

# Idaho Republican Party State Rules



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# **RULES OF THE IDAHO REPUBLICAN PARTY**

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## ***ARTICLE I: THE REPUBLICAN STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE***

**Section 1:** The Republican State Central Committee shall be the governing body of the Idaho Republican Party. It shall establish all policy and functions of the Idaho Republican Party on the State level, and may employ a staff to carry out such policy and functions. No person may hold more than one voting position on the State Central Committee.

**Section 2:** The first meeting of the Republican State Central Committee shall take place immediately upon adjournment of the State Convention, at which time said committee may fill vacancies on the statewide ticket. The Committee shall thereafter be called to fill any vacancy on the statewide ticket which may occur before the General Election. Meetings of the Committee may be called by the State Chairman or, in the case of a vacancy in the Chairmanship, by the First Vice Chairman, and in the case of absence in the office of First Vice Chairman, by the Second Vice Chairman. Such call shall be issued at least thirty (30) days in advance of the date of the proposed semi-annual regular meeting and thirty (30) days in advance for special meetings and within fifteen (15) days for emergency meetings or as otherwise provided by Idaho Code and shall state the business to be transacted at the meeting and such other business as may properly come before it. Regular meetings shall be held at least twice annually.

**Section 3:** Upon written petition of fifteen (15) or more members of the Republican State Central

Committee, representing not less than five (5) counties asking for a special meeting of the Republican State Central Committee, it shall be the duty of the State Chairman, within ten (10) days from receipt of said petition, to issue a call for a special meeting of the Republican State Central Committee.

**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.

**Section 5:** The Chairman of the Republican State Central Committee shall have general administrative supervision over the organization and affairs of the Idaho Republican Party, shall preside at all meetings, and shall perform all other duties as are incident to his office, subject in all cases, however, to the direction of the Republican State Central Committee. The Chairman of the Republican State Central Committee shall be elected to serve a two year term by the Delegates to the State Republican Convention, convening regularly every two years. If the State Republican Convention fails to elect a successor, the State Central Committee shall convene an emergency meeting for the purpose of electing a new State Chairman.

**Section 6:** If the office of the Chairman becomes vacant, by reason of resignation, death or otherwise, the First Vice-Chairman shall assume all duties and responsibilities of the State Chairman until the next regularly scheduled Republican State Central Committee meeting elects a new State Chairman to serve until a successor is duly elected by the next Republican State Convention. If no regular Republican State Central Committee meeting is before the next Republican State Convention, then the First Vice-Chairman shall assume all duties and responsibilities of the State Chairman until a successor is duly elected by the next Republican State Convention. There shall be no automatic succession to the office of State Chairman.

**Section 7:** The first Vice Chairman of the Republican State Central Committee shall have such

powers and perform such duties as may be assigned from time to time by the Republican State Central Committee and shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the State Chairman upon any occasion when the State Chairman shall be unable to perform the duties of his office.

**Section 8:** The First Vice Chairman and the Second Vice Chairman shall be elected by the delegates to the State Convention which convenes every two years. The Second Vice Chairman shall be from the opposite Congressional District of the First Vice Chairman. In the event of a vacancy in the First or Second Vice Chairman, the State Executive Committee shall appoint an interim successor to serve until the next meeting of the State Central Committee, which shall elect a successor to serve until the next State Convention.

**Section 9:** The National Committeeman and National Committeewoman shall be elected by the delegates to the Republican State Convention in the same year as presidential elections. The National Committeeman and National Committeewoman shall represent the Idaho Republican Party on the National Committee, shall speak for Idaho to the National Committee, shall convey National Party Policy to the State Party, and shall carry out all other duties and responsibilities as they may see fit to properly represent the Idaho Republican Party.

**Section 10:** If the office of the National Committeeman or National Committeewoman becomes vacant, by reason or resignation, death or otherwise, the State Chairman shall, within thirty (30) days of the event, call a Republican State Central Committee meeting for the purpose of making an appointment to fill the vacancy. Such appointee shall serve until a successor is duly chosen at

the next presidential year Republican State Convention.

**Section 11:** The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping minutes and state records in conjunction with the State Headquarters office and shall be elected by the delegates to the regular session of the Republican State Convention every 2 years. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Secretary, the Republican State Executive Committee shall appoint an interim successor to serve until the next meeting of the State Central Committee, which shall elect a successor to serve until the next State Convention.

**Section 12:** The Treasurer shall act as the fiscal agent for the Republican State Central Committee, and shall be elected by the delegates to the regular session of the Republican State Convention, which convenes every two (2) years. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Treasurer, the Republican State Executive Committee shall appoint an interim successor to serve until the next meeting of the State Central Committee, which shall elect a successor to serve until the next State Convention.

**Section 13:** The State Chairman shall appoint a State Finance Chairman who shall be responsible for developing and executing fundraising programs for the Idaho Republican Party. The State Finance Chairman, in cooperation with the State Chairman, may recruit a Finance Committee and appoint such assistants as deemed necessary.

**Section 14:** The State Chairman shall appoint an Executive Director with the consent of the

Executive Committee at the next regular meeting as deemed necessary.

**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:

(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. 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.

(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. 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, and shall not be removed until they are no longer effective.

(C) Hall of Fame Awards Committee. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairs shall serve as chair and vice-chair of the Idaho Hall of Fame Awards Committee. Every year, the committee will be responsible for awarding the Idaho Hall of Fame Awards during the winter meeting of the Idaho Republican State Central Committee meeting. The committee will be made up of: the chairman and vice-chairman; the seven Regional Chairman; three past HOF award recipients appointed by the State Party Chairman, each from different regions of the state; and the State Party Chairman.

(1) The Hall of Fame Award categories will be as follows:

Outstanding Republican Worker

Outstanding Republican Precinct Committeeperson

Outstanding Republican County, Legislative, and Regional Chairman

Outstanding Republican State Legislator(s)

Outstanding Republican Administrative Official

Outstanding Republican Federal or Statewide Elected Official

Most Valuable Person

## Lifetime Achievement Award

The Lifetime Achievement Award may only be awarded to an individual who has worked consistently for 25 years or more in the Idaho Republican Party. The Lifetime Achievement Award may be awarded to more than one person in any given year, or it may not be awarded at all, if no one qualifies for the award in that particular year. The Lifetime Achievement Award category is effective beginning 12/9/2013.

- (2) The Hall of Fame nomination form shall be distributed to all the County, Regional, and Legislative Chairmen by October 15<sup>th</sup> each year with a deadline to return to the State Party Headquarters by November 15<sup>th</sup>. The Hall of Fame Committee shall convene before December 10<sup>th</sup> to select the Hall of Fame recipients.

**Section 16:** The two year term of office of the State Chairman shall begin immediately upon election by the Republican State Convention. The four (4) year term of office of the National Committeewoman and National Committeeman shall commence the day after the close of the Republican National Convention. The two (2) year term of office for the First Vice Chairman, Second Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer shall commence immediately following the Republican State Convention.

**Section 17:** Ten (10) days prior to the Primary, the State Chairman shall notify each Region Chairman, each Legislative District Chairman, and each County Chairman of the procedural

rules for organizational meeting and delegate selection.

**Section 18:** Forty-five (45) days prior to the Presidential Primary Election in each presidential year, the State Chairman shall notify each Region Chairman, each Legislative District Chairman, and each County Chairman of the rules of Selection of Delegates to the Republican State Convention and the Republican National Convention.

**Section 19:** Proxy Rule. All proxies shall be in writing, shall be signed and dated by the grantor, and shall include the following information:

- (A) The name, county of residence, and Republican State Central Committee office of the grantor of the proxy,
- (B) The name and county of residence of the individual to whom the proxy is given, and
- (C) The date of the meeting for which the proxy is issued.

**Section 20:** A proxy that is placed before the Credentials Committee and approved as such will be treated for all purposes as a valid proxy.

**Section 21:** Notice of Meetings. Notice of semi-annual meetings of the State Central Committee, shall be emailed to the last email address of each member on file. A state central committee member may request and receive a mailed copy of meeting notices. Notice shall be made at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of such meetings. The notice shall state the time and place of the meeting and may include an agenda of the business intended to be conducted at

such meeting, provided that the inclusion of such agenda shall not limit the business to those items mentioned in the notice.

**Section 22:** At no time shall the staff, resources or finances of the Idaho Republican Party be used to promote, solicit, advocate or advertise the candidacy of those seeking election, re-election or appointment to the Executive Board.

