



Central Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 7, 2015 | 7 p.m. | Cache Historic Courthouse

Welcome – Gina Worthen, Vice Chair

Prayer – Gennie Olsen

Pledge of Allegiance – Andy Rasmussen

Announcements

Representative Ed Redd invited the committee to a town hall meeting on Saturday morning at the Cache Historic Courthouse at 8 a.m. in the County Council room that the local legislators will be holding. Medicaid expansion will be the topic discussed.

Approval of Meeting Agenda

It was motioned that the agenda be approved, and it was approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

- May 27, 2015 – Cache GOP Central Committee Meeting Minutes
 - A motion was made, seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Photo Contest Winner Presentation – Gina Worthen, Vice Chair

- Gina announced the winners of the Cache GOP photo contest and presented them with their certificates and award checks.

Officer Reports

- Vice Chair – Gina Worthen
 - The party will no longer be sending out postcards notifying central committee members about meetings, it will be done by email in the future.
 - Gina updated the committee on the party SB54 lawsuit.
 - The Lincoln Club is the party's social and fundraising arm. The party is working on organizing a board. Mark Hurd will serve as the chair. If anyone is interested in serving on the board, Gina asked that they contact Mark.
 - Gina invited the Executive Committee to introduce themselves. Each member present introduced themselves to the committee.
 - The party is working on starting a texting system. Gina asked that if members would like to be included, that the party will need their cell phone number.
 - Gina recognized the Executive Committee for their work.

- Secretary – Casey Saxton

- Casey noted that caucus meetings are coming up and that the party will begin actively preparing for them in the months ahead. He stated that the party will be holding leadership trainings to prepare for caucus, which will likely happen early in the Spring.
- Treasurer – Nicole Tuttle
 - The party has been working toward adopting a new financial system that can provide more detail in accounting. Wave Accounting has been selected as the platform. It is an online platform that will be easily accessible to the board and will allow the party to track income and expenses better. It will also make it easy to pass on all financial information as leadership changes from term to term.

Committee Business

- Legislative District 4 Co-Chair Vacancy Election
 - There was a vacancy in a Legislative District 4 Co-Chair position due to Maybell Romero moving out of the county.
 - Andy Rasmussen was the only person who expressed interest in the position and he was elected by acclamation to serve as the Legislative District 4 Co-Chair. Andy had been serving as an interim co-chair since August.
 - Andy noted that the presidential caucus will be held during caucus meeting this year and he encouraged the body to get their precincts in order and prepared to handle the caucus.
 - Caucus meetings are March 22.
- Cache County Republican Party Bylaw Amendment Proposals
 - Proposal 1 – Proxy Voting
 - Gina noted that last year the state party allowed for proxy voting at caucuses, which contradicts the county bylaws.
 - Sharon Hoff, NL04, said she understood that state party bylaws allow for absentee voting, not proxy voting. She said that there are only certain things that the state does that the party has to do.
 - Gina noted that a change may be in order to the proposal to differentiate absentee voting from proxy voting. A motion was made to amend the proposal.
 - Gina noted that it is important that the party accommodate state rules.
 - A question was asked if it is important to change the word proxy to the word absentee.
 - Rep. Redd asked what happens if the party doesn't pass this? Gina noted that if the body doesn't approve it, Gina will notify the State GOP Chair that this body objects.
 - Sharon Hoth said she felt the bylaws didn't need to be changed.
 - The question was asked if you are not able to vote by proxy or absentee at the state convention, why should it be acceptable in a caucus meeting?
 - Gina called for a vote after a lengthy discussion on the proposal by the committee. The amendment failed.
 - Rep. Webb said he thinks there is potential for abuse both in proxy and absentee. He doesn't want neighbors campaigning to bring other people's ballots to caucus meetings.

