



**Friday, January 20, 2017**

Dear State Central Committee Member:

**This is the official communication from the Utah Republican Party to all State Central Committee members regarding the upcoming State Central Committee meeting.**

The next State Central Committee meeting will be held at:

Utah Association of Realtors Building  
230 W. Towne Ridge Pkwy #200  
Sandy, UT 84070

The meeting will convene at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 4, 2016. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. To submit an excused absence for this meeting, please send an email to [lisa@utgop.org](mailto:lisa@utgop.org). There are several items to be aware of as you prepare for the meeting:

1. County Chairs and Vice-Chairs should plan to attend a 30-minute meeting at 9:00 a.m. before the SCC body meets.
2. Any Resolutions submitted by Friday, January 13, 2017 will be posted at [www.utah.gov](http://www.utah.gov) under the State Central Committee tab.
3. Any Constitution & Bylaw amendment submitted by Friday, January 13, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. will be posted at [www.utah.gov](http://www.utah.gov) under the State Central Committee tab.
4. The committee will hear Officer, Committee, and Delegation reports.
5. The Committee will take action regarding SB 54 if required.
6. Minutes from the October 8, 2016 meeting will be available online and at the upcoming meeting.
7. The next two State Central Committee meeting dates are tentatively:
  - A. June 10, 2017
  - B. September 30, 2017

I look forward to seeing each of you on Saturday, February 4, 2017.

Respectfully,

James M. Evans  
Chairman, Utah Republican Party



State Central Committee  
*AGENDA*

DATE: Saturday, February 4, 2017  
PLACE: Utah Association of Realtors Building  
230 W Towne Ridge Pkwy #500, Sandy, UT 84070  
TIME: 10:00 a.m. (Registration begins at 8 a.m.)  
*To submit an excused absence for this meeting, please send email to Lisa Shepherd at: [lisa@utgop.org](mailto:lisa@utgop.org)*

1. Welcome: Chairman James Evans
2. Prayer / Pledge: TBD
3. Adoption of Agenda: Chairman James Evans
4. Approval of Minutes: Secretary Lisa Shepherd
5. Officer Reports: Treasurer Abram Young  
Secretary Lisa Shepherd  
Vice Chair Phill Wright  
Chairman James Evans  
National Committeewoman Anne-Marie Lampropoulos  
National Committeeman Thomas Wright
6. Committee Reports: Constitution and Bylaws Committee  
Audit Committee  
Budget Committee  
SB 54 Update and Review  
2016 General Elections Review  
Fundraising/Caucus Committee
7. Business: Constitution and Bylaw Proposals
  1. **Article XII Procedures Platform Amendments - Clair Ellis**
  2. **Constitution and Bylaws Committee Bylaw 1.3.C. - Clair Ellis**
  3. **Bylaw 8.0 A.B. Candidate Certification and Disclosures - Layne Beck**
  4. **National Delegate Re-allocation/Binding – Chris Herrod**Resolutions
  1. **Supporting and Thanking Utah Republican Party Leadership - Layne Beck**
  2. **Support the repeal of SB54 - Cherilyn Eagar**
  3. **Oppose a constitutional Article V convention of the states - Cherilyn Eagar**Any Other Agenda Items Submitted by Members of the SCC
8. Delegation Reports: Office of Governor Gary R. Herbert / Lt. Governor Spencer Cox  
Office of Senator Orrin G. Hatch  
Office of Senator Mike Lee  
Office of Rep. Rob Bishop  
Office of Rep. Chris Stewart  
Office of Rep. Jason Chaffetz  
Office of Rep. Mia Love  
Office of Attorney General Sean Reyes  
Office of Treasurer David Damschen  
Office of Auditor John Dougall  
President Wayne Niederhauser  
Speaker Greg Hughes
9. Auxiliary Reports: Utah Federation of Republican Women  
Utah Republican Hispanic Assembly  
Black Republican Assembly  
Young Republicans  
College Republicans  
Teenage Republicans
10. Adjourn

## **BUSINESS ITEMS: Proposed Amendments to the CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS**

(In order as listed in the proposed Agenda)

### **Proposal 1**

#### **ARTICLE XII CAUCUS AND CONVENTION PROCEDURES**

##### **Section 3. State Nominating Convention**

A. At least two days prior to the primary candidate certification deadline specified in the Utah State Code, delegates to the state nominating convention shall convene at a time and place designated by the State Central Committee in a state nominating convention to nominate candidates for partisan elective office and adopt a State Party platform. Adopting the State Party platform requires a 2/3 vote, for the whole platform or by individual plank. Any platform plank or amended plank that does not get a 2/3 vote shall be removed from the platform.