**Section 23:** The State Chairman shall appoint one Republican legislator in both the House & Senate prior to the beginning of each legislative session to serve as the Legislative Liaisons to the Idaho Republican Party. It shall be the duty of the Legislative Liaisons to communicate the wishes of the Idaho Republican Party to the Legislature, and to report back to the party. Rules or resolutions that are passed by the State Central Committee which may require or direct legislative actions shall be converted by the Legislative Liaisons into bills, or resolutions (as may be necessary) and shall be introduced and argued in committee by the Liaisons. Suggestions or any communication from any legislator on a matter submitted by the Liaisons shall be transmitted back to the party through the Liaisons.

**Section 24:** The State Executive Committee shall take all necessary actions to protect the elephant logo/trademark traditionally used by the Republican party within the state of Idaho. The State Party chairman shall immediately issue cease and desist letters to any Democrat or Independent candidate or political officer who utilizes the elephant logo in any campaign materials or on any internet website. The State Party Chairman shall take all necessary legal actions to prevent misuse of the logo by non-Republican affiliated candidates and political officeholders.

***ARTICLE II: THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE***

**Section 1:** The State Executive Committee shall be authorized to act on behalf of the Idaho Republican Party for the purpose of administering the policies and programs adopted by the State Central Committee and shall perform such duties as may be assigned to it by the State Central Committee. No person may hold more than one voting position on the State Executive Committee.

**Section 2:** The State Executive Committee shall consist of the following members:

(A) Voting members:

- (1) The State Chairman
- (2) The First Vice Chairman
- (3) The Second Vice Chairman
- (4) The National Committeeman
- (5) The National Committeewoman
- (6) The Secretary of the State Central Committee
- (7) The Treasurer of the State Central Committee
- (8) The Region Chairmen (7)
- (9) The State Finance Chairman

- (10) The Young Republican State Chairman
- (11) The President of the Idaho Republican Women's Federation
- (12) The President of the College Young Republicans

(B) Non-voting (ex-officio) members:

- (1) The Immediate Past State Chairman
- (2) The Executive Director
- (3) The chairman or designee of each officially recognized Republican Donor club
- (4) The Teenage Republican Representative
- (5) The national committeeman and national committeewoman elect.
- (6) One representative of each Republican Congressional office.
- (7) One representative of each Republican State Constitutional Office or their designated representative

**Section 3:** The State Chairman shall convene the State Executive Committee quarterly at various cities in the State and shall have the power to call a special Executive Committee Meeting after ten (10) days notice.

**Section 4:** Fifty-one percent (51 %) of the voting members of the State Executive Committee must be present to constitute a quorum. The State Executive Committee shall honor a written proxy designating another voting member to such proxy. The Vice Chairman of a Region may act in the place of an absent Region Chairman where applicable.

**Section 5:** No member of the State Executive Committee shall receive financial remuneration other than expenses as approved by the Executive Committee.

***ARTICLE III: REGIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE***

**Section 1:** The State shall be divided into seven (7) regions for the purpose of administering the Idaho Republican Party. The regions shall be composed as follows:

- (A) Region I - Counties of Boundary, Bonner, Kootenai, Benewah, and Shoshone
- (B) Region II - Counties of Latah, Nez Perce, Lewis, Clearwater, and Idaho
- (C) Region III - Counties of Valley, Adams, Washington, Payette, Canyon, Gem, Elmore, Owyhee, and Boise
- (D) Region IV - County of Ada
- (E) Region V - Counties of Gooding, Jerome, Minidoka, Lincoln, Cassia, Twin Falls, Camas, and Blaine
- (F) Region VI - Counties of Bannock, Power, Oneida, Caribou, Bear Lake, Bingham, and Franklin
- (g) Region VII - Counties of Bonneville, Butte, Madison, Jefferson, Fremont, Clark, Custer, Lemhi, and Teton

**Section 2:** A Region Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and such other officers of the Region

shall be elected by the County Chairmen, State Committeemen, State Committeewomen, Youth Committeeperson, and Legislative District Chairmen from the counties and Legislative Districts composing a Region. Such elections must be held within fifteen (15) days following the election of county officers, after five (5) days notice. The election of the Regional Officers shall be carried out by secret ballot, except in uncontested races.

**Section 3:** Special functions of the Region Chairman consistent with Articles II and III of the Rules are:

- (a) To represent the counties and legislative districts within the region at Executive Committee meetings wherein decisions are made concerning policies and programs of the State Central Committee.
  
- (b) To keep the State Executive Committee and State Central Committee informed of activities and problem areas in the region.
  
- (c) To interpret actions and decisions of the State Executive Committee and State Central Committee with particular reference to political and financial plans (including campaign and fundraising programs) to the counties and legislative districts in the region.
  
- (d) To coordinate inter-regional activities such as:
  - (1) Lincoln Day affairs
  - (2) Fundraisers for County, State, and National candidates, and

(3) Campaign rallies for County, State, and National candidates

(e) To encourage the counties in the region to fill their county quotas for the State budget.

(f) To assure that the counties and legislative districts in the region conduct their meeting for the purposes of:

(1) Organization, and

(2) Selection of delegates to the State Convention according to the Election Laws of the State of Idaho and the Rules of the Idaho Republican Party.

(g) In order to accomplish the responsibilities listed in this section, the Region Chairman shall attend State Executive Committee meetings and State Central Committee meetings. The Region Chairman shall encourage attendance at the State Central Committee meetings. If a member cannot attend, proxies in accord with the Rules shall be solicited.

(h) The Region Chairman shall convene Region meetings on a semi-annual schedule (two meetings per calendar year) at various communities within the region or in conjunction with State Central Committee meetings. The Chairman can convene special meetings to ensure appropriate action is taken in response to a situation that requires immediate attention without regard to the timing of the normal meeting schedule. The Region Chairman shall visit the counties and legislative districts as deemed necessary and attend special functions in the Region.

(i) The Region Chairman shall respond to special requests from the State Chairman and Executive Director with regard to arranging for special visits to the region and recommending people to serve on special committees and other assignments.

(j) The Region Chairman shall respond to requests from the State Chairman and Executive Director with regard to recommendations concerning outstanding Precinct Committeemen, outstanding County and Legislative District Chairmen and others who deserve special commendation.

(k) The Regions shall not operate independent checking or savings accounts. Any funds earned by or donated to the Region shall be immediately distributed to the counties within that Region based upon the state quota formula.

**Section 4:** If the office of Region Chairman becomes vacant, by reason of resignation, death or otherwise, the Vice Chairman shall assume the duties of the Chairman, and, within thirty (30) days, and after giving at least seven (7) days notice, call a Region meeting for the purpose of electing a new Region Chairman. If the Vice Chairman does not call such meeting within thirty (30) days, the State Chairman shall call a Region meeting with seven (7) day notice for the purpose of electing a new Region Chairman.

**Section 5:** The voting membership of region meetings shall be the Region Chairman, County Chairmen, State Committeemen, State Committeewomen, State Youth Committeeperson, and

Legislative District Chairmen, who reside in the region. At no time can a legislative district chairman vote in more than one region. Proxies shall be honored at region meetings as provided in Article I, Section 4 for State Central Committee meetings, except that such proxies shall be submitted to the Region Secretary. A quorum shall exist if 51% of the counties and legislative districts within the region are represented.

**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:

- (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.
- (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.

**Section 7:** After the completion of each decennial census, a committee shall be formed to consider the census data and the results of the subsequent redistricting, and shall report to the next occurring State Party meeting. Such report shall include the making of recommendations for any changes in region boundaries, which may include creation of additional regions. Such committees shall consist of one

representative from each region, appointed by the Region Chair, and shall also include a Chair to be appointed by the State Party Chairman. The State Party Chairman may also appoint up to five additional members at the Chairman's sole discretion.

#### ***ARTICLE IV: THE COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE***

**Section 1:** The County Central Committee is composed of the Precinct Committeemen and Precinct Committeewomen elected at the State Primary Election, the County Chairman, Vice Chairman, State Committeeman, State Committeewoman, State Youth Committeeperson, and such other officers of the County Central Committee as are elected by the Precinct Committeemen and Precinct Committeewomen. All officers of the Central Committee shall be elected by the Precinct Committeemen and Precinct Committeewomen at a meeting called by the incumbent County Chairman to be held within ten (10) days after the Primary Election at the county seat. The election of the County Officers shall be carried out by secret ballot, except in uncontested races. All precinct committeemen of a county central committee or any person acting as an alternate for such member must have a Republican Party affiliation. Furthermore, the act of un-affiliating with the Republican Party shall be considered as a resignation of any positions held in the County Central Committee.

