

Idaho Republican Party

Submitted Proposed Rule Changes
2017 State Central Committee Summer Meeting
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2017 Standing Rules Committee Members

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Submitted Proposed Rule Change 2017-P7

RULES OF THE IDAHO REPUBLICAN PARTY, Article I: The Republican State Central Committee, Section 15

Submitted by: Mark R. Fuller, Chairman, Bonneville County Republican Central Committee.

Revise Article I, Section 15 to include the following Subpart:

Section 15: The Chairman may appoint such special committees as necessary, designate the membership thereof, and define the duties such committees shall perform, and limit or terminate the existence thereof. The State Chairman shall appoint all Committees subject to the review of the Executive Committee. The Chairman shall, at a minimum, appoint standing Rules and Resolutions Committees as follows:

(D) Standing Committee on Audit. The designation, jurisdiction, and special tenures of the Standing Committee on Audit are as follows:

(a) The Standing Committee on Audit shall consist of seven members, including the State Party Treasurer, who is a member ex-officio with a vote. Three members of the Standing Committee on Audit shall be State Central Committee members who are not members of the State Executive Committee. Three members of the Standing Committee on Audit, other than the Treasurer, shall be members of the State Executive Committee representing three different Regions. At the next State Executive Committee Meeting held after the Winter Meeting in 2017, and each succeeding odd numbered year, these members shall be appointed to a two year term. Members of the Standing Committee on Audit, other than the Treasurer, shall be appointed by the State Executive Committee upon recommendation of the State Chairman. The State Chairman shall not be a member of the Standing Committee on Audit. The Standing Committee on Audit, after appointment, shall elect a Chair to serve for a two year term. All members shall be financially knowledgeable and have no business or personal relationship that may interfere

with the exercise of their independence with respect to the State Party and its financial management.

(b) The Standing Committee on Audit shall:

(1) Recommend the selection, retention, and compensation of the State Party's independent auditors for approval by the State Executive Committee;

(2) Assure that the State Party's auditors are independent from the State Executive Committee, and its management, and are ultimately accountable to the State Central Committee;

(3) Review for the State Party and all Regions under generally accepted accounting principles:

(a) The results of the annual external audits of all financial statements and records;

(b) The reports of independent auditors on the applicable financial statements;

(c) Any matters required to be communicated to the Standing Committee on Audit by the independent auditors under generally accepted auditing standards and the disclosure requirements of the Independence Standards Board;

(d) The system of internal financial controls;

(e) The independent auditors' letter of recommendations; and

(f) The Executive Committee's responses to the letter of recommendations;

(4) Establish and review the internal audit function of the State Party, including:

(a) The independence and authority of its reporting obligations;

(b) The proposed internal audit plan for each fiscal year; and

(c) All reports issued by the internal audit department;

- (5) Receive, investigate when necessary, and cause response to be made to inquiries or complaints by any State Central Committee member or employee of the State Party concerning financial operations of the State Party or any Region;
- (6) Post a copy of the annual audit report and Auditor's letter of recommendation on the State Party website, and provide a copy to each member of the State Party Executive Committee and each Region Chair;
- (7) Annually review expenditures of the State Party for appropriateness and make recommendations as needed to the State Party Executive Committee; and
- (8) Review processes for authorizing expenditures by the State Party and make recommendations where needed to align said processes with generally accepted accounting principles.

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RULES OF THE IDAHO REPUBLICAN PARTY, Article 1: The Republican State Central Committee, Section 15, Subpart A

Submitted by: Janice McGeachin, Bonneville County State Committeewoman.

Revise Article I, Section 15(A) as Follows:

(A) Rules Committee. The Chairman shall appoint, with the review of the Executive Committee, a standing Rules Committee consisting of a chairman, vice chairman, and two (2) members of the Republican State Central Committee from each region, ~~in consultation with each Region Chairman. The Chairman shall appoint the two (2) members of the Republican State Central Committee from each Region at his discretion unless the Region Chairman submits the names of the two (2) members in which case the Chairman shall appoint the individuals whose names are submitted.~~ The Chairman of the Standing Rules Committee may appoint a Standing Rules Committee Secretary to insure the business and minutes of the Rules Committee are orderly and reliable. The Rules Committee shall be a subcommittee of the Republican State Central Committee and shall meet during each State Central Committee meeting and as necessary to review the rules under which the Central Committee operates and may recommend amendments to the Central Committee for consideration. The Rules Committee may form special advisory subcommittees by majority vote, and may issue reports, request information, and perform any other such work relating to the effective administration of party rules.

