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Rule 2023-7:
Amending Article II Section 2

Submitted by: Linda Yergler, Shoshone County Republican Central Committee

Passed by: Shoshone County Central Committee on 11/15/22

Passed by: IDGOP Rules Committee at 2023 Winter Meeting on January 6, 2023

Presented by: Phil Hart, Shoshone State Committeeman & Dan Bell Kootenai Youth Committeeman

Amend Article II section 2 (A) & (B) as follows:

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

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

(9 1) The State Finance Chairman
(40 2) The Young Republican State Chairman
(44 3) The President of the Idaho Republican Women’s Federation
(42 4) The President of the College Young Republicans

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

(4 5) The Immediate Past State Chairman
(2 6) The Executive Director
(3 7) The chairman or designee of each officially recognized Republican Donor club
(4 8) The Teenage Republican Representative
(5 9) The national committeeman and national committeewoman elect.
(6 10) One representative of each Republican Congressional office.
(7 11) One representative of each Republican State Constitutional Office or their designated representative
Rule 2023-8:  
Title: Idaho Republican Party Platform Enforcement

Proposed new Article XIX of the Idaho Republican Party Rules

Submitted by Hari Heath, Benewah County State Committeeman; LD2 Vice Chair, and Linda Yergler, Shoshone County Chair.

Approved by Rules Committee at 2023 Winter Meeting on January 6, 2023

Whereas, the Idaho Republican Party Platform expresses the policies and principles of the Idaho Republican Party, and;

Whereas, the assumption of public office requires taking an oath to support the constitutions, and;

Whereas, the integrity of the Idaho Republican Party and the confidence of those who vote for Republicans require that Republicans who are elected to a public office uphold those expressed policies and principles, and their oath of office, and;

Whereas, Republican officeholders have, at times, conducted their official duties contrary to the expressed policies and principles of the Idaho Republican Party and in disobeyance of their oath of office, and;

Whereas, it is the duty of the Idaho Republican Party to enforce the policies and principles it claims as its foundation, ensuring public confidence in the integrity of the Party, and Republican office holders;

Therefore, a new Article XIX is added to the Idaho Republican Party Rules as follows:

ARTICLE XIX: IDAHO REPUBLICAN PARTY PLATFORM ENFORCEMENT

Section 1. The Idaho Republican Party is a private organization dedicated to the promotion of certain political ideals, primarily by supporting candidates who pledge to support the Idaho Constitution and the Idaho Republican Party Platform under Article XIII of these Rules. The support from this Party is very beneficial to those who make such a pledge and once elected, keeping that pledge is paramount to the integrity of the Party and the confidence of the voters who elected them.

Section 2. Without enforcement, the expressed policies and principles of the Party are nothing more than ideals and philosophy. Republican legislators have, at times, defied their pledge and oath, voting on legislative matters substantially contrary to the Party’s expressed policies and principles. Republican executive officers also have, at times, conducted their offices contrary to Republican and constitutional principles.

Section 3. The Idaho Republican State Central Committee, Legislative District Committees, and County Central Committees are hereby empowered to call into question the conduct of a Republican elected official; give fair consideration to alleged violations and provide a meaningful opportunity for the official to be heard; determine if substantive violations of the Party Platform or the constitutions have occurred; provide censure and guidance upon the first determination of substantive violations; and for any substantive violations by the same elected official occurring after the first determination has issued and following the same procedures outlined below, may remove Party support and prohibit the use of Republican Party identifiers on campaign information and advertising from the elected official during their current term and any subsequent campaign for political office for a period of five (5) years.

a) The Idaho Republican State Central Committee, by petition to the State Chair from at least 15 Central Committee members from at least 5 counties, shall call a US Senator for Idaho, a US Representative for Idaho, or an Idaho State constitutional officer to a Republican State Central Committee meeting to answer the alleged violations. Within ten (10) days of receipt of the petition, the State Chair shall notify the elected official of the petition and set a date for a meeting to determine the merits of the petition not more than one hundred (100) days or less than forty (40) days from receipt of the petition. The meeting may be in conjunction with a regular meeting of the State Central Committee or at a Special Meeting.
b) An Idaho Legislative District Committee, by petition to the Legislative District Chair from at least 8 of its Legislative District Committee members, shall call an Idaho State Legislator representing that District to a Legislative District Committee meeting to answer the alleged violations. Within ten (10) days of receipt of the petition, the Legislative District Chair shall notify the legislator of the petition and set a date for the meeting to determine the merits of the petition not more than one hundred (100) days or less than forty (40) days from receipt of the petition. The meeting may be in conjunction with a regular meeting of the Legislative District Committee or at a Special Meeting.

Section 4. The elected official called to answer the alleged violations may, at their discretion, appear in person or by video, if the video system provides two-way communication between the official and the committee and video conferencing is available at the venue where the meeting is to be held.

Section 5. At the meeting, one or more of the petitioners will present the alleged Party Platform or constitutional violation(s). The responding elected official shall be afforded adequate time and opportunity to answer the alleged violations.

Section 6. The State or County Central Committee or the Legislative District Committee, after fair consideration of the merits of the petition and the response, if any, by the elected official, shall make a determination of the merits of the petition. If this is the first time the elected official has been called to answer for violation(s) a simple majority vote of fifty (50) percent of the Committee members present is required to provide censure and guidance to the elected official. If this is a subsequent time the elected official has been called to answer for violation(s) which occurred after the first determination of censure, a super majority vote of sixty (60) percent of the Committee members present is required to remove Party support and prohibit the use of Republican Party identifiers on campaign information and advertising from the elected official during their current term and any subsequent campaign for political office for a period of five (5) years.