**Section 2:** The State Youth Committeeperson shall be between the ages of eighteen and forty at the time of his or her election.

**Section 3:** The County Chairman shall assure the existence of a set of rules and by-laws for the

county organization. These rules must be compatible with the Election Laws of the State of Idaho and the Rules of the Idaho Republican Party.

**Section 4:** The County Chairman must call and chair meetings, as designated by the County and State rules, for the purpose of:

- (a) County organization,
- (b) Selecting delegates to the State Convention, and
- (c) Nominating candidates to fill vacancies in county government offices

**Section 5:** The County Chairman shall also chair meetings as prescribed by County by-laws for the purpose of conducting routine business related to:

- (a) Campaigns
- (b) Publicity
- (c) Finance
- (d) Filling precinct committee vacancies, and
- (e) Other topics as required.

**Section 6:** The County Chairman is concerned with the recruitment and election of county government officials and for maintaining liaison with them after election.

**Section 7:** The County Chairman is a member of the State Central Committee, and therefore shall attend State Central Committee meetings and respond to requests from the Region

Chairman as well as the State Chairman and Executive Director to serve on committees and assist in special functions.

**Section 8:** The County Central Committee shall appoint by election Precinct Committeemen to fill all vacancies that occur or exist in the offices of Precinct Committeemen. Candidates shall be qualified electors of the precinct. Notices of precinct vacancies shall be announced at least two weeks prior to the next scheduled meeting. All nominations shall be from the floor, and in the event of a contested race, election shall be by secret ballot.

**Section 9:** If the office of the County Chairman becomes vacant, by reason of resignation, death or otherwise, the Vice Chairman shall assume all duties of the Chairman and, within thirty (30) days after giving at least seven (7) days notice, call a Central Committee meeting for the purpose of electing a new County Chairman. If the Vice Chairman does not call such meeting within thirty (30) days, the State Chairman shall call a county Central Committee meeting with seven (7) days notice, for the purpose of electing a new County Chairman.

**Section 10:** If the office of State Committeeman, State Committeewoman or State Youth Committeeperson becomes vacant, by reason of death or otherwise, the County Chairman shall, within thirty (30) days after giving at least seven (7) days notice call a County Central Committee meeting for the purpose of filling such vacancy.

**Section 11:** If the office of Vice Chairman, secretary or treasurer becomes vacant because of

resignation, death or otherwise, the county chairman shall, within thirty (30) days and after giving at least seven (7) days notice, call a County Central Committee meeting for the purpose of filling the vacancy.

**Section 12:** Representation and voting by proxies shall be allowed at County Central Committee meetings except for the election of Central Committee Officers, election of delegates to the State Convention, and nomination of nominees to fill county vacancies. Proxies shall be honored if written by the grantor to another voting member and limited to that particular meeting. Fifty-one percent (51%) of the Precinct Committeemen from within the county shall constitute a quorum, unless county by-laws designate a different quorum percentage.

#### ***ARTICLE V: FILLING BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS VACANCIES***

**Section 1:** In the event a vacancy arises on a board of County Commissioners, by reason of resignation, death or otherwise, it shall be the duty of the Chairman of the County Central Committee wherein the vacancy exists to call a meeting of the County Central Committee within ten (10) days after giving seventy-two (72) hours notice, stating the purpose of the meeting, which is to recommend to the Governor three (3) nominees to fill said vacancy.

**Section 2:** At the meeting of the County Central Committee for the purpose of recommending to the Governor three (3) nominees to fill a vacancy on a board of county commissioners, only Precinct Committeemen shall be entitled to nominate candidates and vote. In the event of a tie vote, the County Chairman may cast the tiebreaker vote unless the County Chairman is also a

Precinct Committeeman. In such an event then the County Vice Chairman may cast the tiebreaker vote unless the County Vice Chairman is also a Precinct Committeeman. If such a situation should occur, then the Committee may proceed with whatever means of breaking the tie that is agreed upon to be acceptable by a majority of the Committee. All nominees must reside within the County district where the vacancy exists. All Precinct Committeemen may vote for three (3) candidates in preferential order.

**Section 3:** The County Chairman shall submit the names of three (3) nominees to the Governor within two (2) days of their selection. Said nominees shall be listed in order of preference.

**Section 4:** The Governor shall fill the vacancy by appointment from the list of three (3) nominees within fifteen (15) days. If no appointment is made within fifteen (15) days, the County Central Committee shall designate one (1) of the three (3) nominees to fill the vacancy.

#### ***ARTICLE VI: FILLING COUNTY VACANCIES OTHER THAN COMMISSIONERS***

**Section 1:** If the office of county prosecuting attorney, treasurer, sheriff, coroner, assessor, or auditor/clerk of the district court becomes vacant, by reason of resignation, death or otherwise, the Chairman of the County Central Committee wherein the vacancy exists shall call a meeting of the County Central Committee within ten (10) days after giving seventy-two (72) hours notice, stating the purpose of the meeting, which is to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners three (3) nominees to fill said vacancy.

**Section 2:** At the meeting of the County Central Committee for the purpose of recommending to the Board of County Commissioners three (3) nominees to fill such vacancy, only the Precinct Committeeman shall be entitled to nominate candidates and vote. In the event of a tie vote, the County Chairman may cast the tiebreaker vote unless the County Chairman is also a Precinct Committeeman. In such an event then the County Vice Chairman may cast the tiebreaker vote unless the County Vice Chairman is also a Precinct Committeeman. If such a situation should occur, then the Committee may proceed with whatever means of breaking the tie that is agreed upon to be acceptable by a majority of the Committee. All nominees must reside within the County or otherwise satisfy any residency requirement under Idaho law. All Precinct Committeemen may vote for three (3) candidates in preferential order.

**Section 3:** The County Chairman shall submit the names of the three (3) nominees to the Board of County Commissioners within two (2) days of their selection. Said nominees shall be listed in order of the number of votes received.

**Section 4:** The Board of County Commissioners shall fill the vacancy by appointment from the list of three (3) nominees within (15) days. If no appointment is made within fifteen (15) days, the County Central Committee shall designate one (1) of the three (3) nominees to fill the vacancy.

## ***ARTICLE VII: THE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT COMMITTEE***

**Section 1:** The Legislative District Committee is composed of Precinct Committeemen and Precinct Committeewomen elected at the State Primary Election, the Legislative District Chairman, Vice Chairmen, Secretary, and other such officers of the Legislative District that are elected by the Precinct Committeemen and Precinct Committeewomen. The Precinct Committeemen and Precinct Committeewomen shall elect all officers of the Legislative District at a meeting called by the incumbent Legislative District Chairman to be held upon seven (7) days' notice and within eleven (11) days after each Primary Election at a location within the Legislative District or within an adjacent Legislative District or County. The election of the Legislative District Officers shall be carried out by secret ballot, except in uncontested races. All precinct committeemen of a Legislative District Central Committee or any person acting as an alternate for such member must have a Republican Party affiliation. Furthermore, the act of un-affiliating with the Republican Party shall be considered as a resignation of any positions held in the Central Committee.

**Section 2:** The Legislative District Chairman shall assure the existence of a set of rules and by-laws for the legislative district organization. These rules must be compatible with the Election Laws of the State of Idaho and the Rules of the Idaho Republican Party.

**Section 3:** The Legislative District Chairman must call and chair meetings, as designated by the legislative district and state rules, for the purpose of:

- (a) Legislative district organization
- (b) Selecting delegates to the State Convention, and
- (c) Nominating candidates to fill vacancies in the State Legislature

**Section 4:** The Legislative District Chairman shall also chair meetings as prescribed by the legislative district by-laws for the purposes of conducting routine business related to:

- (a) Campaigns
- (b) Publicity
- (c) Finance, and
- (d) Other topics as requested

**Section 5:** The Legislative District Chairman is responsible for recruiting and assisting in the election of candidates for the State Legislature and for maintaining liaison with them after election.

**Section 6:** The Legislative District Chairman is a member of the State Central Committee; and therefore, shall attend State Central Committee meetings and respond to requests from the Region Chairman as well as the State Chairman and Executive Director to serve on committees and special functions.