The Rules Committee shall:

- (1) Receive written Rules from any State Central Committee (SCC) member. To be considered by the Rules Committee, rules must first be considered and approved by a County, District, or Regional, or State Executive Committee or be submitted by the State Party Chairman. Rules shall be received by the Committee at least forty-five (45) days before the meeting. A copy of the proposed rules shall be sent to all members of the SCC thirty (30) days before the meeting, and a digital version shall be available to party members at large. Rules not received by the Committee at least forty-five (45) days before the State Central Committee meeting shall require both a typed and an electronic copy of the proposed rule and a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Rules Committee to consider the rule. If passed, the proposed rule will be handled the same as a rule received before the deadline. A SCC Member may only submit up to two (2) proposed rule changes per SCC Meeting. The Committee will determine disposition. The Sponsor or appointed representative will be give up to ten (10) minutes before the Committee to propose the rule. A like time will be given to any member opposed to the rule. The total time for consideration shall be twenty (20) minutes after which a majority will prevail. Time may be extended by prerogative of the Chair or by vote of the committee.
- (2) The Committee will determine that all rules are legible and in presentable form.
- (3) Any member attending the State Central Committee meeting may attend the Rules Committee meeting and take part in the discussion but will have no vote. Any interested party shall be permitted to attend the Rules Committee meeting as guest of any State Central Committee member. At the invitation of the Chairman of the Rules Committee, guests may be allowed to speak.

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RULES OF THE IDAHO REPUBLICAN PARTY, Article 1: The Republican State Central Committee, Section 15, Subpart B

Submitted by: Janice McGeachin, Bonneville County State Committeewoman.

Revise Article I, Section 15(B) as Follows:

(B) Resolutions Committee. The Chairman shall appoint, with the review of the Executive Committee, a standing Resolutions Committee consisting of a chairman, vice chairman, and two (2) members of the Republican State Central Committee from each region, ~~in consultation with each Region Chairman. The Chairman shall appoint the two (2) members of the Republican State Central Committee from each Region at his discretion unless the Region Chairman submits the names of the two (2) members in which case the Chairman shall appoint the individuals whose names are submitted.~~ The Chairman of the Standing Resolutions Committee may appoint a Standing Resolutions Committee Secretary to insure the business and minutes of the Resolutions Committee are orderly and reliable. The Resolutions Committee shall be a subcommittee of the Republican State Central Committee and shall meet as necessary to consider resolutions proposed by members of the Central Committee and may recommend resolutions for approval to the Central Committee.

The Resolutions Committee shall:

- (1) Receive written resolutions from any State Central Committee member. To be considered by the Resolutions Committee, resolutions must first be considered and approved by a County, District, or Regional Committee, or State Executive Committee or State Party Chairman. Each Resolution shall name the author/sponsor or appointed representative will present the resolution to the Committee. The Committee will determine disposition. The sponsor will be given up to five (5) minutes before the Committee to propose the resolution. A like time will be given to any member opposed to the resolution. The total time for consideration shall be ten (10) minutes after which a majority vote will prevail.
- (2) The Committee will determine that all resolutions are legible and in presentable form.

- A. The Committee must receive all proposed resolutions no later than forty-five (45) days prior to the State Central Committee meeting, a copy of which shall be sent to all members off the State Central Committee thirty (30) days before the meeting and a digital version shall be made available to party members at large. Where two (2) or more proposed resolutions cover essentially the same topic, State GOP officials may ask authors/sponsors to combine them in time to be sent to all State Central Committee members thirty (30) days prior to the State Central Committee meeting.
- B. Where the two (2) resolutions are opposed on the same subject, the Committee may submit either or both to the State Central Committee with a recommendation that either or both pass.
- C. No resolution may be presented to the floor of the State Central Committee meeting except through the Resolutions Committee.
- D. Each member of the State Central Committee (SCC) may submit up to two (2) proposed resolutions per SCC meeting.

