

Cache Central Committee Meeting
Oct. 30, 2014

Attendance: 71 Central Committee Members, see page 3 for list.

1. Proposed Bylaw Amendment #1– PASSED unanimously. The body approved voting without discussion.

2. Proposed Bylaw Amendment #2 – PASSED with 1 dissenting vote. There were several questions, but the body approved a motion to vote without discussion.

3. Proposed By law Amendment #3 – REJECTED. For: 18, Against : 46

This vote will be reported to the State Central Committee, and it was requested specifically that Chair Danny Brownell report it in the State Central Committee's December 2014 meeting.

There was lengthy discussion on this bylaw, which proposed eliminating the state delegate status of county elected officials. The proposal would have allocated those 15 spots back to the precincts. A mathematical formula based on Republican strength (voter turnout in the gubernatorial election) is used to allocate state delegates to the precincts.

Danny Brownell, Andy Rasmussen, and Aaric Mason spoke in favor of the proposal. Their points were that about 20 percent of the state delegates are automatic (ex-officio) delegates. Elected officials are able to attend their caucuses where they should easily be elected. (This is unlike the party officers, who are running the caucuses and therefore are not able to attend and run for state delegate.) Eliminating these positions as ex-officio delegates preserves the grass roots, giving as many delegate positions to the precincts as possible, thus encouraging those who want to be involved. Aaric Mason said her precinct in Mendon is spread out and rural, and because of the low numbers did not earn a state delegate this year. Yet those who participate are very active. She said everyone should have a voice.

Lynn Lemon, Sharon Hoth, and Lyle Hillyard spoke against the proposal. Their points were that county elected officials are already elected – and by a larger group than a single precinct. If they can't go to convention, they can be replaced from the precincts. Sometimes those seeking election as state delegates are just there for a specific candidate or issue, and don't stay involved once the convention is over. County elected officials are involved and stay involved. Lynn Lemon said that it wasn't true that these elected officials can easily attend their caucuses. One year, he spent time going between the Providence caucuses, rather than staying in his own.

Note: Proposal #3B, which would have created at-large delegates, was withdrawn before the meeting. It was felt more time was needed to study the idea.

4. Proposed ByLaw Amendments #4A & #4B: #4A – PASSED unanimously with a wording change
#4B – TABLED to Spring 2015 Central Committee Meeting

#4B Discussion and Vote: Danny Brownell and Lee Edwards spoke in favor of #4B, which would cause a party officer to vacate their party office if they run against the party's candidate in the General Election. Such a rule would maintain the integrity of the caucus/convention system. Going against the party's nominee is going against the party's system of choosing candidates, which party leadership should be supporting.

Danny Brownell specifically made clear this had nothing to do with a particular person, but everything to do with the order of the party. Also, the rule does not preclude the person from running for party office later. Fur-

ther, it does not preclude anyone from running a write-in campaign, but if they do they should step down from party leadership because it results in divided party leaders.

Mary Ellen Spackman and Andy Rasmussen spoke against the #4B. Their points were that #4A was a simpler option, and not too strong. Also, that the party is a vehicle for ideas and principles. At any point if we get a candidate who is unfit for office after the primary, we should not eliminate an option that a party officer could run against them. #4B ties us down to a single option and is a knee-jerk reaction.

Andy Pierucci felt that #4B was unfair given the current situation. (If passed, it would go into effect immediately.) He felt it best to decide after the current election.

Andy Pierucci made a motion, with a second from Chad Checketts, to table #4B until the Central Committee's Spring 2015 meeting. There was a clear majority that supported this. (No exact count was taken.)

#4A Discussion and Vote: Sharon Hoth motioned with a second from Andy Pierucci to table this proposal also until Spring. The motion failed. Danny Brownell asked the Central Committee for clear direction by considering #4A. He said the current situation did not have a time frame.

Andy Rasmussen made a friendly amendment which changed the word "choose" in the phrase "choose to run" to the word "file." There was no opposition to the change. The motion to approve #4A passed unanimously.

5. Proposed ByLaw Amendments #5 – PASSED For: 48 (48 was the number of votes required to pass.)

Danny Brownell spoke in favor of the proposal which allows county delegates to participate in the process of filling mid-term vacancies in county elected offices. Danny would like to see more people involved in the political process.

Casey Snider spoke against the proposal, pointing out that logistically in a replacement for a county-wide race, we could have a defacto county convention. However in smaller races, he says the change would be a benefit.

Gina Worthen clarified that Utah law is silent on whether county delegates can be part of filling mid-term vacancies, except if there are more than two years left in the term. Then state law says it must be the county party's central committee members.

