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THANK YOU!

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This convention could not have succeeded without the tremendous support of many. First and foremost, a huge (yuge) thank you to the UTGOP office staff: BJ Griffin, Peter Simonsen and Teresa Lott. Their hard work dedication and commitment to excellence is unparalleled. I'd be remiss if I failed to mention our winter 2018 interns - they have brought a vitality and energy to the office and will be sorely missed as the semester ends - thank you Jaed, Bill, Kaden, Katherine and Ryan.

I'd also like to recognize and thank our convention chairs and their respective committees: Boyd Pugmire (Credentials), Lilian Bitner (Elections), Bryan Smith (Registration), Dana Goff (Volunteers) and Clair Ellis (Rules). Everyone oversaw their respective duties with professionalism and integrity; I couldn't ask for more. Thank you.

The flags in front of the stage, and the Color Guard, were organized and provided by longtime Republican, Kraig Thorne. Kraig is an Army veteran and his commitment to providing this service is a testament to his love for our country. Thank you, Kraig. Thank you to Colonial Flag who loaned the Party the 30'x50' US Flag for our backdrop. It was beautiful and a perfect touch for the stage.

Thank you to Francis Floresca for her beautiful rendition and leading of the Star Spangled Banner. This was the perfect start to our convention, and it was a unifying moment for all in attendance.

The Maverik Center personnel were exceptional in their customer service to us. They allowed us to be setting up for convention on Thursday, and were extremely accommodating to our many requests and special needs. We were very proud of the setting once set-up was complete. Special thanks, too, to the West Valley Police Department for providing traffic control and security for the event, including a bomb sniffing dog. It is of paramount importance that we provide a safe venue for these events.

Finally, thank you to my fellow officers for their support and commitment to the Party's success. A special recognition also to Parliamentarian Carrie Dickson, and Enid Mickelsen for leading us through the adoption of the rules and agenda. It was a formidable task and they handled it with great aplomb.

Thank you,





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Chairman Rob Anderson’s Convention Address



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My Fellow Republicans,

It is an honor for me to welcome you today to the Utah Republican Party 2018 Nominating Convention. Thank you to the Maverik Center for hosting us. Their customer service has been exceptional. To those who’ve traveled from the far corners of the State, welcome, and thank you for your sacrifice of resources and time. To everyone in attendance, your presence and participation are appreciated. Thank you. To those who are running for office, thank you for your tremendous sacrifice as you step-up in service to our State, and our Nation. We’d also like to recognize your families and their sacrifice. Thank you to them.

A few days ago, a Southwest Airlines flight departed New York LaGuardia enroute to Dallas, Texas. About 20 minutes into the flight - at an altitude of 32,000 feet - the left engine failed catastrophically, blowing out a passenger window which resulted in the unfortunate death of the passenger seated next to it. Immediately, the plane lost cabin pressure. The yellow oxygen masks dropped. As you can imagine, the atmosphere in the cabin was panic. Fear. Chaos.

Fortunately, for Flight 1380, at the helm was Tammie Jo Shults, a veteran Navy fighter pilot. It turns out I know a thing or two about being a fighter pilot.

We’ve since learned that a compressor blade liberated itself from the engine. The cause of the liberation was determined to be “metal fatigue.” On its own, the term “metal fatigue” sounds innocuous. As we can see from this situation, however, it was the beginning of a terrifying ordeal. Had a less capable pilot been at the helm of that 737, the results most likely would have been utterly disastrous.

Eleven months ago, I stood at the podium in a convention such as this, while running to be your Chairman. In my speech, I discussed the “metal fatigue” of our Party.



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While I'm pleased to report that today the Party is operationally fiscally sound due to the hard work of many, and the overwhelming generosity of our donors, we are still experiencing "metal fatigue" in a different area.

Abraham Lincoln famously stated that a house divided against itself cannot stand. He led our Nation through the Civil War... a war that ultimately cost the lives of 655,000 soldiers a number just under all other American conflicts combined. I can only imagine the collective sadness of our young Nation at that time.