Section 7. If a Committee determines to censure an elected official, or upon subsequent determination, remove Party support and prohibit the use of Republican Party identifiers on campaign information and advertising from the elected official during their current term and any subsequent campaign for political office for a period of five (5) years, the State Party shall publish the same on the State Party website. It shall be the duty of the State Party to maintain a website page, publicly accessible, of any such determinations made by the respective Committees.
Rule 2023-11

PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE RULES OF THE IDAHO REPUBLICAN PARTY FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATING CAUCUS

Submitted by: Clinton Daniel, IDGOP Region 2 Chair
Approved by: IDGOP Chairwoman Dorothy Moon on May 8, 2023

Article V and Article VI of the current (January 7, 2023) RULES FOR THE SELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION AND THE REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION are repealed and replaced with the following revised Article V and Article VI:

ARTICLE V: IDAHO REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL CAUCUS

Section 1: Unless the Idaho legislature acts before October 1, 2023, or the relevant RNC deadline, to restore the March Presidential Primary election and instruct the Idaho Secretary of State, according to Idaho Statutes, to conduct a Presidential Primary election on the second Tuesday of March in a Presidential Election year, the Idaho Republican Presidential Caucus shall be held on the first Saturday in March of a Presidential election year. The Idaho Republican Presidential Caucus is not winner-take-all, unless a candidate receives 51% or more of the votes cast. If the Idaho Legislature chooses before October 1, 2023, or the relevant RNC deadline, to reinstate the March Presidential Primary, then the Idaho Republican Party rules governing that process revert to the rules as revised in January of 2023.

Section 2: For a candidate to be placed on the official ballot for the Idaho Republican Presidential Caucus, he or she shall submit a $50,000.00 filing fee and declaration of candidacy to the Idaho Republican Party no later than 30 days prior to the caucus date. This fee will be reduced to $25,000.00 if the candidate holds at least one campaign event in Idaho that the candidate attends in-person sometime during January or February of the Presidential election year. Candidates thus qualifying to be on the Idaho Republican Presidential Caucus ballot shall be granted space for campaigning at each caucus location. The filing fees are non-refundable regardless of the candidate's actual participation in the Idaho Republican Presidential Caucus or whether the candidate withdraws from contention prior to the Idaho Republican Presidential Caucus.

Section 3: At least half of the total amount of filing fees collected from Section 2 above will be distributed evenly among the forty-four county central committees to offset the costs of conducting the county caucuses. The amount of filing fees retained by the Idaho GOP Headquarters will be used to offset caucus costs and other costs at the state party level.

Section 4: The Idaho GOP Chairman shall send official notice of the Idaho Republican Presidential Caucus to counties no later than 45 days prior to the Caucus. The Idaho GOP Headquarters shall provide county chairmen with the recommended form for providing notice to caucus voters. No later than 20 days prior to the Caucus, the Idaho GOP Chairman shall notify all county central committee chairs of the candidates to be included in the official caucus voting.

Section 5: Each county chairman shall notify the voters of the caucus date, time, location, and other details of their Caucus as soon as possible but no later than ten (10) days prior to the Caucus. Notification should be printed in the local paper or provided by another recognized means of announcing the caucus time and location(s). Phone calls or emails to caucus voters are strongly encouraged. The county chairman shall notify the Idaho GOP Headquarters of the meeting location(s) at least ten (10) days prior to the Caucus.

Section 6: Counties may choose to use several locations to conduct their caucuses as geography, ease of voter access, and common-sense dictates. Counties containing multiple legislative districts in entirety may choose to conduct their Caucus at several sites at the legislative district level. Such counties choosing to use several locations and/or to divide their Caucus by legislative district shall notify the Idaho GOP Headquarters of the several caucus sites at least ten (10) days prior to the Caucus.

Section 7: Idaho GOP Headquarters shall provide each county chairman with the recommended form for a ballot to be used in caucus voting. Each county shall provide enough ballots to conduct the Caucus. The State Executive Committee may appoint representatives to oversee any aspect of any county's caucus process.

Section 8: All registered Republicans of the county on record as of December 30 of the year prior to a Presidential election, as well as those who are age 17 on such date, but who will turn 18 and be eligible to vote in Idaho elections by
the date of the Presidential Caucus, and who have completed a voter registration card or, if 17, have signed an affidavit indicating their age and eligibility may vote in the Presidential Caucus. Registered Idaho Republicans who are active military who sign an affidavit declaring their active military status prevents them from participating in the Caucus, and who mail their Presidential nomination ballot to the county chair, are entitled to participate in their county caucus. The county chair shall note next to any such voters’ names on the registry or spreadsheet that the voters already voted by mail, and shall keep such mailed ballots sealed until the time for counting in-person caucus votes, at which time the mailed ballots shall be unsealed and added to the in-person votes to be counted. A voter who has already voted by mail cannot vote in person. In order to vote, all caucus voters must show a form of photo identification acceptable for Idaho elections under Section 34-1113, Idaho Code, and sign a register next to their name or verify their name on a spreadsheet to affirm that they are entitled to vote and are present and participating in the Caucus.

Section 9: The county chair or a designate will call the Caucus to order. Prior to voting, the county chair or a designate will instruct the participants of the voting procedures and how the ballots will be counted. The chair or designate shall also allow each candidate on the ballot, or a representative of their campaign, to offer brief remarks to the assembly.