Gina Worthen, County Party Secretary

Attendance at Cache Central Committee 10/30/14

Non-Central Committee (could not vote) –

Clair Ellis, State Central Committee, and
County Bylaw Committee
Boyd Pugmire, State Central Committee, past Chair
Craig McCallister, County Delegate, and
Party nominee for County Treasurer

Central Committee Members –

Executive Committee Members:

Danny Brownell, County Party Chair
Gina Worthen, County Party Secretary
Nate Whiting, County Party Leg. 1 Co-Chair
Andy Rasmussen, County Party Leg. 3 Co-Chair
Marie Godfrey, County Party Leg. 3 Co-Chair
Lee Edwards, County Party Leg. 4 Co-Chair
Gail Yost, County Party Leg. 4 Co-Chair
Casey Snider, County Party Leg. 5 Co-Chair
Gennie Olson, Republican Women Chair
Andy Pierucci, USU College Republicans Chair

Elected Officials:

Rep. Jack Draxler
Rep. Ed Redd
Sen. Lyle Hillyard
Lynn Lemon, County Executive
Michael Gleed, County Recorder
Kathleen Howell, County Assessor
Greg Merrill, County Council
Val Potter, County Council
James Swink, County Attorney

Precinct Members:

Marie Akina, LOG21
J Lamar Anderson, LOG13
Sandra K Ashby, LOG 14
Troy Ballard, BEN
Kieth Bladen, HYR03
Rose Branch, WEL03
Emily Briggs, NIB17
Terry Briggs (Layne), NIB03
Alicia Caldwell, LOG02
Chad Checkets, PRO02
Eric Collins, LOG29
Craig Day, NLG03
David Dehlin, HYD01
John Drew, PRO05
Todd Edwards, LOG05
Scott Falslev, BEN
Bette Geertsen, LOG20
Barbara Haines, LOG24
Cathy Harper, SMI01
Robert Horning, LOG05
Sharon Hoth, NLG04
Seth Humphries, LOG33
Casey Hunt, NLG02
Mark Hurd, HYD01
Amber Johnson, SMI04
Laura Johnson, PAR
Timothy Lindsay, LOG03
Joan Liquin, NIB03
Troy Liquin, NIB03
Aaric Mason, MEN01
Laura Morgan, MEN02
Michael Morgan, MEN02
Keith Nelson, HYR04
David Nilson, LOG04
Kelly Olsen, SMI01
Jill Pack, MEN02
Susan Parker, CY
Doyle Peck, SMI07
Tim Ramirze, NIB01
Brent Sandberg, NLG05
Wayne Sanderson, RCH01
Gary Saxton, WEL04
MaryEllen Spackman, LEW02
Andrew Stromness, PRO04
Janet Summit, WEL03
Lyn Swan, HYR01
Keri Swink, PRO03
David Taylor, SMI03
Jeff Thayne, LOG32
Shelby Thayne, LOG32
Sally Thompson, LOG26

PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENT #1
Changing Date for Central Committee Meeting

APPROVED

Requires 2/3 vote to pass

ARTICLE 2. MEETINGS

Meetings of the Central Committee may be convened at any time upon the call of the County Chairman, or at the written request of any twelve (12) members of the Central Committee or any four (4) members of the Executive Committee specified below. Central Committee meetings shall be held at least semi-annually in ~~March and September~~ **Spring and Fall**. Notice of all meetings shall be given at least twenty (20) days beforehand, except in cases of emergency as determined by the County Chairman.

Notes: The party may not always have business to address in the specific months of March and September, and the party does not want to waste delegates' time. Making a less specific time for the meeting would allow flexibility.

PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENT #2
Adding and Clarifying Members of the County Central Committee

APPROVED

Required 2/3 vote to pass

ARTICLE 1. THE COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE

The Republican Party Central Committee of Cache County, Utah, hereinafter referred to as the "Central Committee," shall consist of all Voting Precinct Chairmen, Vice Chairmen, **Treasurer**, and Secretaries elected at the most recent Republican Party Caucuses (mass meetings) held in their respective Precincts, the duly elected or appointed members of the Executive Committee listed in Article 5 below, **the Cache County Republican Women's Chair, the Utah State University College Republicans Chair, the Cache County Teenage Republicans Chair**, and the elected Republican state and county officials representing or residing in Cache County. The Central Committee shall govern the affairs of the Republican Party in Cache County and shall exercise those powers conferred by the Utah Republican Party Constitution and by these By-laws.

Notes: Adds Precinct Treasurers to the County Central Committee. They are the only Precinct Officers not members of the Committee, although those who are Precinct Secretary/Treasurers are members. Also clarifies that the Chairs of the Cache Republican Women, USU Republicans and Teenage Republicans (TARS) are Committee members. Currently, the first two are Committee members by virtue of being appointed members of the Cache Executive Committee. (No organized TARS exist in the county right now.) This change would ensure that the three are always Central Committee Members.

PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENT #3A and #3B
Changes to Ex-Officio State Delegates

REJECTED

Requires 2/3 vote to pass

Two choices are presented here for the central committee's consideration. Proposal #3A eliminates county elected positions from having ex-officio state delegate status, with those fifteen state delegate positions being allocated instead to the precincts. Proposal #3B uses those fifteen state delegate positions to create fifteen at-large (countywide) state delegate positions which would be elected by county delegates at the county nominating convention. Only one of these proposals (or neither) can be adopted. PROPOSAL #3B HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN.

