

UCRP Central Committee Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2014, 9:00 am, Dixon Middle School

Chair: Casey Voeks, UCRP Chair
Secretary: Kirby Glad UCRP Secretary

Chair Casey Voeks said that all funds collected at this meeting would go to candidate support.

Brady Farley moved that another C&BC member (not the C&BC Chair) present the bylaw proposals.
Ruled out of order

Brady Farley moved that bylaw consideration be postponed until the next meeting. Lost

Lisa Shepherd moved to add to the agenda a motion and statement of support for our candidate for county seat A.

Adrielle Herring move to amend the motion to add to the agenda a statement that supports all of our candidates.- Amendment Adopted

On the amended motion, Adopted.

Lisa Shepherd moved to move all the Resolutions to after the Education Officer's report. Lost

Lowell Nelson moved to add to the agenda to allow consideration of 3 motions of complaint against the C&BC chair.

Motion to end debate on all issues on all pending motions, adopted (2/3)

On the motion by Nelson, Lost

On the adoption of the agenda, Adopted

Minutes of 6/26/2014 were approved without objection

Program – Current Issues in Education

Rep. Greene – Legislation on nomination process for school board candidates

Rep. Nominee Brad Daw- Common Core, improving math and programming curriculum

Rep. Stratton – Safe technology in the schools

Credential report – 289

Money Raised in this meeting– 741.25

Report of Officers

Chair Report – Casey Voeks

Approval of Appointments:

Rob Craig, UCRP Treasurer, approved

Michael Jolley, UCRP Technology Officer, approved

Sen. 14 Convention Plans discussed

Vice Chair Report – Adrielle Herring

Secretary Report – Kirby Glad

Approval of Appointments:

Sabrina Barry, Dist 64 Ed O, Approved

Lincoln Day Dinner moved to Feb 21

Notice of Next meeting(s)

Nov 8, 2014 (our usual Nov date, right after election day)

Jan 24, 2015 (Saturday before legislature convenes)

April 18, 2015 (County convention- 1 week after spring break)

Sept 26, 2015

Nov 7, 2015 (our usual Nov date, right after election day)

Jan 23, 2016 (Saturday before legislature convenes)

Treasurer Report - Rob Craig- the current bank balance is \$33,924.74

Education Officer – Kristen Chevrier

Training was presented on precinct officer duties for the general election. Party officers must not support candidates who are not the Party nominee, including write in candidates.

Committee Reports

Without objection it was ordered that each bylaw proposal be voted up or down without amendment.

A motion to refer back to the committee will be in order.

Limits on Debate of C&B Proposal

- Report of amendment, and report of vote in CBC and EC, by CBC Chair (not over 5 minutes)
- Sponsor and first opposition speaker (each not over 2.5 minutes)
- Speeches For/Against: up to 4 speeches for each side, alternating, up to one minute per speech
- Debate on subsidiary or incidental motions is limited to 1 minute speeches, up to 3 for and 3 against.

C&B Report – Diane Christensen

The C&B Committee moved adoption of B-157 - Amendment to Bylaw 4, Financial and Budget Policies.

Proposed change: (new language is in **bold**)

Bylaw 4, Financial and Budget Policies

- G. **The County Party Chair shall review and approve the monthly reconciliation of the bank account to the accounting records performed by the County Party Treasurer.**

Adopted

The C&B Committee moved to adopt B-155- Amendment to Bylaw 6, Meetings and Conventions.

Proposed Change: (changes in **bold**, removed text is in ~~striketrough~~)

Bylaw 6 Meetings and Conventions

B. The Legislative District Organizing Caucus

3. Meeting Notification. The County Party Secretary shall send ~~by postcard~~ to all voting caucus members an "Official Call" thirty days prior to the District Organizing Caucus. The call shall include, but is not limited to, the terms of eligibility, the process of declaring candidacy, the date, time and location of the district caucus.

Lost

The C&B Committee B-158- Amendment to Bylaw 5, Republican Party Accountability
Tamara Atkin moved to suspend the rules and amend the proposal to not strike "during the campaign"- Adopted.

The amended proposal reads:

Proposed change: (changes in **bold**, additions are underlined, removed text is in ~~striketrough~~)

Bylaw 5 – Republican Party Accountability

B. ~~Candidates~~ **Fitness** for Public Office

1. **Within seven days after the filing deadline, the Steering Committee shall either authorize or perform a background check on all Republican candidates who have declared their intention to seek a partisan elected office, county office or legislative**

office within Utah County. The background check shall include criminal convictions and other judgments. Information gained as a result of the background checks shall be made available by the Steering Committee to county delegates, and if applicable, state delegates, at least fourteen days prior to the Nominating Convention.