We live in the most blessed and prosperous Nation on earth. Warriors have fought and died for our freedom and liberty. Despite this, our Nation is suffering "metal fatigue." Our Party is experiencing "metal fatigue." It seems that we look for ways to tear each other down rather than to build each other up.

We are divided because we choose to be.

I stand here today to remind you - to remind all of us - that we are better than this. We have been blessed with much. I'm a believer that where much is given, much is required. Let us choose to lay down our sickles. Let us choose to move away from our keyboards. Let us choose to engage in doing good. Let us choose to put aside our differences and instead, embrace what unites us. Let us choose to work together. Let us choose to show the upcoming generation a better example.

Today we are here to select nominees who will represent us, and the Great State of Utah, in our Nation's Capitol. Let us choose those who will seek to relieve metal fatigue, and fight for those ideals that make our Nation stronger and better.

Today, Let us choose to remember who we are.

Before anything else, we are friends, family, husbands, fathers, mothers, daughters, sons.

As Barbara Bush - may she Rest In Peace - said: "Politics is what we do; it is not who we are."

Thank you.



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- Rob Anderson, Chair

ELECTION RESULTS

U.S. SENATE

2 Rounds - 3227 Total Votes Cast

CANDIDATE	VOTES	%
Mitt Romney	1585	49.12%
Mike Kennedy	1642	50.88%

Mitt Romney and Mike Kennedy advance to the primary

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 1

1 Round - 939 Total Votes Cast

CANDIDATE	VOTES	%
Chadwick Fairbanks	300	31.95%
Rob Bishop	639	68.05%

Rob Bishop advances - No primary

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2

1 Round - 854 Total Votes Cast

CANDIDATE	VOTES	%
Ken Clark	24	2.81%
Chris Stewart	636	74.47%
Mary Burkett	194	22.72%

Chris Stewart advances - No primary

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 3

1 Round - 960 Total Votes Cast

CANDIDATE	VOTES	%
Chris Herrod	396	41.25%
John Curtis	564	58.75%

Chris Herrod and John Curtis advance to the primary

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 4

By Acclamation

CANDIDATE	VOTES	%
Mia Love	--	--

Mia Love advances - No primary

HD 1

65 Total Votes Cast

CANDIDATE	VOTES	%
Joel Ferry	41	63%
Kris Udy	24	37%

Joel Ferry advances - No primary

HD 58

52 Total Votes Cast

CANDIDATE	VOTES	%
Derrin Owens	36	62%
Claudia P. Jarrett	16	31%

Joel Ferry advances - No primary

HD 69

48 Total Votes Cast

CANDIDATE	VOTES	%
Christine Watkins	24	50%
Jae Potter	24	50%

Christine Watkins and Jae Potter advance to the primary

HD 70

41 Total Votes Cast

CANDIDATE	VOTES	%
Ashley Korenblat	0	0%
Carl R. Albrecht	41	100%

Carl R. Albrecht advances - No primary



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HD 71

58 Total Votes Cast

CANDIDATE	VOTES	%
Brad Last	31	53%
Mark S. Borowiak	27	47%

Brad Last and Mark S. Borowiak advance to the primary

HD 73

61 Total Votes Cast

CANDIDATE	VOTES	%
Kelly Stowell	17	28%
Phil Lyman	44	72%

Phil Lyman advances - No primary

SD 11

105 Total Votes Cast

CANDIDATE	VOTES	%
Dan McCay	85	63.4%
DeLaina Tonks	20	14.9%
LaVar Christensen	29	21.6%

Dan McCay advances - No primary

SD 17

147 Total Votes Cast

CANDIDATE	VOTES	%
Scott Sandall	67	46%
Clark Neil Davis	80	54%

Scott Sandall and Clark Neil Davis advance to the primary

SD 26

61 Total Votes Cast

CANDIDATE	VOTES	%
Alisa Ellis	0	0%
Ronald Winterton	73	47%
Brian K. Gorurm	78	51%
Jack Rubin	0	0%

Ronald Winterton and Brian K. Gorurm advance to the primary

MULTI-COUNTY SEATS BY ACCLAMATION

HD 11 - Kelly Miles

HD 12 - Mike Schultz

HD 29 - Lee Perry

HD 53 - Logan Wilde

HD 54 - Tim Quinn

HD 55 - Scott Chew

HD 68 - Merrill Nelson

SD 12 - Daniel Thatcher

SD 18 - Ann Milner

SD 28 - Evan Vickers

Thank you to every candidate that sacrificed their time and resources to run. It is not easy but competition makes us all better republicans!