Section 10: Ballots shall be distributed at the time specified in the Idaho GOP Chairman's caucus call. Ballots shall only be distributed to those registered and qualified caucus voters who have shown required photo identification and signed in. Ballots must be collected from caucus voters as they are voted and returned. Caucus votes are secret votes, and county central committee members must make all reasonable efforts to ensure each voter's ballot remains secret. Once the Caucus is called to order at the advertised time, no new voters are permitted to participate except those still in line at the start of the Caucus.

Section 11: Ballots shall be counted at the caucus site, supervised by a three-person committee. The committee is appointed by the county chairman and approved by a majority voice vote of caucus participants. For counties with multiple venues (by Legislative District, for example), the county chair will similarly appoint three-person subcommittees to supervise the counting at the extra venues. The county chairman and the three-person committee will certify the count as correct. In counties where multiple venues are utilized, the county chairman shall appoint a person to act as chair of that caucus venue.

Section 12: After the vote count is certified by the county chair and the committee, the county chairman shall phone the final results to the Idaho GOP Chairman. After voting totals have been counted and called in, the committee-certified report of the voting totals shall be placed in a sealed envelope and sent via certified mail or private overnight service to Idaho GOP Headquarters.

Section 13: Once all county results have been phoned in and totaled, the Idaho GOP Chairman will announce the vote count and declare preliminary winner(s) of the Idaho Republican Presidential Caucus.

Section 14: Upon receiving all the counties committee-certified reports of the caucus votes, the Idaho GOP Chairman will appoint a committee to verify the total of all votes cast for each candidate match the reported county totals. After the verification of all voting totals, the Idaho GOP Chairman will formally declare the official Caucus winner(s) and announce the number of delegates awarded to the winner(s) according to subsection (a) below.

(a) If a candidate wins more than 50% of the total votes cast in the Idaho Republican Presidential Caucus, that candidate is awarded all of the Idaho delegates to the Republican National Convention for nominating the GOP candidate for President. If no candidate wins more than 50% of the total votes cast in the Idaho Republican Presidential Caucus, then candidates are awarded delegates proportionately to the votes received by each candidate receiving at least 15% of the votes cast in the Caucus statewide (rounded to the nearest whole delegate, provided that any remainder delegate goes to the winning candidate). Any candidate that receives less than 15% of the total votes receives no delegates.

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

Section 1: The Idaho GOP Chairman, in accordance with the agenda of the Idaho Republican State Convention, shall devote one (1) portion of the state convention meeting to the selection of delegates to the Republican National Convention in Presidential election years.

Section 2: Each Republican candidate for President of the United States who won an apportionment of Idaho delegates in
the Idaho Republican Caucus shall prepare a list of its proposed Republican National Convention delegates for Idaho. The list must be filed with the Idaho Republican Party no later than 30 days prior to the State Convention. Eighty percent (80%) of the Idaho delegates and alternates to the Republican National Convention shall be selected from the lists of proposed delegates in proportion to the delegates won in the Idaho Republican Presidential Nomination Caucus. The remaining twenty percent shall be selected as pledged delegates to the Republican National Convention and in the same proportion as the Idaho Caucus apportionment. These delegates will be selected by the Nominations Committee of the Idaho State Republican Convention.

Section 3: The delegates and alternates elected shall be obliged on the first ballot taken at the Republican National Convention to vote for the candidate who nominated them, provided any delegates selected as representing the "uncommitted" choice shall be free to cast their vote for any candidate whose name has been placed in nomination before the Republican National Convention.

Section 4: In the event of the death or withdrawal of a candidate or release of delegates by a candidate prior to the first ballot at the Republican National Convention, delegates committed to such a candidate shall, thereupon, become uncommitted delegates.

Section 5: In the event of the failure of a candidate to file a list of proposed delegates/alternates with the Idaho Republican Party, the State Convention may select and specify any persons preferring or identified with said candidate to serve as delegates/alternates to the Republican National Convention in such numbers as the candidate is entitled. If a candidate who fails to file the required list also dies, withdraws, or releases delegates prior to the official commencement of the State Convention, then the State Convention may select uncommitted delegates/alternates in such numbers as the candidates would have been entitled.

Section 6: In the event that any candidate is entitled to the selection of a number of delegates/alternates greater than the number of those persons whose names were filed with the Idaho Republican Party by the candidate, or in the event a person on the list indicates an inability to serve as a delegate/alternate, the State Convention shall select and specify persons to fill those delegates/alternates vacancies from a supplemental list filed by the candidate's designated representative with the Idaho Republican Party.

Section 7: Any individual or official who willfully violates Republican Party rules while conducting any stage of a caucus - to the extent that the results of the Caucus can be called into question - shall forfeit their office as penalty. Any aggrieved party may appeal a violation of the caucus rules through the judicial process of the Idaho Republican Party. The judicial branch of the party may order that a county caucus be re-held, under the supervision of the State Party, if such can be done in a timely fashion, considering the time requirements specified herein.

Section 8: Declaring an emergency. Any proposed rule related specifically to the Idaho Republican Presidential Caucus shall be in effect upon its passage by the Rules Committee of the State Central Committee, subject to later modification or reversal at the next regular meeting of the State Central Committee. The Rules Committee may meet by conference call and may vote by phone or email on any matter specifically related to the Idaho Republican Presidential Caucus. This section shall expire after the 2024 Idaho Republican Presidential Caucus is completed.

ARTICLE I: THE REPUBLICAN STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Section 18: Forty-five (45) days prior to the Presidential Primary Election Preference Caucus 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.