**Section 7:** If the office of the Legislative District Chairman becomes vacant, by reason of resignation, death or otherwise, the Vice Chairman of the District shall assume all duties of the

Chairman and call a meeting for the purpose of electing a new District Chairman. This meeting shall be called within thirty (30) days following the occurrence of vacancy and upon giving at least seven (7) days' notice. If the Vice Chairman does not call such a meeting within thirty (30) days, the State Chairman shall call a Legislative District Committee meeting, with seven (7) days notice, for the purpose of electing a new Legislative District Chairman.

**Section 8:** If the office of Vice Chairman or Secretary becomes vacant by reason of resignation, death or otherwise, the Legislative District Chairman shall within thirty (30) days and after giving at least seven (7) days' notice, call a Legislative District Committee meeting for the purpose of filling such vacancy.

**Section 9:** Representation and voting by proxies shall be allowed at legislative district meetings, except for the election of Legislative District Officers, election of delegates to the State Convention, and selection of nominees to fill vacancies in the Idaho State Legislature. Proxies shall be honored if written by the grantor to another voting member from the same legislative district and limited to that particular meeting. Fifty-one percent (51%) of the Precinct Committeemen from within the Legislative District shall constitute a quorum, unless Legislative District by-laws designate a different quorum percentage.

### ***ARTICLE VIII: FILLING LEGISLATIVE VACANCIES***

**Section 1:** In the event a vacancy arises in the Idaho State Legislature, by reason of resignation,

death or otherwise, the Chairman of the Legislative District in which such vacancy exists shall call a meeting of the Legislative District Committee within ten (10) days and after giving seventy-two (72) hours notice, stating the purpose for the meeting which is recommending to the Governor three (3) nominees to fill said vacancy.

**Section 2:** At the meeting of the Legislative District Committee for the purpose of recommending to the Governor three (3) nominees to fill a vacancy in the Legislature, only Precinct Committeemen from within the Legislative District shall be entitled to nominate candidates and vote. In the event of a tie vote, the Legislative District Chairman may cast the tiebreaker vote unless the Legislative District Chairman is also a Precinct Committeeman. In such an event then the Legislative District Vice Chairman may cast the tiebreaker vote unless the Legislative District Vice Chairman is also a Precinct Committeeman. If such a situation should occur, then the Committee may proceed with whatever means of breaking the tie that is agreed upon to be acceptable by a majority of the Committee. All nominees must reside within the Legislative District. All Precinct Committeemen may vote for three (3) candidates in preferential order.

**Section 3:** The Legislative District Chairman shall submit the names of the three (3) nominees to the Governor within two (2) days of their selection. Said nominees shall be listed in order of preference.

**Section 4:** The Governor shall fill the vacancy by appointment from the list of three (3)

nominees within fifteen (15) days. If no appointment has been made within fifteen (15) days, the Legislative District Committee shall designate one (1) of the three nominees to fill the vacancy.

***ARTICLE IX: CENTRAL COMMITTEE ENDORSEMENT AND REPUBLICAN PARTY  
REGISTRATION REQUIRED TO VOTE IN A REPUBLICAN PRIMARY ELECTION***

**Section 1:** County Central Committees may determine the political affiliation of candidates filing or declaring an intent to file as Republican candidates for county political offices and may endorse Republican candidates for their respective positions.

**Section 2:** The Legislative District Central Committees may determine the political affiliation of candidates filing or declaring an intent to file as Republican Party Candidates for the State Legislature, and the Committee may endorse Republican candidates for legislative positions.

**Section 3:** The State Central Committee may determine the political affiliation of candidates filing or declaring intent to file as Republican Party Candidates for state political offices and U.S. federal offices, and may endorse Republican Party candidates for the various positions. Endorsement of Congressional District Candidates shall be by voting members from the respective Congressional Districts.

**Section 4:** Only persons who have affiliated as Republican prior to the Primary Election, including a presidential primary election, will be allowed to vote on an Idaho Republican Party

ballot in that Primary Election.

***ARTICLE X: PROCEDURE - DATE OF EFFECTIVENESS***

**Section 1:** The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Idaho Republican Party in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with state law, State Party rules, or any special rules of order the Party may adopt.

**Section 2:** No prior action of the Republican State Central Committee or its subsidiaries shall be voided by adoption of these rules.

**Section 3:** These rules may be amended by a majority vote of the State Central Committee at any regular or special session of the Republican State Central Committee.

**Section 4:** The Rules of the Idaho Republican Party can only be amended or suspended by the Idaho Republican State Central Committee.

***ARTICLE XI: ELECTRONIC MEETINGS***

**Section 1.** The State, Region and County Central Committees, at the Committee Chairman's discretion, may provide Central Committee members with the option to participate in state, region, and county meetings through electronic means, including, but not limited to, teleconferencing, audio conferencing and video conferencing. Committee meetings may include physical and/or electronic attendees. The chairman of special committees established by the State Chairman may also offer an electronic option for committee meetings.

**Section 2.** The electronic meeting must allow for all attendees, both physical and electronic, to hear each other at the same time. If video conferencing is used, all attendees must be able to see each other at the same time. The electronic meeting service used by the committee must support verification and reporting of who joins the meeting electronically.

**Section 3.** Committee members participating via electronic means will count towards establishing a quorum.

**Section 4.** If Committee Chairmen offer an electronic meeting option, they must provide committee members with the technical requirements for participation (e.g. phone, computer, webcam) via an official meeting notice. Notices for meetings with an electronic option must be sent 48 hours prior to a meeting and include the date, time, and details for how to join the electronic meeting. These notices may be provided physically or electronically.

**Section 5.** In the event an electronic meeting option is provided for a committee meeting, committee members must notify the Committee Chairmen prior to a meeting if they plan to participate via the electronic option. To assist with verifying a quorum of committee members, attendees must also provide prior to the meeting the phone number or email address they'll use to join and participate in the electronic meeting. Attendees using numbers or email addresses not provided prior to the meeting will not count towards a quorum, be recognized, or allowed to participate in the committee meeting.

**Section 6.** The Committee Chairmen must offer members attending electronically the option to be recognized before closing any discussion or debate. Members attending electronically may also make a verbal request for recognition if another committee member does not have the floor.

**Section 7.** In meetings where some or all committee members attend electronically, all votes must be recorded for the minutes by name unless votes are unanimous. No votes requiring a secret ballot may be conducted if some or all committee members are attending electronically.

**Section 8.** Only committee members can use the electronic option to participate in committee meetings.

**Section 9.** Committee Chairmen are not required to offer an electronic meeting option for their committees.

**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.

## ***ARTICLE XII: 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.

***ARTICLE XIII: 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.

#### ***ARTICLE XIV: 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 annual 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 annual 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 annual budget and any existing supplementation;
- (2) Review Required – Documentation for financial activities is missing; party expenditures do not appear to match the approved annual 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 annual 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.

#### ***ARTICLE XV: LOCAL BYLAW ARCHIVAL***

**Section 1:** The State Party shall, under direction of the State Party Chairman and the Executive Committee, keep and maintain a secondary archive of all current Legislative District and County rules or bylaws, and related relevant compendia.

**Section 2:** Such an archive mandated by Section 1 shall be made available online via the State Party website, which shall not contravene any local bylaws, rules, agreements, or understandings directing their keeping and assured existence. Additionally, it must be clearly stated on the website the last time, with as much specificity as is prudent, such rules or bylaws were last amended.

**Section 3:** The absence of rules or bylaws in an archive mandated by Section 1 shall not be construed to endorse, condone, effect, or direct any punitive or exclusionary actions against any Legislative District or County Central Committees, or any of its officers. Furthermore, there shall be no ex post facto application, in whole or in part, of this Article.

#### ***ARTICLE XVI: INTEGRITY IN VOTING***

**Section 1:** Because it is a core principle of the Republican Party that voter identification is essential to maintain integrity in all election processes, all voting conducted at any meeting of the State Central Committee, including conventions, shall require that valid photo identification be presented by all delegates before delegate packages and voter credentials are provided to the delegate. Such identification shall require a government-issued identification card or driver's license, including a photograph. In the absence of such photograph ID, attendees shall not be counted as present and voting privileges shall be withheld, to maintain integrity in all voting processes of the Idaho State Republican Party.