BYLAWS AND AMENDMENTS

RULING OF THE CHAIR ON CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

Enid Mickelson, *Chair pro-Temp*

On Saturday, during the adoption of the rules and the agenda, Chair Pro Tem, Enid Mickelsen, read aloud her ruling regarding the disputed matter of the Constitution & Bylaws proposals being submitted to the Constitution & Bylaws Committee. She indicated that pursuant to her review of the electronic transmission, all submissions that were duly received to the UTGOP HQ were indeed likewise submitted to the Constitution & Bylaws Committee for their review despite any claims or assertions to the contrary. We've had numerous delegates requests to view the electronic submission to the Constitution & Bylaws Committee that was referenced by Chair Mickelsen. Please find the statement made by the Chair Pro-temp and documentation of all proposals having been submitted to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee below:

Ruling of the Chair on Consideration of Proposed Amendments

The Chair is informed that it is the position of the some of the members of the current Constitution and Bylaws Committee that the only means by which a proposed amendment to the Constitution or Bylaws of the Utah Republican Party may be considered by the delegates of this convention is by prior submission to their committee and their subsequent referral of the proposal, at their sole discretion, to the delegates of the Convention.

Their argument is based on Bylaw Section 7.5.H.2 (Standing Convention Rules) which states in its entirety:

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee shall forward those duly submitted Constitution and Bylaw Amendments either to the Convention or to the State Central Committee for consideration, and shall forward those duly submitted other Rules amendments to the Convention.

There is no further language in the Bylaws addressing the authority of delegates of the Convention to consider proposed amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws.

The Utah Republican Party Constitution, however,

provides in Article II.B.2 (Bylaws Adoption and Modification)-By the State Convention that “The delegates to the State Convention may adopt or modify a Bylaw by a 2/3 vote.”

The Constitution also provides In Article X.B Modification/Amendments that “This Constitution may also be amended by 2/3 vote of Delegates present at the State Convention.”

There is no further language in the Constitution regarding how proposed amendments may be presented to the state delegates, but the Constitution inarguably grants the right to amend the Constitution and Bylaws to the delegates provided the specified thresholds are met.

One member of the State Central Committee opined on Facebook that allowing youth hear these amendments amounts to ‘mob’ rule. She meant you-the delegates.

Each of the amendments in your Official Call to Convention and the packet you received today were submitted to the State Party in a timely manner, and each was forwarded to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee by the State Chairman. (While there has been some question raised as to whether one of the proposals was actually forwarded to the Constitution and Bylaws



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Committee, I have personally viewed the email sent by the Chairman forwarding the proposals to Constitution and Bylaws Committee, with its attachments, and all of the proposals you have received were, in fact, forwarded to the Committee.)

The State Chairman and the members of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee disagreed on the scope of the Committee's power to prevent the convention's consideration of proposed amendments, and so the Chairman included all of the proposals in the Official Call to Convention.

Thus, the question is whether this body may consider the numerous proposals that were timely submitted to the Party, forwarded to the Committee, but sent by that Committee to the State Central Committee and not referred to the Convention.

The language of Bylaw 7.5.H.2. does not expressly prohibit the delegates from considering proposals that were sent to the State Central Committee, while the delegates are clearly granted the right to make amendments under the State Constitution.

Robert's Rules of Order Section 56 Article IX 2) states:

When a provision of the bylaws is susceptible to two meanings, one of which conflicts with or renders absurd another bylaw provision, and the other meaning does not, the latter must be taken as the true meaning.