(3) Resolutions that fail but receive at least one-third (1/3) of the vote of the Resolutions Committee meeting may be presented on the floor by a minority report with each side of the proposition given three (3) minutes to present its arguments to the body.

(4) Resolutions not received by the Committee at least forty-five (45) days before the State Central Committee meeting shall require both a typed and an electronic copy of the proposed resolution and a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Resolutions Committee to consider the resolution. If passed, the proposed resolution will be handled the same as a resolution received before the deadline.

(5) Any member attending the State Central Committee meeting may attend the Resolutions Committee meeting and take part in the discussion but will have no vote. Any interested party shall be permitted to attend the Resolutions Committee meeting as guest of any State Central Committee member. At the invitation of the Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, guests may be allowed to speak.

- (6) Upon receiving the Report of the Standing Resolutions Committee, the State Chairman shall recognize a designated member of the Resolutions Committee to read the resolution to the body, and move for its adoption. Debate on each resolution shall be no more than five (5) minutes per side.
- (7) Resolutions will have an effective lifespan of two years. All resolutions, and actions taken pursuant to them, shall be published on the Idaho Republican Party website.

Submitted Proposed Rule Change 2017-P10

RULES OF THE IDAHO REPUBLICAN PARTY, Article III: Regions of the Executive Committee, Section 3

Submitted by: Mark R. Fuller, Chairman, Bonneville County Republican Central Committee.

Revise Article III, Section 3 to include the following Subpart:

(k) The Region Chairman shall have authority to distribute Region funds only upon approval of a majority of the voting membership present at a Region meeting, held after giving at least seven (7) days notice.

Submitted Proposed Rule Change 2017-P11

RULES OF THE IDAHO REPUBLICAN PARTY, Article XI: Integrity In Affiliation

Submitted by: Doyle H Beck, Chairman; Jared Gifford, Bonneville County Youth Committeeperson Legislative District 30; Stafford Smith, Chairman, Legislative District 33; David Bingham, Bonneville County State Committeeman;
Appointed Representatives
Janice McGeachin, Bonneville County State Committeewoman; Mark R. Fuller, Chairman, Bonneville County Republican Central Committee;

Revise the Rules of the Idaho Republican Party to include the following Article:

Article XI: Integrity In Affiliation

Section 1: We, as Idaho Republicans, expect all individuals in government at all levels, including elected officials, to conduct themselves within the highest and strictest standards of personal conduct in carrying out their duties.

Section 2: The people of Idaho demand leaders who will uphold their oath of office and the Constitution and are accountable to the people who elect them. The State Chairman shall to communicate to the party at large information regarding adherence of Republican federal office holders, statewide office holders, and State Legislators to the state party platform and applicable resolutions adopted at our state conventions and party meetings.

- (a) **The State Chairman shall prepare a press release with this information on adherence to the state party platform and provide to Legislative District Chairmen at least 60 days prior to the primary elections.**
- (b) **District Chairman shall send the press release out to all newspapers within their district for publication no later than 10 days prior to the primary election, as set forth below in Section 4.**

Section 3: The State Chairman shall prepare and send to each Republican candidate for any federal office, statewide office, and any legislative office a request to sign the following statement within 30 days of mailing:

Candidate Disclosure:

- (1) **"I have read the Idaho Republican Party Platform. I support the Idaho Republican Platform and accept it as the standard by which my performance as a candidate and as an officeholder should be evaluated. I certify that I am not a candidate, officer, delegate or position holder in any party other than the Republican Party."**

Or,

(2) "I have read the Idaho Republican Party Platform. Except for the provisions specifically noted below, I support the Idaho Republican Party Platform and accept it as the standard by which my performance as a candidate and as an officeholder should be evaluated. I certify that I am not a candidate, officer, delegate or position holder in any party other than the Republican Party."

Section 4: The candidate disclosure statements and any exceptions noted therein shall be posted on the Idaho Republican Party internet site at least 30 days prior to the state primary election and shall be made available to anyone making a request. Should any candidate fail to submit the Disclosure Statement, the State Party Chairman will announce this failure no later than 25 days prior to the primary election. In such case, in such Legislative District the following actions will be taken:

(a) The State Chairman will prepare a press release stating that the candidate has refused or failed to submit the Candidate Disclosure Statement and that the Idaho Republican Party cannot endorse said candidacy.

