

# 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. 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.

- (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 Chairmen; 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 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.

**Section 19:** Proxy Rule. Proxy voting shall be permitted at all State Central Committee meetings. The use of proxies shall comply with the requirements of Article XXI.

**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.

**Section 25:** The State Central Committee shall retain all authority to file litigation on behalf of the Idaho State Republican Party. Except as required by Article I, Section 24, no litigation of any kind or nature shall be initiated by the State Party through its Chairman, acting as Chairman, without approval of the State Central Committee, which shall be considered only after completion of the internal review procedures mandated by State Party Rules, Article 12, if applicable. In the case of an emergency, the State Party through its Chairman may file litigation on behalf of the State Party upon advanced approval of a majority of the Executive Committee. However, such approval must be ratified by the State Central Committee at the next regularly scheduled State Central Committee meeting or the Chairman must dismiss the litigation.

## ***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)

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

- (1) The State Finance Chairman
- (2) The Young Republican State Chairman
- (3) The President of the Idaho Republican Women's Federation
- (4) The President of the College Young Republicans
- (5) The Immediate Past State Chairman
- (6) The Executive Director
- (7) The chairman or designee of each officially recognized Republican Donor club



(8) The Teenage Republican Representative

(9) The national committeeman and national committeewoman elect.

(10) One representative of each Republican Congressional office.

(11) 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 without the need for a proxy. The use of proxies shall comply with the requirements of Article XXI.

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

**Section 6:** The members of the State Executive Committee shall at election and during all times of service as members maintain a primary residence within the State of Idaho and be registered voters of the State of Idaho. The termination by any member of the State Executive Committee from residency or registered voter status of the State of Idaho shall cause the immediate discharge of such Executive Committee member from continued service.

### ***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 pay their membership dues.

(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, 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.

(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 membership dues 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 and the use of proxies shall comply with the requirements of Article XXI 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 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.

**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:** In the event that a county realigns or creates new precincts, and this action is not in a general election year, pursuant to Idaho Code Section 34-301, if the elected officials are no longer in the precinct they were elected in, the composition of the current county central committee shall remain the same until the next primary

election date. If vacancies are created by circumstances other than precinct boundary changes, those vacancies may be filled in the interim by appointment.

**Section 10:** 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 11:** 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 12:** 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 13:** Representation and voting by proxy 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 XXI. Proxies shall not be allowed for the election of Central Committee Officers, election of delegates to the State Convention, and nomination of nominees to fill county vacancies. 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 CENTRAL 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.

**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 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.

**Section 9:** Representation and voting by proxy 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 XXI. 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 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 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 Central Committee shall designate one (1) of the three nominees to fill the vacancy.

***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 majority vote of the voting members 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 in the primary and general election. Endorsements may only be made by a majority vote of the voting members and available to all eligible candidates for any given office being endorsed. At no time may Precinct Committeemen be endorsed.

**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 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 30<sup>th</sup> of each year in order to vote in the Idaho Republican Primary to occur in the following year. If an elector was affiliated with any party in Idaho 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### ***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.** Any Committee Meeting (State, Region, Legislative, County Central Committees, Judicial Oversight, Special Committee, etc), except reorganizational meetings, at the Committee Chairman's discretion, may provide members with the option to participate in through electronic means, including, but not limited to, teleconferencing, audio conferencing and video conferencing. Committee meetings may include physical and/or electronic attendees.

**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 OVERSIGHT***

**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 a complaint within sixty (60) days of filing and shall issue an appropriate order, sanction, or remedy in writing. The aggrieved party shall then be obligated to exhaust its administrative remedies before filing civil litigation. The order, sanction, or remedy issued by the State Party Chairman shall be in full force and effect during any appeal of such

decision to the State Executive Committee and/or to the State Central Committee. The enforceability of such decision shall not be subject to any temporary restraining order or preliminary injunction in the event litigation is filed before exhaustion of the administrative remedies of the aggrieved party, by appeals to the State Executive Committee and the State Central Committee.