These principles of interpretation have also been affirmed by the Supreme Court of the United States in such cases as *United States v. Wilson*, 112 S. Ct. 1351 (1992), *Holmes v. Security Investor Protection Corp.*, 112 S. Ct. 1311 (1992) and *United States v. American Trucking Ass'ns*, 310 U.S. 534 (1940).

Bylaw 7.5.H.2., as interpreted and applied by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, conflicts with the express right of the delegates to amend the Constitution and Bylaws. The Committee may render an advisory opinion on any matter, but in the absence of express language to the contrary, it may not prevent the delegates from exercising their Constitutional right to consider timely submitted proposals.

Further, the Chair must take notice of the fact that all of the proposals the Committee seeks to block from consideration are proposals that could diminish the role of the State Central Committee. If the Constitution and Bylaws Committee's interpretation of the Bylaw 7.5.H.2. were to be upheld, the members of the Committee, who are all also members of the State Central Committee, could simply refer any proposals seeking to alter the State Central Committee to the State Central Committee itself, which can then consign any proposal it chooses to oblivion. This renders the Convention delegates' right to amend the Bylaws an absurdity with proposals regarding the State Central Committee.

One of the great strengths of the government established by our Founding Fathers is that every center of power is subject to review and correction of its actions by another branch of power. It is simply abhorrent to principles of a democratic republic that any group, in this case the State Central Committee, could grant itself the power to prevent the elected representatives of the Utah Republican Party -i.e. the delegates- from overseeing their actions by way of the power of amendment granted them in the State Party Constitution.

Accordingly the Chair Rules that all of the amendment proposals in your packet are in order to be considered at the appropriate time designated by the delegates to the Convention.

The Chair will now entertain an Appeal to the Decision of the Chair.



Enid Mickelson, *Chair pro-Temp*

Enid was on the Rules Committee while serving as a Congresswoman, and was the Vice-Chair of the RNC Rules Committee, but served as the Rules Chair of the 2016 RNC National Convention in Cleveland.



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DOCUMENTATION OF ALL DULY SUBMITTED PROPOSALS DELIVERED TO THE CONSTITUTION & BYLAW COMMITTEE

From: Rob Anderson <rob@utgop.org>
Date: March 29, 2018 at 12:38:30 AM MDT
To: gopjanice@gmail.com
Subject: Fwd: 2018 Convention Constitutional Amendments

Janice,

I received these tonight.

I've also asked Peter Greathouse to chair the Platform and Resolutions Committee. He will be reviewing those for the call.

I also ask that you provide your written recommendations for the call as we will not have time to discuss those on the floor. The time is better used for debate.

I will have legal review these as well and provide a ruling before the call goes out. It is important that we follow our own governance and not attempt to pass bylaws that conflict. I know you understand.

Rob

Rob Anderson
Chairman, Utah Republican Party
(801) 710-2083

Begin forwarded message:

From: Katherine Griffith <yixigriffith@utgop.org>
Date: March 28, 2018 at 5:53:35 PM HST
To: BJ Griffin <bjgriffin@utgop.org>, Rob Anderson <rob@utgop.org>
Subject: 2018 Convention Constitutional Amendments

Hi Rob & BJ,

I put together all the amendments but I haven't done anything with the formatting yet. Please let me know if formatting is needed.

Thanks,
Katherine



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Double Click the attachement to view all proposals as delivered to the C&B Committee



TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES

Live Stream Interruptions

We apologize for the interruption of the live transmission of the convention. The computer of our audio/visual provider crashed during the adoption of the rules. We think it overheated. At the time, there were seven (7) cameras utilizing it, and had been for several hours by that point in the program. After cooling for a while, we were able to resume broadcasting for the candidate speeches. We're sorry for the inconvenience.

Pulse Clicker Delays

We contracted with the same provider (Pulse Interactive) that has provided clickers for our conventions the past several years. We were as frustrated and disheartened as you for the delays. It wasn't until later in the afternoon that the technician realized two cables were attached to the wrong receivers. We apologize for this and know it caused significant concern and frustration.

If you inadvertently took a clicker home with you, will you please return it to us ASAP? Our address is 117 South Main Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84111. The cost of each missing clicker to the Party is \$25 if not returned.

Thank you,