(b) This press release will be provided to the Legislative District Chairman for publication in all newspapers within that District. District Chairman must send this out for publication in all area newspapers within 10 days of receipt.

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RULES OF THE IDAHO REPUBLICAN PARTY, Article XI: Judicial Committee

Submitted by: Doyle H Beck, Chairman; Jared Gifford, Bonneville County Youth Committeeperson Legislative District 30; Stafford Smith, Chairman, Legislative District 33; David Bingham, Bonneville County State Committeeman;

Appointed Representatives

Janice McGeachin, Bonneville County State Committeewoman; Mark R. Fuller, Chairman, Bonneville County Republican Central Committee;

Revise the Rules of the Idaho Republican Party to include the following Article:

ARTICLE XI: Judicial Committee

Section 1: The State Republican Party shall exercise supervisory and judicial oversight of all Region Executive Committees, Region Central Committees, County Central Committees, Legislative District Central Committees, and any other affiliated clubs or groups denominated in the Rules.

Section 2: The State Republican Party may issue orders to compel performance, prohibit an act from being done, and to otherwise remedy violations of the Idaho Republican Party Rules.

Section 3: The Judicial Power of the State Republican Party shall be exercised in the following ways:

(a) Any party or parties aggrieved by any violation of the State, Region, County, or Legislative District rule(s) or bylaw(s), or by a violation of any Idaho State election law, may file a complaint with the State Chairman.

(b) The State Chairman shall investigate the complaint and give opportunity to the affected parties to be heard.

(c) The State Chairman shall rule on the complaint within sixty(60) days of filing and shall issue an appropriate order, sanction, or remedy. Such shall be in writing.

(d) Any party aggrieved by a decision of the State Chairman may appeal such decision to the Judicial Committee of the State Republican Party with thirty (30) days of issuance of the decision.

Section 4: The Judicial Committee shall be comprised of all voting members of the State Executive Committee, excluding the State Chairman.

Section 5: The Judicial Committee shall create rules and/or procedures to assist in the orderly and timely determination of appeals, but must give all affected parties the opportunity to present their case. Such rules and/or procedures may be amended, repealed, or replaced by the State Central Committee pursuant to Article 1, Section 15 (a).

Section 6: The Judicial Committee shall rule on all appeals within sixty (60) days after filing of the appeal, and shall issue any appropriate order, sanction, or remedy. Such determinations shall be made by a majority of the serving members of the Judicial Committee.

Section 7: Any aggrieved party may further appeal within thirty (30) days of issuance of a ruling to the full body of the State Central Committee, who may uphold, amend, or overturn the decision of the Judicial Committee.

Section 8: To assist in uniform enforcement of the rules, all decisions and any interpretation of a rule by any Committee shall be posted on the State Party's website and submitted to all Region Chairmen and all County Central Committee Chairmen.

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RULES OF THE IDAHO REPUBLICAN PARTY, Article I: The Republican Central Committee, Section 4

Submitted by Blaine County Republican Central Committee; Michael Leach, Chairman; Richard Jesinger, State Committeeman; Cindy Jesinger, State Committeewoman; Nicholas Purdy, State Youth Committeeperson

Amend Article 1, Section 4

Section 4: The voting membership of the Republican State Central Committee shall consist of all voting members of the State Executive Committee, County Chairmen, State Committeemen, State Committeewomen, State Youth Committeepersons, and Legislative District Chairmen. A voting member's proxy from a non-represented county may only be honored if said proxy is carried by the Legislative District Chairman. Should the Legislative District Chairman be unable to attend, the voting member's proxy from a non-represented county may be carried by a voting member of another county within the same legislative district. A written proxy from an absent member to a voting member present from the same county, or as described above, shall be honored if filed prior to the commencement of any meeting with the State Central Committee Secretary. The proxy of a Legislative District Chairman shall be given only to a voting member present from a county lying within the legislative district or within which the legislative district lies. The Proxy of a member of the State Central Committee shall be cast only by a voting member present from a region where said member resides. A quorum shall exist if fifty-one percent (51%) of the counties are represented. All voting members of the Republican State Central Committee or any person carrying a proxy for such member must have Republican Party affiliation. Furthermore, the act of un-affiliation with the Republican Party shall be considered as a resignation of any positions held in the Central Committee.