PURPOSE: The state party platform is designated in party documents to guide the party's work, qualify its candidates and to be read in each precinct caucus. Over time, the current platform has become long and complex, so it is too often ignored. This amendment will elevate the platform from a mix of bare majority planks to a consensus, unifying statement of Republican principles. The 2/3 vote threshold is the same as for our party's other fundamental documents, the constitution and bylaws. A consensus platform, with support from a unified party, will be more effective as a guide to voters and government decision makers. Other issues can still be addressed by Resolutions, which require just a majority vote.

Submitted By: Clair Ellis

### **Proposal 2**

#### **Bylaws 1.3 CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE**

A. Number of Members. The Constitution and Bylaws Committee shall have seven (7) members. The Chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee shall be a member of the State Executive Committee.

B. Purpose. The Constitution and Bylaws Committee is the guardian of the Party Constitution and Bylaws.

C. Changes. The Constitution and Bylaws Committee is responsible for reviewing the Party Constitution and Bylaws and making recommendations to the State Central Committee for changes as the need arises. Any party member may propose amendments to the Constitution or Bylaws. All proposed amendments shall be sent first to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. That committee may amend a proposal, hold it or forward it to the State Central Committee or to the state convention with its recommendation. The State Central Committee may call up any proposal from the Constitution and Bylaws Committee by a majority vote.

Proviso: This amendment shall become effective only after the 2017 election of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee members.

PURPOSE: This change addresses two land-standing problems in handling amendments. Members have been confused about who may propose amendments, and there is no limit to the number or quality of amendments that can be added to the SCC agenda, which can become crowded. This proposal makes clear that any party member may propose changes, which is already proper under Roberts Rules, and it allows the C/B Committee to act as do legislative committees, with the ability to amend or hold proposals to allow the SCC to focus its time on those with the most support and the most likelihood of being approved. The SCC maintains control of all amendments by being able to call any proposal from committee. The Proviso delays implementation until a new C/B Committee is elected, so the current committee members' authority is not changed in mid term.

Submitted By: Clair Ellis

### **Proposal 3**

#### **8.0 CANDIDATE CERTIFICATION AND DISCLOSURE**

A. Candidates who wish to run as a Republican for any federal, or statewide, state legislative, or state school board, office shall sign and submit (1) a completed Candidate Certification declaring that they will comply with the rules and processes set forth in the Utah Republican Party Constitution and these Bylaws, and (2) a Candidate Disclosure Statement to State Party Headquarters at least 30 days prior to the State Party Convention within two business days following the last day for filing candidate registration filings with any elections official within the State of Utah. Any candidate who fails to submit a completed Candidate Certification and Candidate Disclosure Statement, as required under the Utah Republican Party Constitution Article 1, Section C, forfeits his or her Party membership for the current election cycle and shall be disqualified as a Republican for the current cycle. The Candidate Certification and the Candidate Disclosure Statement forms shall be available on the state party website.

The disclosure statement shall specify either: (1) "I have read the Utah Republican Party Platform. I support that 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 nor position holder in any party other than the Republican party." Or (2) "I have read the Utah Republican Party Platform. Except for the provisions specifically noted below, I support that 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 nor position holder in any party other than the Republican party."

B. The Candidate Certification, and the Candidate Disclosure Statements and any exceptions noted therein, shall be compiled posted in a prominent link on the home page or of the Utah Republican Party internet site within 3 days after candidate submission, but at least 72 hours in advance of the URP neighborhood caucus. at least two weeks prior to the state party convention, and shall be made available to delegates attending the convention. Should any candidate fail to submit the Candidate Certification or Candidate Disclosure Statement, the Party Chairman shall announce this failure within two business days, on the party website, and at convention, immediately prior to balloting for that candidate's office. Party Chair shall in accordance with Utah Code 20A-9-202(5) file an objection with UT elections office in a timely manner to any candidate who has not filed a candidate certification and disclosure.