- (d) Any party aggrieved by a decision of the State Chairman may appeal such decision to the Executive Committee of the State Republican Party within thirty (30) days of issuance of the decision. The State Executive Committee shall give opportunity to the affected parties to be heard and may uphold, amend, or overturn the decision of the State Chairman. The appeal will be heard and decided at the next regular meeting of the State Executive Committee that occurs at least 14 days after the appeal is filed. During the consideration of the appeal, the State Party Chairman shall recuse himself or herself and turn the meeting over to the next available officer who is in physical attendance at the meeting. No appeal proceeding shall be conducted by an officer appearing electronically.
- (e) Any party aggrieved by a decision of the State Executive Committee may appeal such decision to the State Central Committee within thirty (30) days of issuance of the decision. The State Central Committee shall give opportunity to the affected parties to be heard and may uphold, amend, or overturn the decision of the State Executive Committee. The appeal will be heard and decided at the next regular meeting of the State Central Committee that occurs at least 14 days after the appeal is filed.
- (f) Nothing in this section precludes Article I Section 3 or Article II Section 3 of these rules.

**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.

***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.

## ***ARTICLE XIX: MEMBERSHIP DUES***

**Section 1:** The State Party operation costs shall be funded in part through a system of Membership Dues to be paid by each County Central Committee.

**Section 2:** Operation costs shall include only those budget line items directly related to operating the office and staff at the state party headquarters, including the following accounts:

- Wages and Payroll Expense,
- Payroll Taxes,
- Rent,
- Office Supplies,

- Postage,
- Computer Supplies and Repair,
- Equipment Lease,
- Insurance,
- Dues and Subscriptions,
- Printing, and any accounts created after January 1, 2023 if approved by the Executive Committee when establishing a budget.

**Section 3:** Notwithstanding the established budget for the above accounts, the amount used to calculate County Membership dues for the two-year budget shall be capped at \$250,000 (\$125,000 per year).

**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 1<sup>st</sup> for the annual Membership Dues owed that year.

**Section 5:** Counties shall pay their annual Membership Dues by December 31 of that 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 15<sup>th</sup>.

**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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup>.

## ***ARTICLE XX: 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 United States and Idaho Constitutions 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 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 platform and constitutional principles. Republican Constitutional and county 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 Party Platform or Constitutions have occurred; provide censure by motion upon the first determination of substantive violations; and by motion for any substantive violations by the same elected official occurring after the first determination of censure 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 any subsequent campaign for Idaho 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 20% of 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 20% of its Legislative District Committee members, shall call an Idaho State Legislator representing that District to a Legislative District Committee meeting to answer 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.

**c)** A County Central Committee, by petition to the County Chair of at least 20% of County Central Committee members, shall call an elected county official of that county to a County Central Committee meeting to answer the alleged violations. Within ten (10) days of receipt of the petition, the County Chair shall notify the elected official 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 County Central 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 the Committee members present is required to provide censure 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 any subsequent campaign for Idaho political office for a period of five (5) years.

It shall be the duty of the County or District Chair to notify the State Chair within ten (10) days of any affirmative determination by the respective committee of any Platform or constitutional violation(s) by an elected Republican official.

**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 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. within ten (10) days of receiving notice thereof

from the committee Chair. 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.

**Section 8:** Any elected Republican official aggrieved by a second determination of Platform or constitutional violation(s), which removed Party support, the use of Party identifiers, may appeal such decision to the Executive Committee of the State Republican Party within thirty (30) days of issuance of the decision. The State Executive Committee shall give opportunity to the affected parties to be heard and may uphold or overturn the determination of the respective Central Committee. The appeal will be heard and decided at the next regular meeting of the State Executive Committee that occurs at least 14 days after the appeal is filed.

## ***ARTICLE XXI: PROXY VOTING***

**Section 1:** Proxy Rule. 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.

- A. Proxies shall be prohibited when an electronic meeting option is made available by the Chairman.

- B. With the exception of Region Chairs at State Central Committee meetings, no member of any committee may carry more than 3 proxies.
- C. 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.



# 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:**

- 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.

- a) 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.

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

**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 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 first or 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 more than 50% 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 90 days prior to the caucus date. Candidates thus qualifying to be on the Idaho Republican Presidential Caucus ballot shall be granted space for campaigning at each caucus location. Each candidate shall be given 5 minutes to address the voters at each caucus location. This may be in person, by a designated representative, or by prerecorded video. If the candidate holds at least one public campaign event in Idaho prior to the caucus that the candidate attends in-person between October 1 and caucus date of the Presidential election year, the Idaho

Republican Party will refund one-half of the filing fee. All other 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. If only a single candidate submits the filing fee and declaration before the filing date, then that candidate shall be declared the winner at that time, awarded all delegates to the National Convention, and no Presidential Caucus shall be held. If no candidate submits the filing fee and declaration before the filing date, then all delegates shall be uncommitted delegates and no Presidential Caucus shall be held.