- It was moved that Proposal 1 be tabled until the next County Central Committee meeting. The proposal was tabled with a unanimous vote.
- Proposal 2 – Clarifies who elects Legislative District Co-Chairs
 - The party has discovered that the bylaws currently required that the Legislative District Co-Chairs be elected by the County Central Committee. In practice, however, county delegates have elected the Legislative District Co-Chairs.
 - Gina noted this proposal will allow both county delegates and the central committee members to be elect their respective Legislative District Co-Chairs.
 - Sally Thompson, LOG26, asked whether it is possible for a delegate in Legislative District 3 to vote for in a different legislative district. It is only in the respective legislative district.
 - A motion was made to approve the proposal. The motion passed unanimously.
- Proposal 3 – Central Committee members are ex-officio delegates to the County Organizing Convention
 - Sen. Lyle Hillyard asked if this enlarges the group who could vote? Gina said that it would.
 - It was noted that many members of the Central Committee are already county delegates.
 - Gina clarified that the proposal is for the organizing convention.
 - It was moved that the proposal be approved. The proposal carried with one dissenting vote.
- Proposal 4 – Clarifies filling the vacancy of a Precinct Treasurer
 - Gina noted that there was no process for replacing a precinct treasurer. The proposal states that if there is a vacancy, the precinct chair would have the authority to appoint a treasurer.
 - The question was asked that if there is not a treasurer currently, if the precinct chair can appoint one. Gina said yes.
 - The group discussed the consequences for precincts who have a combined secretary/treasurer.
 - It was noted that the next organizing convention isn't for two years.
 - A motion was made to approve the proposal. The proposal passed unanimously.

Adjourn

- It was motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Adjournment was approved unanimously.

PROPOSED BYLAW AMMENDMENT PROPOSAL #1

Proxy Voting

Requires 2/3 vote for approval. Proposed changes are underlined.

Background: The Utah Republican Party approved a rule for the 2014 Neighborhood Caucus Elections that allowed for proxy voting. Although the county parties organize the Neighborhood Caucus Elections, the caucuses are governed by state party bylaws and rules. The Cache County Party's bylaw is in conflict with the state party rule. This change would allow for proxy voting if authorized by the state party.

ARTICLE 9. VOTING

(9A) All matters to be voted upon by any committee established by these By-laws or any convention or precinct caucus shall be by majority vote of those present and authorized to vote, unless otherwise specified herein. An election vote among multiple candidates to fill more than one position that does not produce enough majority vote winners to fill the positions shall be completed either by additional rounds of voting among the remaining candidates or by ratifying the plurality vote winners by a majority vote. Voting for each office at any Central Committee meeting or county convention shall be among only the voting precincts governed or represented by that office. Voting by proxy is expressly prohibited at any meeting of any committee established herein or any convention or precinct caucus, unless authorized by state party rules or bylaws.

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PROPOSED BYLAW AMMENDMENT PROPOSAL #2

Clarifies who elects Legislative District Co-Chairs

Requires 2/3 vote for approval. Proposed changes are underlined.

Background: Although it has not been the practice, an overlooked bylaw (5A4) calls for members of the County Central Committee to elect the Legislative District Co-Chairs. In practice, county delegates, in their respective legislative districts, have been electing the legislative district co-chairs. The proposed bylaw change would allow both central committee members and county delegates, both in their respective districts, to elect the legislative co-chairs.

(5A4) At the County Organizing Convention (odd-numbered years), the Central Committee Members, along with the elected county delegates, shall divide themselves into separate caucuses for each of the Legislative Districts within the County and shall each elect by majority vote two (2) Legislative District Co-Chairmen to the Executive Committee. The duly elected Legislative District Co-Chairmen shall act as representatives of their respective Legislative Districts on the Executive Committee. They shall be seated immediately after election and shall serve through the next county organizing convention.

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PROPOSED BYLAW AMMENDMENT PROPOSAL #3

Central Committee Members are ex-officio delegates to the County Organizing Convention

Requires 2/3 vote for approval. Proposed changes are underlined.

