shall preside as president pro tem of the meeting until such time as party officers are elected.
- (a) Interim constitution and bylaws. The interim constitution and bylaws shall provide for such meetings as in the opinion of the governing body of the new political party shall be necessary for the proper conduct of party affairs, and shall specifically provide for the selection of a State central committee for the party, the selection of party central committees for the several counties and Baltimore City, and for the selection of chairmen for the State and local party central committees, in the numbers required in Section 11-2 (b) of this article. The interim constitution and bylaws shall also provide for the manner of calling all meetings and for advance notification thereof: for rules governing the conduct of all meetings, including the attendance required for a quorum; for a procedure for selecting party nominees for public office, subject to the provisions of this article; and for the manner and method of amending the interim constitution and bylaws of the political party. The interim constitution and bylaws shall also provide that no meeting of the political party or the governing body of the political party shall be called unless ten days written notice thereof shall be given, by regular mail, to each person entitled under the interim constitution and bylaws to attend, addressed to the residence of such person as disclosed by the records of the board of the county or Baltimore City in which such person is a voter. In the event that it is necessary to call a meeting to fill a vacancy in a party nomination for public or party office, it shall be sufficient if seventy-two hours FIVE DAYS notice shall be given in a manner to be provided by the interim constitution and bylaws.
- (h) Nomination by petition. Unless the party is required to select its nominees for public office by primary election pursuant to Section 5-1 of this article, the nominees for public office of the party shall be selected in the manner provided in the interim constitution and bylaws of the party, but no such nominee shall appear upon the ballot at any general election unless the nominee has complied with all the requirements of the provisions of the subtitle "Nomination by Petition" of this article, including the filing of petitions with the election board or the several boards of the State, which shall bear IN ADDITION TO THE NAME OF THE NOMINEE, the name of the party, signed by not less than three percent (3%) OR FOUR THOUSAND (4,000), WHICHEVER IS GREATER, of the registered voters who are eligible to vote for the office for which election at the general election is sought. If a nominee of a party has filed a valid petition for nomination in compliance with all