#### Co-sponsors:

Layne Beck, Cache  
Tony Pitman, Weber  
Louis Gary Welch, Salt Lake  
Craig Frank, Utah  
Lee Skabelkund, Davis

Lynda Pipkin, Weber  
Don Guymon, Davis  
Cherilyn B. Eagar, Salt Lake  
Janice Legler, Davis  
Scott Balich, Davis

Kristen Chevrier, Utah  
Marcel Lettre, Weber  
Brady Jugler, Davis  
Marilyn Stevens, Davis

### **Proposal 4**

#### **BYLAWS 7.0 CONVENTIONS AND ELECTIONS**

B. . . . If a candidate who was allocated delegates is not a candidate at the national convention according to the rules of that convention, then ~~all the delegates shall be re-allocated and bound to~~ the may vote for a remaining candidates in accordance to the rules in this section.

Submitted by Chris Herrod

## **RESOLUTION 1**

### **Resolution Supporting and Thanking Utah Republican Party Leadership**

Whereas, for over three years the Utah Republican Party's right of free association has been under attack by a group of wealthy, influential individuals, calling themselves Count My Vote; and

Whereas, the Utah Republican Party recognizes its rights are being violated; and

Whereas, Chairman James Evans and other party leaders have responded to the threat with all available means; and

Whereas, CMV and the media have challenged the integrity and intent of the efforts of the Utah Republican Party leadership in safeguarding the party's First Amendment freedoms; and

Whereas, Chairman James Evans and other party leaders have persevered, in spite of this onslaught of criticism from CMV and the media; and

Whereas, the Honorable Judge David Nuffer has declared sections of SB54 as unconstitutional violations of First Amendment Freedoms; and

Whereas, during the continued fight for the Utah Republican Party's freedoms and independence, further CMV and media criticism of the party and its leadership is expected; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Utah Republican Party State Central Committee hereby expresses our sincere gratitude and appreciation for the persistence, fortitude, and continued perseverance shown by our Party Chair and other party leadership throughout this threat to the party's constitutional rights and freedoms.

Be it further resolved; that the Utah Republican Party State Central Committee hereby authorizes and directs the Chair and party leadership to continue protecting the rights, freedoms and independence of the party by:

- challenging the forced association inflicted by the SB54(2014) dual track to the primary ballot;
- by, utilizing membership definitions, candidate certification and disclosure rule amendments;
- and, in accordance with Article 1 Section C of the URP Constitution and Section 8 of the Bylaws, to disqualify the candidacy and membership of any candidate for public office who circumvents the rules and processes set forth in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Utah Republican Party.

#### **Co-Sponsors:**

Layne Beck, Cache  
Tony Pitman, Weber  
Louis Gary Welch, Salt Lake  
Craig Frank, Utah  
Lee Skabelkund, Davis

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Brady Jugler, Davis  
Marilyn Stevens, Davis

## **RESOLUTION 2**

"Resolved that the Utah SCC continues to support the repeal of SB 54."

Submitted by Cherilyn Eagar

## **RESOLUTION 3**

"Resolved that the SCC opposes a constitutional Article V convention of the states."

Submitted by Cherilyn Eagar



# Utah Republican Party

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## STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING Proposed Minutes

October 8, 2016, 10:00 a.m.  
Utah Valley University Library Auditorium  
Chaired by James Evans, Chair; recorded by Lisa Shepherd, Secretary.

Chairman Evans called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. Jim Green offered a prayer and Grace Sperry led the pledge. The agenda was adopted without objection.

The Committee approved the minutes of the June 4 regular meeting and August 27, 2016 Special meeting. The Committee moved into Executive session at 10:12 a.m. to approve the minutes from the Executive sessions from the June 4 and August 27, 2016 meetings. The Secretary read the minutes aloud to the committee. The minutes were approved without objection. The Committee moved out of Executive Session at 10:45 a.m.

Member Cherilyn Eagar rose to a Point of Personal Privilege to recognize the lifetime contributions of Phyllis Schlafly.

### **Officer and Committee Reports**

Treasurer Abram Young gave a review of the finances (amounts redacted from the minutes per Chairman Evans). Donation cans were passed to the members.

Secretary Lisa Shepherd reported that she has organized the SCC attendance data into one document and the records have been submitted to the members for their review.

Vice Chairman Phill Wright listed the Elephant Club, URP, and other political events he attended as the Vice Chairman since our last meeting.

Chairman James Evans reported the Party's GOTV efforts. Chairman Evans passed out a spreadsheet identifying URP targeted campaigns requesting members assist these campaigns. Vote By Mail ballots will be sent on October 12 and must be postmarked by November 7th. SCC members were asked to disburse the information gained in these meetings to their counties and networks. The Party now issues a weekly Tuesday newsletter called "The Republican." Please send information to be shared to [CQuintana@UTGOP.org](mailto:CQuintana@UTGOP.org). The UTGOP has organized a statewide master calendar. Submit calendar info to [Events@utgop.org](mailto:Events@utgop.org). The Party has reevaluated its goals as a Party to provide value for our Republican base.