Background: This proposal gives county Central Committee Members ex-officio county delegate status to the county organizing convention. This means that county party leadership (chair, vice chair, secretary, treasurer, and legislative district co-chairs) would be elected by county delegates and central committee members. The suggested reason for the change is participation. Turn-out at the organizing convention is lower, often because county delegates serve to elect a specific Cache County elected office candidate at the nominating convention. In addition, county leadership is the executive committee of the central committee, and therefore there is reason that the central committee take part in the executive committee's election. There are 500 county delegates. There are about 270 members of the Cache Central Committee. (The number on the Central Committee may vary slightly as some precincts have both a secretary and a treasurer, and some precincts just have one person fill the spot of secretary/treasurer. The committee is made up of all precinct officers, county party executive committee members, and elected partisan office holders. See Article 1 of the bylaws for details on the Central Committee.)

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. 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. Members of the Cache Central Committee shall have ex officio delegate status to the county organizing 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).

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PROPOSED BYLAW AMMENDMENT PROPOSAL #4

Clarifies filling the vacancy in the precinct treasurer

Requires 2/3 vote for approval. Proposed changes are underlined.

Background: The bylaws do not indicate how a vacancy in the precinct treasurer is to be filled. This change will clarify that the method is the same as vacancies in the offices of precinct Vice Chair and Secretary.

8E) In the event of a vacancy concerning a Precinct Chairman, the Precinct Vice Chairman shall become the Chairman and shall appoint a new Vice Chairman.

8F) If the offices of both Precinct Chairman and Vice Chairman are vacant, the respective Legislative District Co-Chairmen may appoint a new Precinct Chairman. In the event of a vacancy in the offices of Vice Chairman, or Secretary or Treasurer of any precinct, the Precinct Chairman of the Precinct is empowered to appoint a successor.

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**Cache County Republican Party
Central Committee Attendance Report – October 7, 2015**

Executive Committee

Gina Worth, Vice Chair
Casey Saxton, Secretary
Nicole Tuttle, Treasurer
Mark Hurd, District 3 Co-Chair
Lee Edwards, District 4 Co-Chair
Andy Rasmussen, District 4 Co-Chair
Tim Ramirez, District 5 Co-Chair
Gennie Olsen, Cache Republican Women
Peter Gilbert, USU College Republicans

Elected Officials

Lyle Hillyard, State Senator
Ed Redd, State Representative
Curt Webb, State Representative
Craig Buttars, County Executive
Chad Jensen, County Sheriff
James Swink, County Attorney
Val Potter, County Council
Greg Merrill, County Council
David Erickson, County Council

Excused Members

Boyd Pugmire (Chairman), Jeffrey Thayne,
Rick Mayer, Heidi Rees, Laura Johnson,
Samantha Nelson, Todd Edwards, Joshua
Hale, Jonathan Choate, Dale Buxton, John
Hulbert, Roy Hall

General Membership

Kimberly Allen – COV
Shannon Bair – LEW02
Troy Ballard – BEN
Keth Bladen – HYR03
Calvin Chipman – LEW01
Dixie Crook – LOG15
Michael Draper – LOG15
John Drew – PRO05
Merrill Haderlie – LOG26
Cathy Harper – SMI01
Sharon Hoth – NLG04
Bonnie Hoth – LOG11
Herond Hoyt – NLG05
Seth Humphries – LOG33
John Jenkins – WEL01
Timothy Lindsay – LOG03
Paul Miner – WEL03
Michael Morgan – MEN02
Keith Nelson – HYR04
David Newman – LOG02
Kelly Olsen – SMI01
Amy Phillips – LOG18
Kim Robinson – LOG20
Wayne Sanderson – RCH01
Gary Saxton – WEL04
Mary Ellen Spackman – LEW02
Andrew Stromness – PRO04
Sally Thompson – LOG26
Barbara Tidwell – LOG17
Gail Trowbridge – PRO04

Meeting minutes and attendance recorded by:

Casey Saxton, *Secretary*
Cache County Republican Party