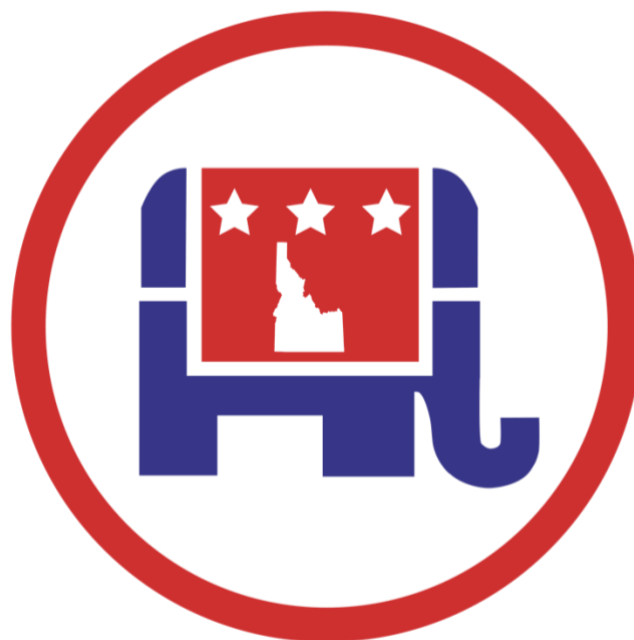


Idaho Republican Party

Accepted Rule Changes

2019 State Central Committee Winter Meeting
January 4 – 5, 2019



2019 Standing Rules Committee Members

Idaho Republican Party Chairman: Jonathan Parker

Chair:	Brent Regan	Chair:	Trent Clark		
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Rule Change 2019 – 1

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.

Rule Change 2019 – 2

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.

Rule Change 2019 – 3

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

Article XI: Electronic Meetings

Section 10: State party bylaws shall not be construed so as to exclude electronic means of casting and collecting votes at County and Legislative District reorganization meetings so long as all persons casting votes are physically present and the method employed maintains voter anonymity. Such means shall be employed at the discretion of the committee as determined by a majority vote of those present.

Rule Change 2019 – 4

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

ARTICLE ____: 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 by email to all Region Chairmen and all County Central Committee Chairmen.

Rule Change 2019 – 5

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

Article ____: 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.

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 and return the following statement within 30 days of mailing:

Candidate Disclosure:

- (1) “I have read the Idaho Constitution and 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 Constitution and 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 refuse or 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 by the Legislative District Chair:

- (a) The Legislative District Chairman may issue 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 may be provided by the Legislative District Chairman for publication in all newspapers within that District within 10 days of receipt, at no cost to the Party or Legislative District.

Rule Change 2019 – 6

Amend Article I, Section IV as follows:

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 Committeeperson, and Legislative District Chairmen. A duly elected Vice-Chairman of a Legislative District or County may vote in the absence of the Chairman.

A voting member's proxy from a non-represented county may only be honored if said proxy is carried by the Legislative District Chairman or Vice-Chairman. Should the Legislative District Chairman be unable to attend, the voting member's proxy from a non-represented county may be carried by the Region Chairman. 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 in the absence of the Legislative District Vice-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.

******A Vice-Chairman should have the authority to vote in the absence of the Chair. The Vice-Chairman has been duly elected of the county and legislative district by the elected precinct committeemen/women in the county and legislative district. This is the reason for my proposed changes.***

Thank you for your time,

*Rachel Hatton, Fremont County precinct officer, Fremont County Youth
Committee Chair*

Rule Change 2019 – 7

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

XX. Financial Review Committee

Once per calendar year at a date set by the Executive Committee, but at least 120 days before the annual winter meeting, a Financial Review Committee (FRC) composed of three State Central Committee members will review the status of the budget (actual versus projected), documentation of expenses, and the general financial status of the State Party. The FRC may only review historical information and judge its accuracy based on the approved biennial budget and any supplementation adopted since the budget approval.

Section 1: The FRC will have physical and/or digital access to all financial details from the date of the last review or the start of the most recent biennial budget up, whichever is most recent, and up to the date the committee convenes.