National Committeewoman Anne-Marie Lampropoulos reported the RNC is working hard to get the GOTV across the country. She requested each of us encourage our family and friends to vote by mail.

National Committeeman Thomas Wright reported that this is about electing candidates we are proud of. He encouraged us to email some candidates and thank them for running. He has been appointed as the Campaign Chair for the Party and the stated his efforts have gone well. He is also the Co-Chair of the Utah Debate Commission. He reported on his fundraising efforts having reached out to the Elephant Club members and other corporate members who have donated in the past to the Party. He reminded the Committee that what we do, what we say, how we act matters and offered his help to any county party.

### **Constitution and Bylaws Committee, Willie Billings**

A committee member reported that the proposed bylaw amendments be held in the Committee for further research before submitting to the SCC for consideration. The Committee stated its position that the SCC already has the authority to raise funds and a bylaw amendment is not necessary.

## **Audit Committee, Helen Redd**

Committee Chairwoman Helen Redd reported that the URP Executive Committee adopted the audit report. The auditing firm, Squire, rendered the following opinion dated July 8, 2016, *"In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Utah Republican Party as of June 30, 2015 and 2014, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with principles generally accepted in the United States of America."* The Audit Report was unanimously approved and adopted. Any member may request a copy of the written report from the Audit Committee Chair.

The Audit Committee will now begin the audit of the 2015-2016 cycle. The Audit Committee has recommended the necessity of a functioning budget committee in place by the next SCC meeting.

### Certification of Method of Election

Bill Dellos moved to certify multi-round balloting as the method of election for the May 20, 2017 State Organizing Convention. Approved unanimously.

## **Constitution and Bylaws Proposed Amendments**

### Proposal 1. Financial Responsibility, CB Committee

\*Please see call packet for proposed language.

The SCC previously requested additional discussion regarding the Financial Responsibility proposal. One suggestion was to term it as a "convention registration fee" that applies to everyone instead of assessing a "delegate fee."

Chairman Evans requested feedback regarding convention fees and conducted an informal poll by a raise of credentials to gauge the support for convention registration fees. Some support was expressed. Several members raised concerns, such as; county parties may experience more difficulty raising funds if the URP were to charge the fee, the misperception of a pay-to-play fee versus a skin-in-the-game reality, wealthy candidates may attempt to pay delegate fees, we should empower county parties to collect the fees, SB54 has drastically reduced raised contributions, if can't raise money we must charge registration fees, delegates from out-lying areas pay travel expenses to get to the convention and may be overburdened.

The Wasatch County Chairman Morgan Murdock made a \$1,000 pledge to the URP and encouraged each county to donate based on the amount of registered Republicans in their counties.

Cherilyn Eagar moved to remit proposal 1 to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. A voice vote was conducted. The motion passed.

### Proposal 2. Removal of National Delegate Allocation, Chris Herrod

\*Please see call packet for proposed language.

Allows the national delegate the option to vote for other candidates at the convention if Utah's choice is no longer a candidate. Sponsor Chris Herrod spoke to the amendment.

Jessica Christopher moved to remit proposal 2 back to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. Motion passed by a voice vote.

### Resolution

Kendra Seeley moves to adopt the "Resolution in support of holding a UTGOP State Central Committee meeting in Rural Utah."

Brent Odenwalder moved to amend to "once every two years." A standing count was conducted. The motion failed due to a tie vote of 38/38.

Boyd Pugmire moved to strike the language after "Davis Counties." A standing vote was conducted and the amendment passed.

Mike Edwards moved to strike the word "rural." A standing vote was conducted and the amendment passed.

A standing vote was conducted on the main motion and "whereas sections." The amended resolution passed.

"RESOLVED, the UTGOP State Central Committee directs its Chairman to schedule an upcoming, and henceforth at least once per year, a UTGOP State Central Committee meeting in a location that is outside Utah, Salt Lake, Weber and Davis counties."

Kristen Chevrier moved that the August 27, 2016 meeting be recognized as a regular meeting and to cancel the December 3 meeting since we already had a fourth quarter meeting on October 8. The motion passed by a voice vote. Our next meeting will be held on February 4, 2017.

92 members were credentialed.

The meeting adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

Lisa M. Shepherd, Secretary

Attendees and Excused Absences: See attendance records.