**Section 3:** At least half of the total amount of filing fees collected from Section 2 above will be distributed 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. The filing fees collected from Section 2 above will be distributed as follows:

1. One-half of the total amount of filing fees collected from Section 2 above will be distributed to the forty-four county central committees to offset the costs of conducting the county caucuses. Distribution will be proportional based on the number of Republican voters in each county as shown on the voter registration roll of the Idaho Secretary of State as of January 1 of the Presidential Election year. These amounts shall be retained by the county central committees even if their cost of administering the caucus in their county is less than that amount.
2. One-half of the total amount of filing fees collected, after Idaho GOP Headquarters' expenses from Section 2 above will be retained by the Idaho GOP Headquarters. Any county central committee that incurs costs in excess of the amount distributed as described above may present a documented accounting of its total costs to the Idaho GOP Headquarters no later than 21 days following the Caucus. If the amount

of additional expenses presented by counties is less than the remaining amount of filing fees, the State Chairman shall direct that each county be reimbursed from those fees, with the remainder retained by the Idaho Republican Party. If expenses exceed the remaining filing fees, the State Chairman shall determine the number of registered Republican voters in counties submitting claims for excess expenses and shall calculate the percentage of those voters registered in each county submitting a claim. The State Chairman shall be authorized to reimburse each schedule of county expenses up to the proportional amount calculated. This process shall be repeated until all filing fees are distributed. Any funds left over after all county expenses are paid will remain with the Idaho Republican Party.

**Section 4:** The Idaho GOP Chairman shall send official notice of the Idaho Republican Presidential Caucus and a Caucus Plan to all county and legislative district chairmen no later than one week after the Caucus Plan is approved by the RNC. The Caucus Plan shall contain tasks with deadlines for the caucus. The Idaho GOP shall notify every eligible caucus participant via post card of the time and place of their precinct's caucus. Notice shall be mailed no later than 14 days before the caucus. A general notice shall also be posted on the IDGOP website and sent as a press release or legal notice to media outlets statewide within 10 days of the caucus.

**Section 5:** The Caucus will be conducted simultaneously state wide at multiple locations. Each precinct will have an assigned caucus location. Some caucus locations may be shared by multiple precincts. Each caucus location will require a Caucus Captain. Each Legislative District or County will require a Caucus Coordinator who will ensure that each precinct has an assigned caucus location.

The county chairman has the authority to enforce these rules and resolve issues and the overall responsibility of conducting a successful caucus.

**Section 6:** Caucus Captain. The Precinct Committeeman will be the default Caucus Captain of that precinct. If

the precinct is empty or the PC is unable or unwilling to serve, then a qualified elector from that precinct, who is affiliated with the Republican Party, may be nominated by any PC on the county's central committee and ratified by majority vote of the central committee. The county chairman may specify the method of voting for the Caucus Captain except if any member of the committee requests a secret ballot then a secret paper ballot will be used.

Caucus Captain Duties and Responsibilities shall include:

1. Procuring a suitable caucus facility that will accommodate no fewer than 10% of the affiliated Republicans in the precincts served by that location.
2. Registering as Caucus Captain with the state party no later than January 1 of the year of the caucus..
3. Registering the caucus facility location with the state party no later than January 1 of the year of the caucus.
4. Soliciting at least 3 volunteers for each precinct served.
5. Solicit sponsors to help defer costs.
6. Receive caucus materials from the state party.
7. Register caucus results with party headquarters
8. Conduct the caucus per the provided instructions.
9. Register caucus results with party headquarters. Coordinate with Caucus Coordinator to timely register and report caucus results with party headquarters.

**Section 7:** Caucus Coordinator. If the county contains multiple legislative districts, the legislative district chairman will serve as the Caucus Coordinator for the precincts within the district.

If the legislative district contains multiple counties then the county chairman will serve as the Caucus Coordinator for the precincts within the county.

The Caucus Coordinator will work directly with the Caucus Captains to ensure every precinct has an assigned

caucus location. Should two or more Caucus Captains share a caucus location, the Caucus Coordinator shall determine by vote or coin toss who will be the Caucus Captain and who will be the Vice-Captain. The Caucus Coordinator shall register themselves, the caucus locations, precincts served and Caucus Captains with the state party and shall cooperate with Caucus Captains to timely register and report tabulated results to the state party headquarters. The Caucus Coordinator shall register the caucus locations with the state party no later than January 1 on the year of the caucus.

