

# Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Utah County Republican Party Central Committee

Held on 12/10/11 at Dixon Middle School, 750 West 250 North, Provo, UT

Called to order at 9:15 AM

Chair: David Acheson, UCRP Chair

Secretary: The Chair reported that the UCRP elected Secretary, Jeremy Roberts, has been removed from office by a vote of the Executive Committee, pending appeal to the Central Committee at its next regular meeting.

On nomination by the Chair, and without objection, Kirby Glad was elected as Secretary Pro Tem for this meeting.

Arthur Brady moved that the agenda which appeared in the Call to the meeting be adopted, including the limitations on debate. The motion was adopted by a unanimous vote without debate.

9:23 AM Credentials report was read by the Chair. Precinct Chairs and Vice Chairs 218, total attendance, 251.

9:25 Committee report by Constitution and Bylaw Committee (C&BC) Chair Lisa Shepherd

Proposal B-114A -Bylaw One State Delegate Allocation was introduced. It was explained that this proposal eliminates all state Ex Officio delegates. There is no change to county Ex Officio Delegates, nor membership in the Central Committee or Executive Committee. All those who want to be a state delegate, including county party officers, will need to run for election in their precinct. Delegate vacancies would be filled by appointment, as they are now.

A presentation was made by the C&BC ( Lisa presented the "for" arguments for 10 minutes, and Paul Baltes presented the "against" arguments for 8 minutes), followed by 10 minutes of questions. Dan Forward moved the adoption of the proposal on behalf of the committee, reporting that the C&BC voted 4-2 to recommend adoption, and the Executive Committee voted 11-5 to recommend rejection.

The full text of the motion B-114A is included at the end of these minutes.

Following 30 minutes of debate, a vote was held by ballot. The polls opened at 10:45 and closed at 10:58.

Final credentials report was announced as 275 total in attendance, including 239 Precinct Chairs and Vice Chairs.

The balloting was under the direction of the audit committee (AC) with Chris Shelley, as AC Chair. Counters were Clayton Holbrook (AC), Dann Hone (AC), Linda Maloy, Patrick Lynch, Joey Smith and Peggy Burdett (AC), with poll watchers Marian Monnahan, DeLaina Tonks, and Dave Duncan (AC).

The motion was adopted by a vote of 144 to 130.

11:10 Presentation of B-140 LD Election and Filings by Lisa Shepherd. She explained that this motion requires candidates for district office to file 14 days in advance, and formalizes other procedures such as requiring CC members be notified of the caucus by post card, and to be informed of the candidates.

Motion was made by Lisa on behalf of the committee to adopt the proposal. Lisa reported the C&BC voted to recommend adoption by a vote of 6-0, and the Executive Committee voted to recommend rejection by a vote of 11-5.

Debate began at 11:31

Lowell Nelson moved that the deadline to hold district caucuses be amended from February 1 to March 1 to allow for the boundary maps to be completed. The Chair ruled this amendment was out of order after a Point of Order by Lisa Shepherd that this would be beyond the scope of the meeting notice.

Peter Rehm moved to strike the words “where no declared candidate exists” and insert “where fewer than two declared candidates exist” in B 5 c of the proposal, which was adopted.

The proposal was adopted on a standing vote, as follows (changes to the bylaws are in **bold**, additions underlined, deleted words are lined through):

**Bylaw 6 - Meetings and Conventions**

**B. The Legislative District Organizing Caucus**

1. The Legislative District Organizing Caucus shall be held by the direction of the Executive Committee between July 15 and December 1 following the Organizing Convention. In ~~any the~~ organizing year ~~that follows~~ following a Federal Census ~~(every ten years), when approved by a majority vote of the Central Committee quorum present,~~ Legislative District Caucuses ~~can may~~ be held anytime between after the Organizing Convention ~~and through~~ February 1, ~~7~~ following the Organizing Convention.
2. The Legislative District Organizing Caucus business shall include, but is not limited to, the election by ballot of the three District officers. ~~and~~ Legislative District Committee Members I and II and/or their replacements shall be appointed by the Legislative District officers. ~~and~~
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.
4. Eligibility. Any registered Republican living in the district is eligible to file as a candidate.
5. Nominations. To be considered a candidate for a district office, a declaration of candidacy for each office must be filed with the County Party Secretary at least fourteen days prior to the District Caucus.
  - a. The County Party Secretary shall provide official notice of all declared candidates to all voting district caucus members at the close of the filing period. The method of notification shall be by email and posting on the County Party website.
  - b. Candidates for any Legislative District Officer without an opponent will be elected by acclamation.
  - c. Nominations from the floor will only be accepted for positions where fewer than two declared candidates exist.
  - d. The Legislative District officers shall serve until the completion of the next Legislative District Organizing Caucus.
6. Vacancies. District officer or committee member vacancies shall be filled pursuant to with Bylaw 9.D.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45.

# Proposed Amendment B-114A

(Changes in **bold**. Additions are underlined. Removed text is in ~~strikethrough~~.)