***ARTICLE XVII: DATA SECURITY***

**Section 1:** The State Executive Committee shall develop policies to address data security. These policies shall serve as data security guidance for the State, Legislative District and County Central Committees. These policies shall specify what data is to be considered proprietary and requiring security, how that data is to be secured, who is responsible for collecting and maintaining the data, who shall have access to the data and the consequences for violating data policies.

**Section 2:** Notwithstanding Section 1, any state party member, or individual involved directly or indirectly, acting on behalf of, or for the Republican party, who comes into possession of a completed and signed Voter Registration Card shall treat the information contained therein as proprietary to the voter and take reasonable measures to secure the document against data harvesting or loss. Any state party member, or individual involved directly or indirectly, acting on behalf of, or for the Republican party, in possession of a completed or signed Voter Registration Card shall deliver said document to the appropriate county clerk or Idaho Secretary of State within 2 (two) business days of receipt.

***ARTICLE XVIII: REPUBLICAN AFFILIATION OF OFFICERS AND OTHER PERSONS***

**Section 1:** All members, appointed officers, and elected officers in all committees, and subcommittees, or any proxy or other person authorized to act in place of such people, in all state, region, legislative district, and county committees must have a Republican Party affiliation and be a qualified elector in the place that they reside.

**Section 2:** Any recognized acts of un-affiliation with the Republican Party shall be considered as a resignation of all positions held in any committee in the Idaho Republican Party, as well as any of its constituent bodies.

**Section 3:** There shall be no committee or subcommittee in the Idaho Republican Party or of any of its constituent bodies that does not observe this Article.

# PENDING AMENDMENT TO THE RULES OF THE IDAHO REPUBLICAN PARTY

Effective 7/1/2020

## *AMEND ARTICLE VIII: FILLING LEGISLATIVE VACANCIES AS FOLLOWS:*

**Section 1:** In the event a vacancy arises in the Idaho State Legislature, by reason of resignation, death or otherwise, the Chairman of the Legislative District in which such vacancy exists shall call a meeting of the Legislative District Committee within ten (10) days and after giving seventy-two (72) hours' notice, stating the purpose of the meeting, which is recommending to the Governor ~~three (3)~~ one (1) nominee to fill said vacancy.

**Section 2:** At the meeting of the Legislative District Committee for the purpose of recommending to the Governor ~~three (3)~~ one (1) nominee to fill a vacancy in the Legislature, only Precinct Committeemen from within the legislative district shall be entitled to nominate candidates and vote. In the event of a tie vote, the Legislative District Chairman may cast the tiebreaker vote unless the Legislative District Chairman is also a Precinct Committeeman. In such an event, the Legislative District Vice Chairman may cast the tiebreaker vote unless the Legislative District Vice Chairman is also a Precinct Committeeman. If such a situation should occur, then the Committee may proceed with whatever means of breaking the tie that is agreed upon to be acceptable by a majority of the committee. All nominees must reside within the

Legislative District. ~~All Precinct Committeemen may vote for three (3) candidates in preferential order.~~

**Section 3:** The Legislative District Chairman shall submit the ~~names of the three (3)~~ name of the nominee to the Governor within two (2) days of its selection. ~~Said nominees shall be listed in order of preference.~~

**Section 4:** The Governor shall fill the vacancy by appointment ~~from the list of three (3)~~ of the nominee within fifteen (15) days. In the event no appointment has been made within fifteen (15) days, the nominee designated by the Legislative District Committee shall ~~designate one (1) of the three nominees to~~ fill the vacancy.

# **RULES FOR SELECTION OF DELEGATES TO REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION AND THE REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION**

## ***ARTICLE I: LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT DELEGATE SELECTION MEETING***

### **Section 1:**

- (a) Each legislative district shall use the following rules to elect delegates to the state convention:
- (1) The newly elected legislative district Chair shall conduct the election of delegates and alternate delegates to the state convention.
  - (2) Each delegate/alternate position will be considered one at a time, with nominations from the floor.
  - (3) Each nominee for each position will be given 2 minutes to speak
  - (4) After nomination and nomination speeches, each position will be voted on by secret ballot.
  - (5) The newly elected legislative district chair shall appoint no fewer than two people to count the ballots and report the results. In the event of a tie, the newly elected Legislative District Chair shall cast a tie-breaking vote.
  - (6) Only voters affiliated with the Republican Party of a county and legislative district within the state of Idaho can be selected as delegates and alternate delegates to the Idaho Republican State Convention.
- (b) A legislative district may create its own delegate nominating rules in their bylaws instead of using Section 1(a) of these rules to select delegates. If so, no later than 60

days prior to the May primary election, the Chair of each Legislative District shall submit their rules under which the election of delegates and alternates to the state convention will be conducted to the State Party Headquarters. Such rules should answer the following questions:

- (1) Which party officer will conduct the election?
  - (2) How will names be entered into nomination?
  - (3) Will nominator and/or seconding speeches be allowed?
  - (4) Will acceptance speeches be allowed?
  - (5) What, if any, time limits will be placed on speeches?
  - (6) What will be the manner of voting?
  - (7) What will be the manner of counting the vote?
  - (8) How will tie votes be resolved?
- (c) The Chairman of the Idaho Republican Party will review submitted procedures to ensure they provide open, fair access to delegate and alternate positions, and that the results reflect the judgement of the precinct leaders duly elected without interference or bias produced inherently by the electoral process. Prior to the 60 day deadline for submittal, a legislative district may request the Chairman's review to ensure acceptance.
- (d) No legislative District shall change their rules or bylaws for reorganization and or delegate selection to the state convention within 60 days of the May Primary Election and their reorganization and or delegate selection to the state convention.
- (e) Any person who wishes to be nominated to be a delegate or alternate delegate to the

state convention must complete and sign the Delegate Pledge Form before being nominated as a delegate or alternate delegate. The Delegate Pledge Form shall be a standard form provided by the State Party Headquarters and shall include the candidates name, mailing address, phone number, email address, and a statement that the candidate is affiliated with the Republican Party and is a voter residing in the applicable Idaho county and legislative district for which he or she would serve as a delegate, and can and has every intention of attending the state convention as a delegate or alternate delegate.

- (f) Nominations shall remain open until all persons who wish to be nominated have the opportunity to do so.

**Section 2:** Thirty (30) days prior to the May Primary Election in each Presidential election year, and prior to May 1, in each non-presidential election year, the Republican Legislative District Chairman in each Legislative District shall prepare and forward to the Republican State Chairman, in care of the GOP State Headquarters, a notice stating the date, time, and place of meeting to be held within eleven (11) days after the primary election, for the purpose of selecting Delegates to the GOP State Convention, who will select Delegates to the Republican National Convention.

**Section 3:** In cases of vacancy in the office of Legislative District Chairman or the nonperformance of duty, where it is impractical to follow Article VII, Section Seven (7) of the rules of the Idaho Republican Party in filling the office, the Republican State Chairman is

empowered to appoint a Precinct Committeeman/woman in the District as acting Chairman for the purpose of calling and conducting the meeting. In the case that no such Precinct Committeeman/Woman exists in the District, the Republican State Chairman is empowered to fill a vacant Precinct Committeeman/Woman position in the District for the purpose of calling and conducting the meeting.

**Section 4:** After notification, the State Chairman shall dispatch press releases to each daily and weekly newspaper in the state, specifying date, time, and place of the Legislative District meetings to be held in the circulation area of the papers. In addition, the Legislative District Chairman shall issue press releases to each paper in his area containing the same information.

**Section 5:** At the appointment time, an open Legislative District meeting shall be held with the Legislative Chairman conducting the meeting. Those people with votes at the meeting shall be those lawfully elected or appointed under Idaho Code as "Delegates to the County Convention" in that particular precinct within that Legislative District.

**Section 6:** Each Legislative District shall select three (3) Delegates and three (3) Alternates for each Senate seat in that Legislative District to the Republican State Convention. Each meeting shall establish the precedence of the Alternate selected. Each Legislative District Delegation to the State Convention shall elect one (1) Delegate as Chairman of the Delegation.

**Section 7:** An individual otherwise qualified by these rules may be selected to be an alternate

delegate for both a county and legislative district, but is restricted from voting in both jurisdictions on any given issue.