Section 2: The FRC will be composed of a rotating list of seven State Central Committee members chosen from a list of current County Chairmen and Legislative District Chairmen who volunteer to be on that list. The schedule will follow a first come, first serve, basis. A member may, at their own expense, hire an accountant to act as a proxy for them.

Section 3: The Party Chairman will notify the County and Legislative District Chairmen of their selection to the FRC. If a County or Legislative Chairman can't participate on the committee as scheduled, the Party Chairman will move to the next member on the respective list of chairmen.

Section 4: Meetings of the FRC may happen in person or in accordance with Article XI: Electronic Meetings. Any official business or votes taken by the committee require the participation of all three members.

Section 5: The FRC shall complete and present a draft report of its findings to the Party Chairman and Executive Committee no later than three months after the review start date and at least six weeks prior to the annual winter meeting. The report will provide include one of the following status options:

(1) Pass – Financial activities are documented in full; party expenditures match the approved biennial budget and any existing supplementation;

(2) Review Required – Documentation for financial activities is missing; party expenditures do not appear to match the approved biennial budget or supplementation; a list of items needing review and resolution included

Section 6: A draft report submitted with a status of “Pass” must be reviewed by the Party Chairman and the Executive Committee prior to the annual winter meeting. A 2/3 majority vote by the Executive Committee is required to accept the report. An executive summary of the report will be

prepared by the Party Chairman and presented to the State Central Committee at the next annual winter meeting.

Section 7: A draft report submitted with a status of “Review Required” will identify issues to be addressed by the Party Chairman, Executive Committee, and/or staff with a deadline of four (4) weeks after receipt. On that date, an explanation for how each identified issue in the report was resolved must be provided to the FRC.

Section 8: The FRC will review the resolution of the issues, and if it determines the issues to be resolved, it can update the report status to “Pass.” The Party Chairman and Executive Committee will then complete the process described in section (f) with the provision that the report may happen at the annual summer meeting if issues are resolved after the annual winter meeting and prior to the annual summer meeting.

Section 9: In the event the FRC does not believe all identified issues have been resolved, the report status will remain “Review Required.” The FRC will determine how much additional time to provide the Party Chairman, Executive Committee, and/or staff to resolve the issues. The schedule and timing for resolving these issues is at the discretion of the FRC but must be completed prior to the next annual meeting (winter or summer). If the Party Chairman and Executive Committee decline to work with the FRC the report status will remain “Review Required.”

Section 10: If the status of a report remains “Review Required” by the next winter or summer meeting, the Party Chairman will provide an executive summary to the State Central Committee explaining the outstanding issues and how the Executive Committee plans to resolve those issues.

Section 11: In the event, that a FRC’s report status remains “Review Required,” no new biennial budget can be approved by the Executive Committee and implemented by the Party Chairman until all identified issues in the report are resolved and the FRC updates the report status to “Pass.” The Party Chairman and Executive Committee will then complete the process described in section (f).

Section 12: Access to this financial information comes with the expectation of confidentiality and specific details disclosed to a member of the FRC may not be released to the public without the permission of the Executive Committee. A 2/3 majority vote is required for a public release. FRC members who make public specific financial details without the permission of the Executive Committee will be blocked from participating on the FRC for two years from the date of disclosure. Disclosing to other State Central Committee members does not qualify as a public release and those members are held to the same confidentiality standards outlined in this section.

Rule Change 2019 – 8

Revise Article III to include the following Article:

Section 6: If a current Region Chairman has failed to call for a meeting to elect new Region Officers within the allotted time as per Section 2:

1. (a) If such a situation is not already provided for in existing Region Bylaws, the Region Chair will be therefore vacant, and the State Chairman must call for a region meeting, and either chair that Region meeting personally for the purpose of electing new Region Officers as needed, or appoint a registered Republican resident of said region for the specific purpose of electing new Region Officers as appropriate .
2. (b) If all applicable rules and bylaws have been followed and still for some reason Article III, Section 2 has not been carried out in a timely manner as required, the State Chairman, or whoever is duly-authorized to act as such, shall call a Region meeting post haste to resolve or address the failure as best as possible and elect new Region Officers as needed