

Central Committee Meeting February 26, 2022

Corrections to the minutes are in Italics

Prayer

-Pledge

-Accept Minutes

-Adopt Agenda

-Bylaw 11/12 Amendment - Roberts Rules Edition

Presented by Ben Summerhalder. Moved to adopt.

Bylaw 11. Rules of Order (possible renumbering)

*The rules contained in **the current edition of** Robert's Rules of Order ~~11th Edition~~ Newly Revised shall govern all meetings of the Party unless contrary to the State Party Constitution, the State Party Bylaws, the County Party Constitution, the County Party Bylaws, or any special rule of order the Party may adopt.*

Motion ~~carried.~~ **adopted**

-Bylaw 6 Amendment - Election Clarification

Presented by Ben Summerhalder.

Bylaw 6. The Legislative District Organizing Caucus

*B.2 The Legislative District Organizing Caucus business shall include, but is not limited to, the election by ballot, **or by acclamation if running unopposed**, of the three District officers. Legislative District Committee Members I and II and/or their replacements shall be appointed by the Legislative District officers. **At any Legislative District Organizing Caucus, the members in attendance constitute a quorum.***

Members of the body brought up concerns with noticing. Wanted to ensure provisions for proper noticing are included. Such language is already in the bylaws, and the parliamentarian ruled a redundancy is not recommended.

Motion to accept passed by majority vote.

-Constitutional Article 3 Amendment - Election Clarification

Presented by Ben Summerhalder. Motion to adopt followed by motion to table to the next meeting.

Motion to table passes. Amendment did not receive a vote.

-Electronic Meeting Bylaw Proposal—10 minutes

Presented by Ben Summerhalder.

Bylaw 8 – Committee Procedures

G. Electronic Meetings.

- 1. The **Convention, Central Committee, Executive Committee, Steering Committee, Standing and Ad Hoc Committees** may, by a vote of the **committee body**, establish **committee its own** rules for electronic meetings provided that:*
- 2. A physical location is designated for each meeting, **except that Convention and Central Committee meetings may be conducted with all in-person attendance or all electronic attendance, but not a mix of the two;***
- 3. Accommodations for electronic attendance allow all participants to participate in discussions and votes;*
- 4. Unintentional technical problems that interfere with electronic discussion or voting will not invalidate the meeting nor the votes taken so long as a quorum is able to participate and vote; and*
- 5. The minutes state which participants are physically present and which participate electronically.*

6. The Executive Committee may propose rules for the Central Committee and Convention electronic meetings which shall be in effect until the body adopts its own rules.

Motion to adopt and second. Karen Zea had concerns about overuse of electronic meetings. Robert McCann had concerns about consistency in the wording. Ben addressed that a hybrid is allowed for small committees, but not for convention or central committee. Kraig Thorne opposed any electronic meetings for central committee. Concern about credentialing. Mac addressed how credentialing is currently done for state central committee which uses electronic meetings and concerns with hybrid meetings. Chloe volunteered to assist with the tech for electronic meetings. Motion to extend debate time by 5 minutes failed.

Motion ~~to adopt~~ passes adopted.

-Bylaw 11 Amendment - Party Endorsements— 15 minutes

Presented by Mac Sims.

Bylaw 11 — Party Endorsements

- A. Party Endorsements of candidates in non-partisan races
 1. The Party may choose to hold Endorsing Votes of candidates in non-partisan races, provided:
 - a. The Endorsing Votes are held for all seats of the same class (local school board, city mayor, city council, etc.) countywide, in each political subdivision where:
 - i. a seat is up for election,
 - ii. is contested, and
 - iii. at least one candidate meets the criteria to appear on the endorsement ballot.
 2. Candidates who are endorsed by the party shall be allowed to:
 - a. use the party endorsement seal,
 - b. use party resources that are offered to partisan party candidates.
- B. Party Endorsements of Ballot Initiatives and Referendums
 1. The Party may choose to hold Endorsing Votes for local Initiatives and Referendum, provided:
 - a. It is a local initiative
 - b. or a local referendum
 2. Ballot Initiatives and Referendums that are endorsed by the party shall be allowed to:
 - a. use the party endorsement seal.
 - b. use party resources that are approved by the Executive Committee.
- C. Rules for holding Endorsing Votes
 1. Approved Endorsing Votes shall be held at the County Convention that precedes the General Election where the candidates or item will be voted on by the county voters.
 2. A proposal to hold an Endorsing Vote must win a majority vote of a quorum of the Central Committee present at a Central Committee meeting, that is at least five (5) weeks before the County Convention that precedes the General Election where the candidates or item will be voted on by the county voters.
 - a. The proposal must be submitted to the Party Chair at least 14 days prior to the meeting.
 - b. The proposal must be submitted by a Central Committee member, and must have at least five (5) co-sponsors from the Central Committee.
 - c. Properly submitted proposals shall be added to the agenda and meeting documents.
 - d. Proposals to nullify a previously approved Endorsing Votes proposal, or cease ongoing Endorsing Votes, must follow the same submission rules.
 3. Only candidates who are registered as Republican shall appear on candidate endorsement ballots.
 4. Endorsements Votes shall be held in caucuses of delegates from the applicable political subdivisions.
 5. Balloting shall follow the convention balloting rules, except that a "No Endorsement" option shall be added to the ballots, and this option shall be ignored when determining the lowest vote getter(s) for elimination.
 6. A candidate must receive 60% of the votes cast to be endorsed.