ARTICLE IX: CENTRAL COMMITTEE ENDORSEMENT AND RULES GOVERNING THE ELIGIBILITY TO AFFILIATE WITH THE IDAHO REPUBLICAN PARTY

Section 4: Only persons who have affiliated as Republican prior to the Primary Election, including a presidential primary election preference caucus, will be allowed to vote on an Idaho Republican Party ballot in that Primary Election or in that presidential caucus.
Rule 2023-12
PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE RULES OF THE IDAHO REPUBLICAN PARTY FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE CONVENTION

Submitted by: Bjorn Handeen, Region 1 Chair
Approved by: IDGOP Chairwoman Dorothy Moon on May 9, 2023

This new rule proposal is for conducting our Presidential Preference contest and adds an entirely new section titled “RULES FOR SELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE REPUBLICAN STATE PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE CONVENTION”.

If adopted, it replaces the processes and procedures that currently exist in the rules (January 7, 2023) repealing Article V and Article VI of the RULES FOR THE SELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION AND THE REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION

RULES FOR SELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE REPUBLICAN STATE PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE CONVENTION

ARTICLE I: LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT DELEGATE SELECTION MEETING

Section 1: Each legislative district shall use the following rules to elect delegates to the Presidential Preference convention:
(1) The legislative district Chair shall conduct the election of delegates and alternate delegates to the Presidential Preference 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 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 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 Presidential Primary Convention.

Section 2: By December 1st in each year immediately preceding a 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 after January 1st but before February 15th, for the purpose of selecting Delegates to the GOP State Presidential Preference 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. 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 Presidential Preference Convention. Each meeting shall
establish the precedence of the Alternate selected. Each Legislative District Delegation to the State Presidential Preference 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:** By December 1st in each year immediately preceding a 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 after January 1st but before February 15th.

**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 Presidential Preference Convention.

**Section 3:** Each County shall select three (3) Delegates and three (3) Alternates to the Republican Presidential Preference 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 Presidential Preference Convention. Each County Delegation to the State Presidential Preference 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 PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE CONVENTION**

**Section 1:** By February 16th, 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. This submittal shall also identify the Chairman of the delegation to the state Presidential Preference convention. 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. 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 Presidential Preference 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 Presidential Preference 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 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 PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE CONVENTION**
Section 1: Delegates to the State Presidential Preference Convention elected at the Legislative District and County meetings shall have the right of full participation in all Presidential Preference Convention matters.

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 Preference Convention, a candidate wishing to be considered as a nominee for President of the United States by the Idaho Presidential Preference Convention shall submit to the State Party Chairman:
   (1) A nonrefundable delegate processing fee of ten thousand dollars ($10,000) 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 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: A single round of voting shall be held to determine the level of support among the Presidential Primary delegates for the candidates who have placed their name into contention

Section 3: No later than thirty (30) days after the Presidential Primary Convention, the Chairman shall appoint a special committee to calculate delegate apportionment pursuant to the provisions of this Article.

Section 4:
(a) Delegates must be apportioned among the candidates on the Republican presidential preference convention 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 preference convention ballot. 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 preference convention election. 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.

**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:** Twenty percent (20%) of delegate and alternate slots shall be reserved and selected as unpledged delegates to the Republican National Convention. 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 ensure 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.
The following rule changes are to the RULES OF THE IDAHO REPUBLICAN PARTY and only made if the Presidential Preference Convention rules above are adopted.

ARTICLE I: THE REPUBLICAN STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Section 26: Forty-five (45) days prior to the first Saturday in March 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 Presidential Preference Convention.

ARTICLE III: REGIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 3: (f) To assure that the counties and legislative districts in the region conduct their meeting for the purposes of:
(1) Organization, and

ARTICLE IV: THE COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE

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 and (d) selecting delegates to the Presidential Preference convention

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, election of delegates to the presidential preference 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

ARTICLE VII: THE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT COMMITTEE

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 and (d) selecting delegates to the Presidential Preference convention

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, election of delegates to the presidential preference 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.
Rule 2023-13
Proposed Rule on Proxy Voting

Presented by Legislative District 19
Co-Sponsors: Lynn Bradescu, LD 19 Chairman and Blair Moss, LD 19 Vice Chairman
Approved unanimously on Monday, April 21, 2023 by Legislative Districts 19

Legislative District 19 proposes a series of amendments to modify proxy voting. This proposed rule is addressing the single topic of proxies and proposes a new Article XX Proxy Voting. It also addresses references to proxies in Articles I, II, III, IV and VII and we ask that the chair rule that amendments to those articles are conforming amendments to bring them into line with the language in the proposed Article XX and therefore rule that the amendments not divisible as specified in RONR 12ed 12.15.

ARTICLE I STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

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.
Proxy voting shall be permitted at all State Central Committee meetings. The use of proxies shall comply with the requirements of Article XX.

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.

ARTICLE II STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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 without the need for a proxy. The use of proxies shall comply with the requirements of Article XX.

ARTICLE III: REGIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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 and the use of proxies shall comply with the requirements of Article XX, 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.

ARTICLE IV: THE COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Section 12: Representation and voting by proxies shall be allowed at County Central Committee meetings except in counties that have established a system of appointing or electing Alternate Precinct Committeemen, in which case proxies shall not be permitted. The use of proxies when no Alternate system is established shall comply with the requirements of Article XX, 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 VII: THE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT COMMITTEE
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. The use of proxies shall comply with the requirements of Article XX. Proxy 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 XX: PROXY VOTING**

**Section 1:** Proxy Rule. The Secretary of the appropriate Central Committee shall be solely responsible for determining the validity of a proxy. All proxies shall meet the following requirements:

A. They shall be in writing.
B. They shall be signed and dated by the grantor.
C. They shall state the name, county of residence, and office held by the grantor of the proxy.
D. They shall state the name, county of residence, and office held by the individual to whom the proxy is given.
E. The date of the meeting for which the proxy is issued.