## Bylaw 1 - Allocation of State Republican Party Convention Delegates

### A. General -

1. The Utah State Republican Party Central Committee allocates the number of State Delegate positions to each County. It is the responsibility of the Utah County Republican Party to distribute its allocation in a manner which recognizes the following:
  - a. Allocation to Voting Precincts Caucuses in a proportion representing the number of Republican votes cast in each Voting Precinct for the four Republican Statewide Officers in the last gubernatorial election.
  - b. ~~The contribution of elected officials and party officers.~~
  - c. Each precinct shall have no fewer than one State Delegate.
2. ~~As used in this bylaw, the following terms shall have the meanings given in this section:~~
  - a.  
"Caucus Delegates" shall mean those persons who, in their Voting Precinct Caucuses, are nominated by election to represent the precinct as delegates at the state convention.
  - b. ~~"Ex Officio Delegates" shall mean those persons who are nominated as delegates pursuant to that formula as set forth in this Bylaw 2 to represent the precinct at the state convention. Ex Officio Delegates shall have the same privileges as Caucus Delegates.~~
3. When an allocation of delegates is received from the State Republican Party Central Committee, the allocation within Utah County shall be computed as stated in this bylaw and shall be listed as an attachment hereto. The attachment shall be updated as needed to conform with this bylaw. All such updates shall be reviewed by the Executive Committee to ensure the attachment accurately reflects the allocation made herein. The allocation of the delegate positions in Utah County will be distributed for nominations based on the following formulas:
  - a. Caucus Delegate Formula:
    - i. One delegate nomination to each Voting Precinct Chair. If the Voting Precinct Chair declines the nomination of State Delegate at the caucus, the caucus shall elect another person to fill that nomination.
    - ii. Nomination for additional state delegates allocated to Utah County shall be apportioned to the Voting Precinct Caucuses pro rata based upon Republican votes cast for statewide (Governor/Lieutenant Governor, Treasurer, Auditor, Attorney General) elective offices in the last gubernatorial election. ~~, after first subtracting the number of Ex Officio Delegates.~~
  - b. ~~Ex Officio Delegate Formula:~~
    - i. ~~Executive Committee Members~~
    - ii. ~~Legislative District Vice Chairs and Education Officers~~
    - iii. ~~Federal Republican Elected Officials residing in Utah County~~
    - iv. ~~State Republican Elected Officials residing in Utah County~~
    - v. ~~County Republican Elected Officials~~
    - vi. ~~State Party Officers residing in Utah County~~
    - vii. ~~The most recently released County Party Chair~~
  - c. Nomination and Formal Selection of Delegates. Delegates will be nominated by election at the Voting Precinct Party Caucuses ~~and Ex Officio Delegates will be identified and nominated by the Steering Committee. Formal selection of the delegates will be made by a vote of County Delegates at the ensuing County Convention.~~

4. ~~Ex Officio Delegate positions are based on party or elected positions held. When the qualifying position is no longer held, the individual will be considered to have resigned as a delegate and his/her replacement, if any, will be nominated as a delegate.~~
5. ~~Proposed Ex Officio Delegates will be required to accept their nomination in writing and file this acceptance with the Utah County Republican Party Secretary by the date established by the Steering Committee. Any delegate nomination not accepted will revert to the appropriate Ex Officio replacement procedures established in paragraph six below.~~
6. ~~Recognizing that some voting precinct delegate position may not be filled for various reasons, the following rules shall apply for filling Caucus Delegate vacancies.~~
  - a. ~~If a delegate was duly nominated at the Party Caucus, the Voting Precinct Chair may appoint a replacement nominee up until the deadline date established by the Steering Committee.~~
  - b. ~~If a delegate was duly nominated at the Party Caucus and the Voting Precinct Chair does not appoint a replacement by the deadline, the allocation shall immediately revert to the Ex Officio formula.~~
  - c. ~~If a delegate was not duly nominated at the Party Caucus, the allocation shall immediately revert to the Ex Officio formula.~~
7. ~~The following formula shall be followed in the order indicated in nominating delegates for allocations which have reverted to the Ex Officio category:~~
  - a. ~~Legislative District Committee Member #1 in the rank order established by the number of Republican votes cast for State offices in the last gubernatorial elections.~~
  - b. ~~Legislative District Committee Member #2 in the rank order established by the number of Republican votes cast for State offices in the last gubernatorial elections~~
  - c. ~~The formula described in subparagraphs a. and b. shall continue until all allocated Ex Officio delegates are nominated.~~
- 4-8. ~~Recognizing that Caucus and Ex Officio D delegates may die, resign, or move from the county, the following rules shall apply for replacing delegates:~~
  - a. ~~If the delegate was nominated at a Voting Precinct Caucus or appointed by the Precinct Chair pursuant to this provision to replace a delegate nominated at a Voting Precinct Caucus, the Voting Precinct Chair may nominate a replacement up until the deadline established by the Steering Committee.~~
  - b. ~~If a delegate vacancy occurs among the Legislative District officers, the Legislative District Chair may nominate one of his/her officers, if done by the cut-off date established by the Steering Committee. If the Legislative District Chair fails to make the nomination by the cut-off date, the position shall revert to the Ex Officio Delegate replacement formula.~~
9. ~~The list of nominated delegates will be compiled by the Party Secretary for presentation to the Utah County Republican Party Convention for selection a State Convention delegates.~~

Submitted by Kirby Glad