7. Candidates can be endorsed in each political subdivision where an election is being held.
 - a. Up to two candidates can be endorsed if more than two valid candidates have filed.
 - b. If the "No Endorsement" option receives a majority of the vote, no additional candidates will be endorsed.
 - c. If the top candidate for the first endorsement, after all eliminations, fails to get the required threshold of votes, no candidate will be endorsed.
 - d. If a candidate wins the first endorsement, voting and/or tallying will start over for the second endorsement.



A member stated they did not receive the amendment. Amendment was properly noticed and distributed. Question about how the endorsement process would work. Michael Hall described the process from his point of view and expressed concerns with a small number of people representing a large group with their views. Wendy Hart spoke in favor, from the perspective of a former school board member. Other organizations already endorse and give support to endorsed candidates. A member spoke in opposition, concerns about people being familiar with the candidates. Aaron Bullen expressed support for the amendment, concerns with the type of candidates who have run for school board in the past and cost of supporting candidates against incumbents. Stan Lockhart spoke in opposition to the amendment. Spoke to the partisan process and how it is constructed to allow for feedback. Concerned this process means the body won't endorse the best conservative candidate. Feels partisan process is a better way to evaluate. Would prefer candidates signed a disclosure and support statement with their views. Believes good candidates for local office won't want to go through this process even though they may be the most conservative candidate in the race which could lead to the party endorsing a less conservative candidates. Better to have more involvements.

Motion to adopt.

In favor 19+34+74=127

Opposed 21+29+51=101

127/101 out of 228 credentialed

Motion to limit individual speakers to 1 minute. Passes

-2022 Local Elections Party Endorsement Vote—10 minutes

Presented by Mac Sims. Moved to adopt. Chad Prtchard moved to amend to limit the opt in to only apply to 2022. Second. Mac moved to amend the amendment to be opt in for two election cycles (2022 and 2024 for local school board) Motion for modified amendment passes. Motion to include a sunset clause for 2024 passes. Motion for opt in for 2022 and 2024 passes.

-Family Values Platform Amendment Proposal—15 minutes

Presented by Ben Summerhalder and Caroline Abbot, sponsor.

Lowell Nelson spoke against the amendment. Believes the platform is a statement of values which reflects membership and does not need to be consistent with Utah law. Marsha Judkins spoke in favor of the amendment. Supports the values expressed by the sponsor of privacy and individual rights, and in support of families. Wants our platform to be more inclusive of the types of families we have in Utah. Matt M. spoke in opposition to the amendment. Believes the right to life is tied to biological parents. Quoted statistics tied to children who don't have a two parent home. Josh Daniels spoke in favor of the amendment. Platform forms the base of policy and serves as instructions to policy makers for the will of the party and direction they should take. The platform as it stands would tell him as the county clerk to not recognize same sex marriages, in violation of federal and state law. Motion to extend individual debate time to 90 seconds fails. A member spoke in opposition, concerned the language being changed means as a party we are accepting forms of marriage we are opposed to. Lisa Shepherd spoke in favor of the amendment, saying her area is in support of the change. Jennifer spoke against, wanting some clarification in the language of what constitutes a family. Believes we should state the traditional family is the fundamental unit of society. Aaron Bullen spoke in favor of the amendment. Doesn't feel it undermines families to change the platform. Still promotes the family and is inclusive of different types of families. Chad Pritchard moved to extend debate by 10 minutes. Seconded. Motion ruled passed. Division called.

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110 in favor

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58

100 against

Motion to extend debate ruled passed after stand count. Member spoke against. Opposed to alternate lifestyles. Chad Pritchard spoke in favor. The amendment is supportive of welcoming more people to participate in the process as Republican. Jack from Orem is opposed, wants us to be more inclusive but is concerned about what we're losing from the platform. Ezra Nair spoke in favor, amendment brings the party in line with state and federal law. We should be focusing on helping the Republican party succeed. Jeremy Friedbaum spoke in opposition to the amendment. Believes the current language is in line with God's commandments. Believes commitment to God is most important. A member spoke in favor, wishing the body to speak on the issue. Would like the language to continue to change, believes the current language singles out people of a different sexual orientation and can make enemies of neighbors and friends. A member spoke against, citing Roe vs Wade as federal law we are opposed to

fundamentally and believes opposition to same sex marriage should remain in the platform under the same reasoning. A member spoke in favor, believing the language change will help people who are otherwise supportive of being Republican but aren't because of the current language to become Republican and vote as Republican. Mathew Hailstone spoke in opposition to the amendment, the current language reflects the Proclamation on the Family which many members of the body support. Believes we should continue to proclaim to society that our core values include only recognizing the traditional family as legitimate. Charles Pipkin seconded what Chad Pritchard said. Believes the change will help Republicans win elections. Bruce Jackson spoke against, favors elements of the change but believes the language isn't as clear as it could be. Motioned to table the amendment to allow for a rewrite. Seconded. Mac opposed the table. Encouraging passing the amendment now and then continuing to work on changes. Motion to table failed. Debate continued, a single mother supported feeling the new language was more inclusive of single parents. A member spoke in opposition, argued the LGBTQ groups are influencing children in schools and the language encourages election of people who support LGBTQ issues.

Motion to approve

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125 For

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101 Against

2/3 or 150 needed to pass a platform amendment. Motion fails.

-Approve Lincoln Day Dinner Expenses

\$14,000 for venue, \$1,500 for band, \$1,000 for marketing. Motion to approve Lincoln Day dinner expenses passes.

-Caucus Update

Precinctportal.org allows for finding your precinct location. There are resources on Google drive which have been shared, which are helpful for caucus preparation and running caucus.

Convention will be at Cedar Valley in Eagle Mountain on April 9th.
-Adjourn

Funds raised at the meeting: \$826.50

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