Proposal #3A

ARTICLE 6. DELEGATES

(6B5) Ex Officio Delegates: The County Executive Committee voting members, members of the State Republican Central Committee who represent Cache County, and Republican State ~~and Cache County~~ elected officials who reside in Cache County shall have ex officio delegate status to the county and state conventions, if they so desire. **Republican Cache County elected officials shall have ex-officio delegate status to the county convention.** Ex officio delegates to the state convention are subject to ratification by the county nominating convention. Voting precinct chairmen shall have ex officio delegate status to the county convention. Ex officio delegate status shall go with the office, not with the person. Ex officio delegates are in addition to the delegate allocation determined above (6B2).

Notes: #3A eliminates as ex-officio state delegates those elected to Cache County offices (County Executive, County Council, County Sheriff, County Attorney, and so forth). Those Cache County office holders will still be ex-officio county delegates. The reason for the proposed change is that the elected officials are able to attend their caucus where they can be elected. Those delegate positions would be allocated to the precincts.

Proposal #3B

ARTICLE 6. DELEGATES

(6B5) Ex Officio Delegates and **At Large Delegates**: The County Executive Committee voting members, members of the State Republican Central Committee who represent Cache County, and Republican State ~~and Cache County~~ elected officials who reside in Cache County shall have ex officio delegate status to the county and state conventions, if they so desire. **Republican Cache County elected officials shall have ex-officio delegate status to the county convention.** Ex officio delegates to the state convention are subject to ratification by the county nominating convention. **Fifteen (15) at large state delegates shall be elected at the county nominating convention, with candidate filings or nominations open to any party member, as specified in the convention rules. All other state delegate positions shall be allocated to the voting precincts.** Voting precinct chairmen shall have ex officio delegate status to the county convention. Ex officio delegate status shall go with the office, not with the person. Ex officio delegates are in addition to the delegate allocation determined above (6B2).

Notes: If we eliminate the ex officio positions for county officials, Cache County will lose 15 state delegates who represent the interests of the whole county on matters like party rules, platform amendments, resolutions, national committee elections and party officer elections. That affects us more as a small county. This proposal allows the party to keep that countywide representation, but opens it to other party members as well as elected officials - whomever the county delegates elect.

**PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENT #4A and #4B
Clarifies Party Officer Candidacy after the Primary Election**

Requires 2/3 vote to pass

Notes: These are the two possibilities for addressing such a situation. Only one (or none, if desired) can be adopted. They are both presented for the Central Committees' consideration in principle as well as wording.

Proposal #4A

APPROVED

ARTICLE 5. COMMITTEES

(5A3) Should any of the **voting members of the** ~~Voting~~ Executive Committee ~~members~~ ^{file} choose to run for a state or county elected office and if there is a Republican opponent, the member ~~will recuse him or herself~~ **shall be recused** from the party position until after a nominee has been chosen for the office **or until after the Election** for which the member has filed.

Proposal #4B

TABLED
until Spring 2015 meeting

ARTICLE 5. COMMITTEES

(5A3) Should any of the **voting members of the** ~~Voting~~ Executive Committee ~~members~~ choose to run for a state or county elected office and if there is a Republican opponent, the member ~~will recuse him or herself~~ **shall be recused** from the party position until after a nominee has been chosen for the office for which the member has filed. **If any voting member of the Executive Committee runs for a state or county elected partisan office against a Republican candidate in the General Election, the member's position shall be vacated.**

PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENT #5
Changes and Clarifies Election Process for Mid-Term Vacancies

APPROVED

Requires 2/3 vote to pass

ARTICLE 8. VACANCIES

(8H) VACANCIES IN REPUBLICAN ELECTED OFFICES

(8H1) For a vacancies in the office of a Republican Representative or Senator in the Utah State Legislature, whose district lies completely within Cache County, a replacement shall be elected by the district's County Delegates, in accordance with Utah Code 20A-1-503.

(8H2) For vacancies in Cache County elected offices: Executive/Surveyor, Assessor, Clerk/Auditor, Treasurer, Recorder, Sheriff, and County Council; members of the Cache Central Committee and County Delegates from the precincts governed by that office shall choose a replacement in accordance with Utah Code 20A-1-508. For vacant offices with an unexpired term of two years or more, the Cache Central Committee shall select a candidate in accordance with Utah Code 20A-1-508(4), (5), and (6).

(8H3) For vacancies in the office of Cache County Attorney, the Cache Central Committee shall select three nominees in accordance with Utah Code 20A-1-509.1.

Notes: Includes County Delegates when electing a replacement for Cache County Office vacancies. Currently, it is only members of the Cache Central Committee that select replacements for County office vacancies. Adding the county delegates allows for more people to make the decision, especially when electing replacements to the Cache County Council, in which only those from the council member's precincts may vote. This new section also clarifies who elects for which vacancies, based on Utah law.