**Section 2:** The following restrictions on the use of a proxy shall apply in all cases within any Central Committee or central Committee subcommittee under the Idaho Republican Party.

(1) Proxies shall be prohibited when an electronic meeting option is made available by the Chairman.

(2) With the exception of Region Chairs at State Central Committee meetings, no member of any committee may carry more than 3 proxies.

(3) No proxy shall count toward the quorum requirement.

At State Central Committee meetings, all proxies must be validated and recorded by the Secretary prior to the call to order of the session of the meeting. At all other meetings, proxies must be presented to the Secretary to be validated and recorded prior to the call to order of the session or, if after the call to order, must be presented to the Secretary only during a recess.

Signed April 26, 2023
Rule 2023-14
Proposed Rule on Proxy Voting

Presented by Legislative District 14
Co-Sponsors: Steve Bender, LD 14 Vice Chairman, Jeff Russell, Precinct 1414
Legislative District 14 proposes a series of amendments to modify proxy voting. This proposed rule is addressing the single topic of proxies and proposes a new Article XX Proxy Voting. It also addresses references to proxies in Articles I, II, III, IV and VII and we ask that the chair rule that amendments to those articles are conforming amendments to bring them into line with the language in the proposed Article XX and therefore rule that the amendments not divisible as specified in RONR 12ed 12.15.

ARTICLE I STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Section 19: Proxy Rule.
Proxy voting shall be permitted at all State Central Committee meetings. Valid proxies shall meet the requirements specified in Article XX.

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.

ARTICLE II STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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 without the need for a proxy.

ARTICLE III: REGIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 5: The voting membership of region meetings shall be the Region Chairman, County Chairmen, State Committeeenmen, State Committeeewomen, State Youth Committeeeperson, 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 XX, 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.

ARTICLE IV: THE COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Section 12: Representation and voting by proxies shall not be allowed at County Central Committee. Fifty-one percent (51%) of the Precinct Committeeen from within the county shall constitute a quorum, unless county by-laws designate a different quorum percentage.

ARTICLE VII: THE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Section 9: Representation and voting by proxy in conformance with the restrictions in Article XX 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 Committeeen from within the Legislative District shall constitute a quorum, unless Legislative District by-laws designate a different quorum percentage.

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A. They shall be in writing.
B. They shall be signed and dated by the grantor.

C. They shall state the name, county of residence, and office held by the grantor of the proxy.

D. They shall state the name, county of residence and office held by the individual to whom the proxy is given.

E. The date of the meeting for which the proxy is issued.

Section 2: The following restrictions on the use of a proxy shall apply in all cases within any Central Committee or central Committee subcommittee under the Idaho Republican Party.

(1) Proxies shall be prohibited when an electronic meeting option is made available by the Chairman.

(2) With the exception of Region Chairs at State Central Committee meetings, no member may carry more than 3 proxies.

(3) No proxy shall count toward the quorum requirement.

All proxies must be validated and recorded by the Secretary prior to the call to order of the session of the meeting. At State Central Committee meetings, no proxy shall be recognized that is presented after that time without a vote of the State Central Committee. At all other meetings, proxies may only be accepted following the call to order during a recess.
Rule 2023-15
PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE RULES OF THE IDAHO REPUBLICAN PARTY

Submitted by: Brent Regan, KCRCC Chair
Presented by:
Approved by the Kootenai County Republican Central Committee on

The following amendment to the rules restores a provision that was inadvertently deleted.

Amend State Party Rules Article XII, adding Section 4 as follows:

Section 4: To assist in uniform enforcement of the rules, all decisions and any interpretation of a rule by the Chairman or any Committee shall be posted on the State Party’s website.
Rule 2023-16
PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE RULES OF THE IDAHO REPUBLICAN PARTY

Submitted by: Brent Regan, KCRCC Chair
Presented by: Brent Regan, KCRCC Chair
Approved by the Kootenai County Republican Central Committee on April 25, 2023

The following amendments to the rules establish that Membership Dues payment is a condition of delegate and alternate selection for the State Party Convention, provide for a waiver process, and establish deadlines.

Amend Delegate Selection Rules Article II, Section 3 as follows:

Section 3:
(a) 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.

(b) Neither the Republican State Chairman, nor the staff of the Republican State Headquarters shall give any advisory mentioned in subsection (a), or shall the county select any delegates or alternates until the County in question has paid its Membership Dues or been granted a Waiver as defined by Article XIX of the State Rules.

Amend Delegate Selection Rules Article III, Section 2, as follows:

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, and shall not include in the roll any Counties that have unpaid dues without a waiver from the State Executive Committee.

Amend State Party Rules Article XIX, Sections 4, 5, & 6 as follows:

Section 4: Membership Dues shall be apportioned as a percentage of the number of registered Republican voters within each county divided by the total number of registered Republican voters in the state of Idaho as of the date on which registration and affiliation closes prior to the even year primary election. That percentage shall then be multiplied by the operations portion of the Idaho Republican Party Budget as defined in sections 2 and 3 above. The State Party shall invoice each county on or before September 1st for the annual Membership Dues owed that year.

Section 5: Counties shall pay the first half of their annual Membership Dues by December 31st of that year, in the odd numbered year and the second half by June 30th in the even numbered year. The State Party shall send a “Past Due” notice to any county that has not paid its dues in full by the following March 15th.