## ***ARTICLE II: COUNTY DELEGATE SELECTION MEETING***

**Section 1:** Thirty (30) days prior to the May Primary Election in each Presidential election year, and prior to May 1, in each non-Presidential election year, each Republican County Chairman shall prepare and forward to the Republican State Chairman, in care of the GOP State Headquarters, a notice stating the date, time, and place of meeting to be held within ten (10) days after the primary election, for the purpose of selecting Delegates to the GOP State Convention, who will select Delegates to the Republican National Convention.

**Section 2:** Where applicable and where Article I does not conflict with Article II of these Rules, Each County shall follow the same procedures as a legislative district in selecting delegates in Article I of these rules to the Republican State Convention.

**Section 3:** Each County shall select three (3) Delegates and three (3) Alternates to the Republican State Convention. In addition, each County shall select one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate for each one thousand (1,000) votes cast for the Republican Congressional Candidate in the previous general election, or major fraction thereof, in that county. Republican State Headquarters will advise each County Chairman of the number of Delegates his county is entitled to elect. Each meeting shall establish the precedence of the Alternates selected. Any registered Republican qualified to vote in the county may be elected a Delegate or Alternate to

the GOP State Convention. Each County Delegation to the State Convention shall select one Delegate as Chairman of the Delegation.

**Section 4:** An individual otherwise qualified by these rules may be selected to be an alternate delegate for both a county and legislative district, but is restricted from voting in both jurisdictions on any given issue.

### ***ARTICLE III: PREPARATIONS FOR STATE CONVENTION***

**Section 1:** By the end of the 11<sup>th</sup> day after the May Primary Election, the respective Chairmen of each County Central Committee or Legislative District shall submit a statement giving the names, mailing address, phone number, and email address for each Delegate and Alternate elected at the meeting, each Precinct Committeeman, and other elected officers of the County/Legislative District (State Committeeman/Woman/Youthperson, Vice Chair, Secretary etc.) to the State Party Headquarters. This submittal shall also identify the Chairman of the delegation to the state convention, the delegate(s) to be on convention committee(s), and the Delegate's (Delegates') committee preference. County and Legislative Chairmen are the Certifying Officials for their Delegate Selection. Delegate selection results will be sent electronically and are to be followed up with a signed hardcopy delivered to the Republican State Headquarters. Any delegate or alternate not supplying a valid name, mailing address, phone number, or email address may be denied credentials to the convention per Article III, Section 3 of the Rules of the Convention. Failure of one delegate or alternate to supply correct or complete

information may not be considered for denying seating of the full delegation.

**Section 2:** The State Chairman shall be charged with issuing the roll of the State Convention, based upon the Legislative District and County elections, preferably three days but no later than one day prior to the Convention and having certified its accuracy, according to the Statement of the respective Chairmen.

**Section 3:** Any person aggrieved by the manner of conduct in the proceedings in any Legislative District or County meeting, or of any Legislative District Chairman or County Chairman, or of the State Chairman prior to the convening of the State Convention shall specify the reasons therefore in writing. Appeals may only be undertaken for alleged failures to observe the provisions of these rules, and Notice of Appeal must be in writing over the names of the persons aggrieved, and must specify the particulars alleged violate. The State Chairman shall refer such cases to the Credentials Committee of the Convention who shall make a recommendation to the Convention as a whole. Delegates involved in the case shall not be allowed to vote on the question.

#### ***ARTICLE IV: STATE CONVENTION***

**Section 1:** Delegates to the State Convention elected at the Legislative District and County meetings shall have the right of full participation in all Convention matters. All Republican State Conventions shall be open, and attendance shall be invited from all members of the Party, but

only Duly Certified Delegates or Alternates serving in their stead shall be entitled to vote on matters before the Convention or before committees of the Convention.

**Section 2:** The Rules of the Convention shall be the rules adopted by the previous Republican State Convention until such time as the State Convention adopts new rules, which shall become effective immediately. Such rules, however, shall not be inconsistent with the rules for Delegate selection as adopted by the State Central Committee.

***ARTICLE V: THE IDAHO REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY***

**Section 1:** The Idaho Republican Party shall participate in the presidential primary, held in the month of March of a presidential election year, as established and defined in Idaho Code.

**Section 2:** On or before the last Monday in September in the year preceding a presidential primary, the State Party Chairman shall notify the Idaho Secretary of State's Office that the Idaho Republican Party opts to participate in the presidential primary. The Chairman shall further notify the Secretary of State's Office that any Idaho voter otherwise permitted to participate in a Republican primary election in the Rules of the Idaho Republican Party may also participate in the Republican presidential primary.

**Section 3:** The results used for the allocation of delegates and alternates to the Republican National Convention must be based on the results certified by the Secretary of State to the

Chairman after the state canvass.

***ARTICLE VI: APPORTIONMENT AND SELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE  
REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION***

**Section 1:** (a) No less than fifteen (15) days prior to the presidential primary, a candidate who has properly filed with the Secretary of State's Office to run in the Republican presidential primary shall submit to the State Party Chairman:

- (1) A nonrefundable delegate processing fee of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) made payable to the Idaho Republican Party,
- (2) A list of proposed delegates, in order of preference, totaling up to eighty percent (80%) of the total number of delegates to the Republican National Convention allocated to Idaho, and
- (3) A list of proposed alternates, in order of preference, totaling up to eighty percent (80%) of the total number of alternates to the Republican National Convention allocated to Idaho.

(b) In the event the Secretary of State removes a candidate's name from the ballot for any reason pursuant to Idaho Code, the candidate whose name is removed from the ballot shall not be entitled to a refund of the delegate processing fee. A candidate who withdraws from the race, suspends his campaign, or releases delegates without removing his name from the

ballot shall likewise not be entitled to a refund of the delegate processing fee.

(c) Any candidate who fails to submit a list of proposed delegates and a list of proposed alternates to the Republican National Convention in compliance with any provision of subsection (a) of this section forfeits the ability to designate delegates or alternates to the Republican National Convention up to the extent of the candidate's noncompliance.

(d) Any candidate who fails to pay the delegate processing fee in compliance with subsection (a)(1) of this section forfeits the ability to designate delegates and alternates to the Republican National Convention.

(e) A candidate who forfeits the ability to designate delegates or alternates to the Republican National Convention in whole or in part shall not be denied the amount of pledged delegates or alternates as otherwise provided in these rules.

**Section 2:** No later than thirty (30) days after the Secretary of State certifies the results of the presidential primary to the Chairman, the Chairman shall appoint a special committee to calculate delegate apportionment pursuant to the provisions of this Article.

**Section 3:** (a) Delegates must be apportioned among the candidates on the Republican presidential primary ballot by determining the proportion of the number of votes cast for each candidate to the total number of votes cast for all candidates in the Republican presidential

primary. For each delegate apportioned to a candidate, an alternate delegate is also apportioned to that candidate.

(b) In order for a candidate to qualify for an apportionment of delegates, a candidate must receive at least twenty percent (20%), before rounding, of the total vote cast for all candidates in the Republican presidential primary. If a candidate fails to garner twenty percent (20%) of the total vote, the candidate does not qualify for an apportionment of delegates, and delegates that would be pledged to such a candidate will be apportioned proportionally among candidates who clear the twenty percent (20%) threshold. Provided however, if no candidate clears the twenty percent (20%) threshold, the provisions of this subsection shall not be in effect, and delegates shall be apportioned proportionally.

(c) If any candidate receives more than fifty percent (50%) of the total vote cast for all candidates in the Republican presidential primary, all delegates available to Idaho under the Rules of the Republican National Committee shall be apportioned to that candidate.

**Section 4:** (a) If a candidate receives more than fifty percent (50%) of the vote in the Republican presidential primary, the candidate is entitled to have eighty percent (80%) of all the delegates and alternates apportioned to Idaho selected from their lists of delegates and alternates provided to the Chairman. If the candidate's list of delegates or list of alternates does not include a sufficient number of names to fill each slot allocated to the candidate, the unfilled delegate or alternate slots will be filled at the State Party Convention.

(b) If no candidate receives more than fifty percent (50%) of the vote, each candidate who is apportioned delegates is entitled to have eighty percent (80%) of that candidate's delegates and alternates selected from their lists provided to the Chairman. Each candidate's delegate and alternate slots shall be filled in order of preference from each candidate's list. If any candidate's list of delegates or list of alternates does not include a sufficient number of names to fill each slot allocated to the candidate, the unfilled delegate or alternate slots will be filled at the State Party Convention.