2. All Republican candidates who have declared their intention to seek a partisan elected office, county office or legislative office within Utah County, shall ~~be requested to~~ meet with the Steering Committee, or its designee, prior to convention to discuss written instructions, approved in advance by the Executive Committee, ~~and regarding~~ the Party's standards of and candidates' willingness to adhere to:

~~1. a.~~ Fitness for public office, including but not limited to maintaining the highest degree of honesty, morality, and integrity and refraining from any conduct which would cause embarrassment to the Party; and

~~2. b.~~ Publicly support only Republican candidates for partisan public office, ~~and~~

Rogers Anders moved to refer to committee- Lost

On the amended proposal, Lost

The C&B Committee moved adoption of B-159- Amendment to Bylaw 4, Financial and Budget Policies

Proposed Change: (Changes in **bold**, additions are underlined, removed text is in ~~strike through~~)

Bylaw 4 – Financial and Budget Policies

D. When the Steering Committee makes payments for authorized expenditures from party funds, such payments shall be made ~~only by check, shall require the signatures of any two of the four Elected County Party Officers~~ according to written procedures approved by the Executive Committee, and shall have been approved by the appropriate governing committee as budgeted.

Adopted

New Business

Limits on Debate on Resolutions

- Sponsor and first opposition speaker (limits noted below)
- Speeches For/Against: up to 4 speeches for each side, alternating, up to one minute per speech
- Debate on subsidiary or incidental motions is limited to 1 minute speeches, up to 3 for and 3 against.

Kevin Braddy moved to suspend the rules to vote on all three resolutions in one vote without debate. Adopted

Resolution on Common Core State Standards and Assessments

Resolution for Community Involvement In Nominating School Board Members

The Central Committee supports all of our candidates

On the vote for all three proposals, Adopted

(Text shown below)

Resolution on Common Core State Standards and Assessments

WHEREAS, The Common Core State Standards Initiative ("Common Core"), adopted as part of the "Utah Core," is not a Utah state standards initiative, but rather a set of nationally-based standards and tests developed through a collaboration between two NGO's (non-governmental organizations) and unelected boards and consortia from outside the state of Utah; and,

WHEREAS, Common Core binds us to an established copyright over standards, limiting our ability to create or improve education standards that we deem best for our own children; and,

WHEREAS, the General Educational Provisions Act prohibits federal authority over curriculum and testing, yet the U.S. Department of Education's "Cooperative Agreements" confirm Common Core's test-building and data collection is federally managed; and,

WHEREAS, "student behavior indicators" – which include testing for mental health, social and cultural (i.e. religious) habits and attitudes and family status – are now being used for Common Core tests and assessments; and,

WHEREAS, Common Core promotes the storage and sharing of private student and family data without consent; using a pre-school through post-graduate (P-20) tracking system and a federally-funded State Longitudinal Database (SLDS), creating substantial opportunities for invasion of privacy; and,
WHEREAS, Common Core intrudes on the constitutional authority of the states over education by pressuring states to adopt the standards with financial incentives tied to President Obama's 'Race to the Top', and if not adopted, penalties include loss of funds and, just as Oklahoma experienced a loss of their ESEA waiver; and

WHEREAS, the Republican National Committee and Utah State Republican Convention recently passed a resolution opposing Common Core State Standards;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we call on the Governor and the Utah State School Board to withdraw from, and we ask the Utah State Legislature to discontinue funding programs in association with, the Common Core State Standards Initiative/Utah's Core and any other similar alliance, and ;

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be delivered to the Governor and the State legislature requesting executive and legislative action.

Resolution for Community Involvement In Nominating School Board Members

WHEREAS, U.S. District Judge Clark Waddoups on September 6th 2014, found the current method of nominating state school board candidates to be unconstitutional; and,

WHEREAS, the State School Board makes and influences decisions with political impact, such as federal intrusion into our schools, funding priorities, and the role of parents in education; and,

WHEREAS, the State School Board sets the core curriculum, and can decide what areas of education will be emphasized or ignored, such as globalism, environmentalism, American exceptionalism, the impact of our Founding Fathers, religious freedom, state and family sovereignty, private property, Second Amendment, limited government, and other topics that impact the social outlook of students; and,

WHEREAS, state school board nominees are currently selected by an unelected panel—unaccountable to the People, in a process that tends to favor an education establishment that is heavily influenced by the agenda of national organizations; and,

WHEREAS, local school boards determine how to implement the curriculum and administer local policies directly implementing principles such as social justice, moral dimensions of education, parental involvement, tax policy, and other policies with social and political impact; and ,

WHEREAS, choosing state and local school board members via partisan election is not about partisanship in education, but is about promoting the selection of candidates whose principles match those of the community and parents; and,

WHEREAS, the decisions of state and local school boards involve a majority of our state's budget, but those candidates do not pass through an intense vetting process of careful scrutiny by interested representatives selected by the community; and,

WHEREAS, the Republican Party has an excellent vetting system by which grassroots-elected delegates can identify candidates who will best adhere to the principles in our party platform, most notably the principles of fiscal responsibility and local control of education,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, legislators affiliated with the Utah Republican Party are encouraged to enact and support legislation that would make candidates for Utah's State Board of Education and school districts subject to partisan nomination and election; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT delegates to the Utah Republican Party Convention are encouraged to research and vet state and local school board candidates, in order to identify the candidate(s) who will best support limited government and local control of education.