Section 6: Counties that have unpaid Membership Dues by the date of the state convention shall be assessed a convention registration surcharge equal to the unpaid Membership Dues. Such surcharge must be paid by the county prior to the release of credentials for any delegates from that county. In the event that the county has not paid the surcharge and does not have sufficient funds to pay the surcharge as evidenced in their latest Idaho Secretary of State Campaign Finance Report, a delegate or alternate may pay a surcharge equal to the unpaid Membership Dues divided by the number of delegates allocated to that county and his or her credentials will be released.

Section 6: Counties that are unable to pay their Membership Dues may appeal the requirement for payment by petitioning in writing to the State Executive Committee for a Waiver for the next convention. The petition must clearly state a financial hardship reason and explanation for not paying the county’s Membership Dues. Petitions for a Waiver must be submitted by March 31st of even years. The State Executive Committee shall notify the county of their decision to grant or deny the waiver petition by the following April 30th.
Rule 2023-18
Making Language Uniform Regarding Legislative District Central Committees

Submitted by: Mark Johnson, Region IV Chairman
Approved by: Region IV Central Committee on May 8, 2023
Presented by: Mark Johnson

The rules of the Idaho State Republican Party shall be modified to include the word “Central” to each place the phrase “Legislative District Committee” exists such that if approved, the phrase shall read “Legislative District Central Committee”.

Amends the following:
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Article VII: THE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT CENTRAL COMMITTEE
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 Central 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 Central Committee meeting for the purpose of filling such vacancy.

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 Central 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 Central 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 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 Central Committee shall designate one (1) of the three nominees to fill the vacancy.
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.

Proposed NEW addition:

Section 2: The Executive Board of any County Central Committee shall be comprised of the following voting members:

All County Officers: The Chairman, Vice Chairmen, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and any other officer elected at the reorganization meeting.

State Committee members: The State Committeeman, State Committeewoman, and State Youth Committeeperson.

Ex-Officio voting members: The Region Chair, and all Legislative District Chairmen whose district lies within the boundaries of the county, in whole or in part, who reside within the boundaries of the county.
Rule 2023-20
Title: Endorsement Clarification and Parity

Submitted by: Valerie James, Legislative District 21
Approved by: Region IV Central Committee on May 8, 2023
Presented by: Valerie James

ARTICLE IX: CENTRAL COMMITTEE ENDORSEMENT AND RULES
GOVERNING THE ELIGIBILITY TO AFFILIATE WITH THE IDAHO REPUBLICAN PARTY

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 any position being voted on in that county in the primary and general election. *Endorsements may only be made by a vote of the entire body and available to all eligible candidates for any given office being endorsed. At no time may Precinct Committeemen be endorsed.*

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 *any position being voted on in that legislative district* in the primary and general election. *Endorsements may only be made by a vote of the entire body and available to all eligible candidates for any given office being endorsed. At no time may Precinct Committeemen be endorsed.*
Rule 2023-21

Proposed Amendments to Article IX

Submitted by: Kirsten Lucas, Legislative District 13 Chair and Branden Durst, Legislative District 22 Vice Chair
Passed by: Legislative District 13 Central Committee on May 9, 2023

ARTICLE IX: CENTRAL COMMITTEE ENDORSEMENT AND RULES GOVERNING THE ELIGIBILITY TO AFFILIATE WITH THE IDAHO REPUBLICAN PARTY

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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 any position being voted on in that legislative district in the primary and general election. Endorsements may only be made by a vote of the entire body and available to all eligible candidates for any given office being endorsed.

Section 3: The State Central Committee may determine the political affiliation of candidates filing or declaring an 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 purposes. Endorsement of Congressional District Candidates shall be by voting members from the respective Congressional Districts in the primary and general election.

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.

Section 5: Rules Governing the Eligibility to Affiliate with Idaho Republican Party

A) Effective June 1, 2023, any qualified elector, as defined in Idaho Code 34-104, shall be eligible to affiliate with the Idaho Republican Party and must be affiliated by December 30th of each year in order to vote in the Idaho Republican Primary or the Idaho Republican Presidential nominating contest to occur in the following year, whichever are applicable. If an elector was affiliated with any party other than the Idaho Republican Party when seeking to change their affiliation or at any time in the prior twelve (12) months, they must wait twelve (12) months from December 30th of the year they wish to affiliate in order to affiliate with the Idaho Republican Party.

B) The provisions set forth in this section shall not apply to newly qualified electors.
Rule 2023-22
Proposed New Article XX

Submitted by: Branden Durst, District 22 Vice Chair
Passed by: Legislative District 13 Central Committee on May 9, 2023

ARTICLE XX: PROCEDURES FOR PARTY DISCIPLINE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Forward: On occasion central committees may find it necessary to discipline or in some other way hold elected Republican officials accountable. The procedures to follow should not be a first step, but rather a last resort after repeated actions that undermine the Republican brand and integrity of the Party.

Section 1.

(A) If three (3) or more members of a central committee determine that disciplinary action is necessary, then at least twenty-five (25) percent of members of the central committee must submit a request for disciplinary hearing to the chair of the central committee. The request for disciplinary hearing must include the following details:
   (1) The name of the elected official
   (2) The behavior that constitutes the need for disciplinary action, to include, but not limited to votes contrary to the party platform, behavior that undermines the Republican brand or the integrity of the Party.