**Section 5:** If a delegate or alternate from a candidate's lists dies, resigns or is otherwise unable to attend the Republican National Convention, the candidate or his representative will communicate such inability to the Chairman and a suggested replacement. The Chairman, in consultation with the candidate or representative, will fill the vacancy.

**Section 6:** The remaining twenty percent (20%) of delegate and alternate slots shall be selected as pledged delegates to the Republican National Convention, using the same proportion as the presidential primary and pursuant to the provisions of Sections 3 and 4 of this Article. These delegates and alternates will be selected by the Nominating Committee of the Idaho State Republican Convention. If a candidate's list of proposed delegates or alternates does not include a sufficient number of names to fill all the delegate or alternate slots otherwise apportioned to the candidate, the unassigned delegate and alternate slots will be filled by the Nominating Committee in the manner consistent with all other delegates and alternates selected by that committee, provided however, that delegate slots filled in this

manner must be pledged to the candidate who would have otherwise been able to designate.

**Section 7:** The Chairman's special committee on delegate allocation will certify in a written report to the Nominating Committee of Idaho State Republican Convention the total number of delegates and alternates apportioned to each candidate. The written report must also include the names of the delegates and alternates apportioned to candidates and the remaining delegates and alternate slots to be filled by the Nominating Committee consistent with the provisions of this Article and the Rules of the State Convention.

**Section 8:** (a) On the first ballot taken at the Republican National Convention, the delegates and alternates must vote for the candidate who proposed them on their list or the candidate to whom they are pledged if selected by the Nominating Committee.

(b) If a candidate dies, withdraws, or releases delegates or alternates prior to the commencement of the Idaho State Republican Convention without submitting a list of proposed delegates to the Chairman or having submitted a list with too few proposed delegates to fulfill the allocation that would otherwise correspond to such a candidate, then the Nominating Committee may nominate as many delegates and alternates as the candidate would have been entitled to serve as uncommitted delegates.

(c) If a candidate dies, withdraws, or releases delegates and alternates prior to the first ballot at the Republican National Convention, delegates and alternates committed to such a

candidate shall, thereupon, become uncommitted delegates.

***ARTICLE VII: FREEDOM OF OPPORTUNITY***

**Section 1:** At all stages of the Delegate selection process, the party shall insure that there is no discrimination on the grounds of race, color, creed, national origin, religion, sex, or age. The unit rule shall not be used in any stage of the Delegate selection process.

**Section 2:** In the conduct of all proceedings, which are not specified for the existing Rules of the Idaho Republican Party, the National Party, or the Laws of Idaho, Robert's Rules of Order shall be followed.

**Section 3:** The rules for selection of delegates to Republican National Convention and the Republican State Convention can only be amended or suspended by the Idaho Republican State Central Committee.

# RULES OF THE CONVENTION

## *ARTICLE I: OFFICERS OF THE CONVENTION*

**Section 1:** The Convention shall be called to order by the Chairman of the Idaho Republican Party. The Secretary of the Republican State Central Committee shall serve as the Secretary of the Convention.

**Section 2:** The Convention Chairman shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- (a) He shall open each session at the hour specified in the officer's Convention Programs.
- (b) He shall appoint a Convention Vice Chairman, which appointment shall be subject to confirmation of the Convention.
- (c) He shall appoint such Attaches, Aides, and Sergeants-at-Arms as in his judgment are necessary, all of which appointments shall be subject to confirmation by the Convention.
- (d) He shall exercise such powers and perform such duties, as are set forth for a presiding officer in the Robert's Rules of Order, and which are not inconsistent with Idaho Law and these rules.
- (e) He shall designate one or more Parliamentarians for the Convention proceedings.
- (f) The Convention Chairman shall have authority to interrupt the order of business, except roll call balloting, for the purpose of making announcements, introducing distinguished guests, and allowing such guests to speak to the Convention.
- (g) The Chairman shall supervise the conduct of all roll calls and designate the parties to conduct the roll call.

**Section 3:** The Convention Vice Chairman shall act as the presiding officer in the event of the inability of the Chairman to so act.

***ARTICLE II: ORDER OF BUSINESS***

**Section 1:** The business for the Convention shall be as follows:

- (a) The call to order by the State Chairman of the Idaho Republican Party and other opening ceremonies.
- (b) Designation of one or more Parliamentarians.
- (c) Approval of the Credentials Committee report.
- (d) Roll Call.
- (e) Appointment of Vice Chairman, Attaches, Aides, and Sergeants-at-Arms, subject to confirmation by the Convention.
- (f) Approval of the Rules Committee report.
- (g) Approval of the Platform Committee report.
- (h) Approval of the Resolutions Committee report.
- (i) Action on the report of the Nominating Committee and selection of presidential electors.
- (j) Election of the officers of the Idaho Republican Party in the following order:
  - (1) Chairman
  - (2) First Vice Chairman
  - (3) Treasurer
  - (4) Secretary
  - (5) (In presidential election years) National Committeewoman

(6) (In presidential election years) National Committeeman

(7) Second Vice Chairman

(k) Miscellaneous business

(l) Adjournment - Sine Die

### ***ARTICLE III: COMMITTEES AND COMMITTEE RULES***

**Section 1:** The Convention shall have the following committees:

(a) Credentials

(b) Rules

(c) Platform

(d) Resolutions

(e) Nominating in the year of presidential elections.

(f) Such other and further committees as shall be deemed advisable by the Chairman of the Convention

**Section 2:** One-third (1/3) of the Delegates from each county and each Legislative District shall be appointed by the County Chairman and Legislative District Chairman to serve on Convention committees. Each Delegation shall select its own Convention committee representatives and shall be certified by the State Party Chairman. Subject to the foregoing, the State Party Chairman shall appoint each Delegate to the committee of his or her first or second choice as submitted by the Delegate prior to the Convention. In the event of disproportionate committee

membership request, the Chairman may use his or her best discretion to make assignments to other committees.

**Section 3: Credentials Committee:**

The Credentials Committee shall:

- (a) Determine and report on the eligibility, qualifications, and priority of all Delegates and Alternates.
- (b) Determine and report on the number of votes to which each county and Legislative District is entitled.
- (c) Hold hearings and make inquiries into any contested matters of eligibility, qualifications, and priority of Delegates and Alternates, and shall notify and provide an opportunity to any aggrieved party to be heard prior to taking final action with reference to such Delegates or Alternates.
- (d) In the event of objection to the Credentials Committee report, any aggrieved Delegate, Alternate, county or district shall be entitled to not more than five (5) minutes in which to present his or its contentions to the Convention and Credentials Committee shall have an equal amount of time to support its report to the Convention. The Convention shall then vote on the issue, provided, however, that no Delegate, Alternate, or Delegation whose eligibility, qualifications, or priority is in question shall be entitled to vote.

**Section 4: The Rules Committee:**

- (a) Shall draft and propose a set of permanent rules for the duration of the convention. Such

rules must be adopted by majority vote of the convention and once adopted may only be amended or suspended while the Convention is in session by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the convention. All suggestions, proposals and ideas must be submitted to State Party Headquarters, by or through any Delegate or Alternate Delegate and in accordance with the State Party Rules no later than 12 days prior to the State Convention, a copy of which shall be sent to all members of the Rules Committee no later than 10 days before the meeting.

- (b) The Rules Committee may draft and propose changes to the rules governing the Idaho Republican Party. Proposed changes shall then be presented to the floor of the Convention for consideration and possible acceptance. If accepted by the Convention, the changes will be forwarded to the Standing Rules Committee at their next regularly scheduled meeting. If accepted by the Standing Rules Committee the proposed changes will then be considered by the State Central Committee for their incorporation into the permanent Rules of the Idaho Republican Party.

**Section 5:** Platform Committee: The Platform Committee shall:

- (a) All suggestions, proposals and ideas are to be submitted to State Party Headquarters, by or through and Delegate or Alternate Delegate and in accordance with the State Party Rules no later than 12 days prior to the State Convention, a copy of which shall be sent to all members of the Platform Committee no later than 10 days before the meeting.
- (b) Prepare and submit to the Convention a proposed Platform.

If at least one-fourth (1/4) of the members of the committee oppose a committee decision, such minority members may submit a minority report in which event each side of the proposition shall be given three (3) minutes to present its arguments to the Convention.

No Platform Plank may be presented to the floor of the Convention except through submission in writing to the Platform Committee. Platform Planks will be presented to the floor for Convention consideration during the Platform Committee report.

**Section 6:** Resolutions Committee: The Resolutions Committee shall:

- (a) All suggestions, proposals and ideas are to be submitted to State Party Headquarters, by or through any Delegate or Alternate and in accordance with the State Party Rules no later than 12 days prior to the State Convention, a copy of which shall be sent to all delegates no later than 10 days before the meeting. Where two or more proposed resolutions cover essentially the same topic, the State GOP officials may ask authors/sponsors to combine them in time to be sent to all delegates three days prior to the State Convention.
- (b) Prepare and submit to the Convention proposed resolutions.

If at least one-fourth (1/4) of the members of the committee oppose a committee decision, such minority members may submit a minority report, in which event each side of the proposition shall be given three (3) minutes to present its arguments to the Convention.

No resolutions may be presented to the floor of the Convention except through submission in writing to the Resolutions Committee. Resolutions will be presented to the floor for Convention consideration during the Resolutions Committee Report.

**Section 7: Nominating Committee:**

(a) The Nominating Committee shall, pursuant to Sections 34-707 (3) of the Idaho Code, and the Rules of the National Republican Party, consider and nominate Candidates for Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the National Republican Convention. The Committee shall further nominate Candidates as Presidential Electors.

(b) To assist the Nominating Committee, each State Campaign Chairman for a Presidential Candidate shall recommend to the Nominating Committee a slate of Delegates and Alternates selected from the respective lists of names as filed with the Secretary of State, being consistent with the number to which each Candidate is entitled as a result of the Idaho Republican Presidential Primary. They shall also submit a brief resume of each individual on their respective lists.

(c) The Chairman of the Nominating Committee shall place in nomination the Nominating Committee's recommendation of a full slate of Delegates and Alternates, consistent with the number to which each Delegation is entitled as a result of Idaho Republican Presidential Primary, for (1) each Presidential Candidate's Delegation, (2) the additional pledged Delegation, and (3) the Delegation at large, the Convention Chairman shall open the floor for additional nominations for that Delegation, which also must be submitted in the form of a full

slate consistent with the number to which each Delegation is entitled. Each member of the Candidate's Delegation shall be selected from his list of names as recorded with the Idaho Republican Party. Regions shall make nominations for all slates of Delegates and Alternates upon a roll call in numerical order. Each region may (1) pass; (2) yield to another region; (3) nominate one slate of Delegates and Alternates for each Presidential Candidate's delegation, uncommitted Delegation and at large Delegation. At the close of the nominating, all Counties and Legislative Districts shall be polled. Voting shall continue until such time as one slate of nominees, for each Delegation, receives a majority of votes of the Convention.

(d) The Nominating Committee shall consist of the following members: The State Party Chairman, the National Committeewoman and Committeeman, and each of the seven Region Chairs. Additionally, the State Party Chairman shall appoint five at-large members.

**Section 8:** Committee Rules:

A majority of the committee shall constitute a quorum. All questions before committee shall be decided by a majority of the votes cast. Each committee shall conduct its affairs pursuant to the Rules of the Convention.

***ARTICLE IV: RULES***

Robert's Rules of Order shall be the rules of procedure at the Convention in all cases not provided for by the temporary or permanent Rules of the Convention or by Idaho Law.

## ***ARTICLE V: NOMINATING***

**Section 1:** Counties shall make nominations for all offices of the Party and Convention upon a roll call in alphabetical order, followed by a roll call of Legislative Districts in numerical order.

Any County or Legislative District may:

- (a) Nominate not more than one (1) Candidate to each office or
- (b) Yield to another County or Legislative District for the purpose of making a nomination.

It shall not, thereafter, nominate a Candidate for that particular office.

## ***ARTICLE VI: VOTING***

**Section 1:** In all substantive matters before the Convention and on all elections of Convention officers and State Republican Party officers, a majority of the votes cast on the proposition or Candidate shall be required, except as may be otherwise provided in these Rules or by Idaho Law. The Election of State Republican Party officers shall be carried out by secret ballot except in uncontested races.

**Section 2:** On each roll call ballot, the Chairman of each Delegation shall cast his Delegation's vote as directed by the members of his Delegation. When such vote is cast, all acting Delegates present shall stand in their proper places, and the vote shall not be recorded unless the number standing is the same as the number of votes cast by the Chairman. Any member of the Delegation voting, whether Delegate or Alternate, may immediately demand a poll of the Delegation, in which event each Delegate or said Delegate shall be called upon to cast his vote.

**Section 3:** There shall be no voting proxies.

**Section 4:** After the completion of a roll call on any ballot, the Chairman shall direct a roll call of any Delegation, which may have passed and shall then allow a reasonable time to permit any Delegation to change its vote before announcing the result. A Delegation may change its vote only one time per roll call.

**Section 5:** In the balloting, a Candidate must receive a majority of the votes cast before he shall be deemed elected. If no Candidate received a majority on the first ballot, the Candidate receiving the least number of votes on said ballot shall be dropped from the subsequent ballot; this procedure and the balloting shall continue until a Candidate shall have a majority of the votes cast for such office at which time balloting for such office shall cease.

**Section 6:** When registering, a person serving as Alternate Delegate for both a County and Legislative District must advise the Credentials Committee of his status. On each roll call ballot the Alternate may vote only as a Delegate for the County or Legislative District, but not for both. All delegates and alternate delegates must be registered Republicans.

## ***ARTICLE VII: MISCELLANEOUS***

**Section 1:** All Delegates and Alternates must wear official Convention Delegate badges during

Convention sessions.

**Section 2:** Any Delegate wishing to speak upon the Convention floor shall rise, address the Chair, and, if recognized, state his name, County or Legislative District.

**Section 3:** Each Delegate shall be limited to five (5) minutes of debate upon any motion and three (3) minutes of rebuttal debate. No Delegate shall speak more than twice upon any motion. The proponent of a motion shall open and close the debate.

**Section 4:** Only official Delegates, Alternates, and Attaches shall be permitted upon the portion of the Convention floor designated for official Delegates, provided any lawful Candidate may designate not more than two (2) persons to act as floor managers on the floor of the Convention if such persons are reported to and approved by the Convention Chairman. Further, provided that College Representatives, with two Alternates, selected by the Idaho Federation of College Republicans, shall be seated on the Convention floor with all privileges of Delegates, but without the right to vote or nominate, or originate motions.

**Section 5:** The Chairman of the State Executive Committee shall determine the seating of the Delegates to the Convention. Insofar as possible, County Delegations shall be seated in alphabetical order, with Counties and Legislative Districts within the First Congressional District seated to the side of the Convention hall to the right of the Chairman's podium, and the Counties and Legislative Districts within the Second Congressional District seated to the side of the

Convention hall to the left of the Chairman's podium.

**Section 6:** If a committee report is reduced to writing with one copy thereof delivered to the Chairman of each Delegation prior to its scheduled presentation, the reading of the report in its entirety may be dispensed with by reading of the subtitles thereof, provided, however, that any Delegate may demand that the whole or any subdivision of such report be read by the Committee. Minority reports must have the approval of at least one-fourth (1/4) members of the committee to be considered by the Convention, unless otherwise herein provided.

**Section 7:** Committee reports to the Convention shall be read at length, unless two-thirds (2/3) of those members present and voting shall consent that the reading be dispensed with and the transcript records show that the report has been read at length.

**Section 8:** Any Delegate may demand a roll call vote if supported by a majority of the delegates.

**Section 9:** Rules for the State Convention, as set forth in the Idaho Code (Section 34-707), Rules of the Convention, and Rules of the State Central Committee shall be printed and made available by the State Central Committee in one cover.

**Section 10:** If the convention shall pass any proposal which may require legislative action, the State Chairman shall forward such proposal to the Idaho Republican Party Legislative Liaisons.

***ARTICLE VIII: PREPARATIONS FOR STATE CONVENTION***

**Section 1:** State conventions shall be held no sooner than 30 days after the Primary Election, except if necessary to follow RNC rules during a presidential year.

**Section 2:** Locations for state conventions shall be rotated among regions such that the convention may not be held consecutively within the same region. However, in cases where no region or county committee(s) wish to host the convention or no proposal is deemed suitable, by the State Central Committee, any location in the state may be selected.

KEY:

I, II, III, IV – Articles

1., 2., 3., 4. – Sections

(a), (b), (c), (d) – Subsection

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