(B) Upon receipt of the request the chair shall contact the elected official to whom the disciplinary action is so targeted and request their presence at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the central committee. However, if the next meeting is to occur within seven (7) days of receipt of the request, then the matter shall not be placed on the agenda until the following meeting, which shall occur within 45 days even if otherwise not scheduled. The chair shall also provide a copy of the request for disciplinary hearing to the elected official.

(C) At the central committee meeting in which the disciplinary hearing occurs the following procedures shall apply:
   (1) Those members who brought the request for disciplinary hearing shall be given ten (10) minutes to present their case to the body and up to an additional ten (10) minutes to answer questions from members of the body.
   (2) The elected official subject to the disciplinary hearing shall be afforded ten (10) minutes for rebuttal and up to an additional ten (10) minutes to answer questions from members of the body.
   (3) After time is exhausted by both sides, the chairman shall call for a motion. The following motions may include:
      i. A motion to dismiss the disciplinary hearing
      ii. A motion to censure
      iii. Any other motion otherwise provided in rule or parliamentary procedure.
   (4) If a motion to censure prevails with more than fifty (50) percent of member voting, then the elected official shall no longer be eligible for any support from the central committee including financial support, access to party resources, participation party events or any other party related support as determined by the central committee. The central committee shall identify the length of time the disciplinary action shall be in effect, but it shall not exceed the elected official’s current term of office.
   (5) If a motion to censure prevails with more than sixty-six and two-thirds (66 2/3) percent of the members voting, then the elected official shall be prohibited from filing to run for any office in Idaho as a member of the Republican Party in the primary election.

Section 2.

(A) Legislative district central committees shall have the sole authority to impose disciplinary action, as identified in Section 1(C)(4) and (5), over legislative officials in their own legislative district. (B) County central committees shall have the sole authority to impose disciplinary action, as identified in Section 1(C)(4) and (5), over county officials in their own county. (C) Nothing in this rule shall be implied to preclude a legislative district or county central committee from taking a non-binding vote to discipline an elected official within their jurisdiction, but not directly accountable to them.

(D) Direct accountability means the statutory authority to name replacements in the event of a vacancy.
Rule 2023-23
Title: Sunset Clause on Dues

Sponsor: Kim Wickstrum, State Committeewoman of Ada County Central Committee
Passed by: Ada County Republican Central Committee – May 4, 2023

Article XIX: Membership Dues

Add the following new section to the article.

Section 12: No mandatory membership dues will be paid to the Idaho State Republican Party after the end of the calendar year 2024.
Rule 2023-24
Title: County Central Committee Credit for Donors to Idaho State Republican Party

Sponsor: Victor Miller, Chairman of Ada County Central Committee
Passed by: Ada County Republican Central Committee – May 4, 2023

Article XIX: Membership Dues

Add the following new section to the article.

Section 11: Contributions from donors to the Idaho State Republican Party shall apply as a credit to the County Central Committee’s membership dues in which the donor resides.
Rule 2023-25
Title: Rule Change to Art. IV, §1; Art. VII, §1

Submitted by: Paul Ross
Passed unanimously by Cassia County Republican Central Committee, 6 April 2023
To be presented by: Paul Ross

ARTICLE IV: THE COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE
Section 1: The County Central Committee is composed of the Precinct Committeemen and 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 Committeewomen. All officers shall be elected by the Precinct Committeemen and Committeewomen at a meeting called by the incumbent County Chairman to be held upon seven (7) days’ notice within ten (10) days after the Primary Election. The election of the County Central Committee Officers shall be carried out by secret ballot, except in uncontested races. All Precinct Committeemen and Committeewomen of a County Central Committee or any person acting as an alternate for such member must have a Republican Party affiliation. The act of un-affiliating with the Republican Party shall be considered as a resignation of any positions held in the County Central Committee.

ARTICLE VII: THE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT COMMITTEE
Section 1: The Legislative District is composed of Precinct Committeemen and Committeewomen elected at the State Primary Election, the Legislative District Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and other such officers of the Legislative District that are elected by the Precinct Committeemen and Committeewomen. All officers shall be elected by the Precinct Committeemen and Committeewomen 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. The election of the Legislative District Officers shall be carried out by secret ballot, except in uncontested races. All Precinct Committeemen and Committeewomen of a Legislative District Committee or any person acting as an alternative for such member must have a Republican Party Affiliation. The act of un-affiliating with the Republican Party shall be considered as a resignation of any positions held in the Legislative District Committee.
Rule 2023-26
Title: Assigning Credit Toward Republican State Party Dues

Sponsor: Victor Miller, Chairman of Ada County Central Committee
Passed by: Ada County Republican Central Committee – May 4, 2023

Article XIX: Membership Dues

Add the following new section to the article.

Section 9: The Idaho State Republican Party will extend “credit” towards a County Central Committees membership dues for proportional expenditures for statewide and federal candidates for mail, printed literature, digital ads delivered, phone and texting and the Central Committees will make a reasonable effort to apprise the Idaho State Republican Party of its efforts:

a. In addition to campaign support cited in this section, the State Executive Committee shall adopt a schedule of other approved “credits” that would be acceptable for County Central Committees to earn toward Idaho State Republican Party membership dues.

b. County Central Committees seeking a “credit” will engage the Idaho Republican State Party within 21 days of the election to show its final accounting of campaign monies spent in total and monies spent on behalf of legislative, statewide and federal candidates relevant to the Idaho State Republican Party.

c. The Idaho State Republican Party will work closely with the County Central Committees seeking a credit and will confirm the “credit” due the County:

d. Disputes on credit will be resolved by following the judiciary oversight process outlined in Article XII of the Idaho Republican Party Rules.
Rule 2023-27
Title: Odd-Year and Even-Year Dues Payment Schedule

Sponsor: Kim Wickstrum, State Committeewoman of Ada County Central Committee
Passed by: Ada County Republican Central Committee – May 4, 2023

Article XIX: Membership Dues

Add the following new section to the article.

Section 10: 30% of the assessed membership dues to County Central Committees shall be payable in odd-numbered years, and 70% of the assessed membership dues shall be payable in even-numbered years.
Rule 2023-28
Title: Consent of the Membership Rule

Sponsored by: Trent Clark, Caribou County State Committeeman
Submitted to: Caribou County Republican Central Committee, March 13, 2023, passed unanimously
Presented by: Trent Clark, Caribou County State Committeeman

A new rule invoking the principle of “consent of the membership.”

It is proposed that Article IX of the Rules of the Idaho Republican Party be amended by adding at the end the following new section:

Section _. Consent of the Membership. Consistent with the time-honored Constitutional principle of “consent of the governed,” no power or authority to nominate, recommend or put forward for election to public office may be presumed or exercised by elected officers, or their designees, without prior direct approval through a vote of the membership.
Rule 2023-29
ID GOP RULE COMMITTEE TO REVIEW RULE SUBMISSIONS IN ORDER OF RECEIPT

Submitted/Sponsored by: Richard Jesinger, Blaine County Republican Central Committeeman
Approved unanimously by the Blaine County Republican Central Committee on January 18, 2023
To be presented by: Trent Clark, Kim Baker (Blaine County Republican Central Committee Chair), Julie Lynn (Blaine County Republican State Committee Woman), Richard Jesinger (Blaine County Republican State Committeeman), Nicholas Purdy (Blaine County Republican Youth Committee person), Cindy Jesinger (LD 26 Chair) or Wayne Hurst (Region V Chair)

The Rules of the Idaho State Republican Party shall be modified by adding to Article I; Section 15, Subsection (A):

Subsection (A)

(4) The State Central Committee (SCC) shall number the written rule submissions to reflect the date of receipt by the SCC in the order of their receipt by the SCC. The Rules Committee shall review for action all rule submissions in the order as numbered by the SCC. Rules not considered during the committee meeting must be resubmitted if the sponsor wishes to heard at the next state meeting.

Voted on and Submitted by the Blaine County Republican Central Committee
January 18, 2023
Noon
Wise Guy Pizza
411 North Main Street
Hailey, Idaho
Rule 2023-30
ID GOP RESOLUTION COMMITTEE TO REVIEW RESOLUTION SUBMISSIONS IN ORDER OF RECEIPT

Submitted/Sponsored by: Julie Lynn, Blaine County Republican Central Committeewoman
Approved unanimously by the Blaine County Republican Central Committee on January 18, 2023
To be presented by: Trent Clark, Kim Baker (Blaine County Republican Central Committee Chair), Julie Lynn (Blaine County Republican State Committeewoman), Richard Jesinger (Blaine County Republican State Committeeman), Nicholas Purdy (Blaine County Republican Youth Committeeperson), Cindy Jesinger (LD 26 Chair), or Wayne Hurst (Region V Chair)

The Rules of the Idaho State Republican Party shall be modified by adding to
Article I; Section 15, Subsection (B):

Subsection (B)

(3) The State Central Committee (SCC) shall number the written resolution submissions to reflect the date of receipt by the SCC in the order of their receipt by the SCC. The Resolutions Committee shall review for action all resolution submissions in the order as numbered by the SCC. Resolutions not considered during the committee meeting must be resubmitted if the sponsor wishes it heard at the next state meeting.

Voted on and Submitted by the Blaine County Republican Central Committee
January 18, 2023
Noon
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Proposed Amendment to Article III, Section 3 (h) of the Idaho Republican State Rules

Submitted by: Matthew K. Jensen
Approved by: Legislative District 17 on March 22, 2023
To be presented by: Matthew K. Jensen

Amend Article III, Section 3, Subsection (h) of the State Rules as follows:

(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, or at a location within the Region or within an adjacent Region. 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.

What this does:

Allows more latitude for Region leadership to convene meetings of the Region Committee, especially in more sparse areas of the state.

Why:

Current plans for rearranging and adding Regions of the IDGOP will necessitate comparable rules to that of Legislative District Committees.
Rule 2023-32
Proposed Amendment to Article I, Section 15 (A)(1) of the Idaho Republican State Rules

Submitted by: Matthew K. Jensen
Approved by: Legislative District 17 on March 22, 2023
To be presented by: Matthew K. Jensen

Amend Article I, Section 15, Subsection (A), Paragraph (1) of the State Rules as follows:

(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. The Committee Chairman may present temporary rules to the committee for the purposes of prioritizing and/or rejecting resolutions at the discretion of the committee. Such rules shall be effective upon a majority vote. The committee may, before the consideration of any resolution, reject any resolution upon a motion, which shall not be debatable, a second, and majority vote.

What this does:

Allows more latitude for a Resolutions Committee chairman to put forward temporary rules for the purposes of prioritizing and/or rejecting resolutions as a time-saving measure. Also allows for the quick rejection of any resolution that the committee sees unfit.

Why:

It is not an unfamiliar problem that state resolutions committees won't have enough time to complete their agenda. It is hoped that empowering a chairman to suggest temporary rules for the day will save time, especially if resolutions that are less likely to pass are given less priority. It is also hoped that if the committee sees fit to reject any resolution, that it should be allowed to do so quickly. The idea is that if the committee is already so much against a resolution, that removing debate on it will save time.