The State Executive Committee may appoint representatives to oversee any aspect of any county or legislative district's caucus process.

**Section 8:** All registered electors that have affiliated with the Republicans Party in the county on record as of January 1 of a Presidential election year, as well as any voters who turn 18 between January 1 and the date of the Presidential Caucus and who sign an affidavit declaring that they have registered to vote and affiliate with the Republican Party within that period and are therefore eligible to vote in Idaho elections shall be eligible to participate. The Idaho GOP Headquarters shall obtain this January 1st list from the Secretary of State, sort it by precinct, and have each precinct's voter list printed as a Poll Book. The Idaho GOP Headquarters shall deliver to each caucus location a standard set of materials to conduct the caucus. These shall include instructions, ballots, an agenda, a script, checklists, task lists, hand stamps, typical site layouts and other information needed to conduct the caucus. The caucuses shall be generally uniform but with enough flexibility to accommodate the needs of the various precincts.

**Section 9:** 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 next to their name in the corresponding Poll Book. Voters who turned 18 years old between January 1 and the date of the Presidential Caucus shall sign an affidavit declaring that they have registered to vote within that precinct, and affiliated with the Republican Party within

that period and enter their name and registered address in the respective Poll Book. The Caucus Captain shall be the sole judge of voter qualification. Only eligible voters and their minor children shall be admitted to the caucus. No other guests will be permitted.

**Section 10:** Caucus Captain will call the Caucus to order. Opening ceremonies, including an invocation, the Pledge of Allegiance and, optionally, the national anthem, shall be performed. After opening ceremonies, the procedures to be followed as distributed by the Idaho Republican Party will be reviewed by the Caucus Captain. The Caucus Captain shall then nominate three members of the caucus to the Tabulation Committee. The Caucus Captain shall call for a voice vote to approve the Tabulation Committee appointments. In the event the vote fails, three caucus members shall be recognized to each nominate one alternative name, each of which shall be seconded and a voice vote shall be taken on those names. Each candidate on the ballot or their campaign specified designee will be given five minutes to offer remarks or play a video to the assembly.

**Section 11:** Following all speeches by candidates or their representatives or video presentations, voters shall proceed to the voting area. They shall receive their ballot, move to a ballot marking area, and then deposit their marked ballot into a ballot box. Caucus votes are secret votes, and county central committee members must make all reasonable efforts to ensure each voter's ballot remains secret. Any eligible voter who arrived after the start of the caucus, or could not participate due to building occupancy limits, shall be allowed to cast their ballot after the caucus participants have vacated the location after casting their ballots. All balloting will cease at the scheduled time.

**Section 12:** After all ballots have been voted, ballots shall be counted at the caucus site by the Tabulation Committee. Each candidate or their designee may observe the tabulating process. The ballots will first be separated into stacks by candidate and then each stack shall be counted twice. If the counts do not match then

the stack shall be counted again until an identical count is achieved in two consecutive counts. The Caucus Captain and each member of the Tabulation Committee shall certify the count as correct by filling out and signing two copies of the Tabulation Certificate provided by the Idaho Republican Party.

**Section 13:** After the vote count is certified by the Caucus Captain and all members of the Tabulation committee, the Caucus Captain shall register the final results with party headquarters using the method prescribed by the State Chairman. Then the ballots and one copy of the Tabulation Certificate shall be placed in an envelope or box, sealed and delivered by hand, via certified mail, or by private delivery service to the Idaho Republican Party state headquarters. The second copy of the Tabulation Certificate will be timely delivered or transmitted to the Caucus Coordinator who will register the results with party headquarters using the method prescribed by the State Chairman. The Caucus Coordinator will then deliver the second copy of the Tabulation Certificate by hand, via certified mail, or by private delivery service to the Idaho Republican Party state headquarters.

**Section 14:** Once all county results have been registered by all Caucus Captains and Caucus Coordinators, and totaled, the Idaho GOP Chairman will announce the vote count and declare the preliminary winner(s) of the Idaho Republican Presidential Caucus.

**Section 15:** Upon receiving all Tabulation Certificates and ballots, the Idaho GOP Chairman will appoint a committee of at least three members to verify the total of all votes cast for each candidate match within 0.5% or ½ of the margin of victory, whichever is smaller. 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.

**Section 16:** If a county or legislative district fails or refuses to participate in a caucus or fails to register a caucus location by the deadline of January 1 of the year of the caucus, the state party chair shall be notified so the state may organize the county's caucus. In such an event, the state shall retain all caucus funds.

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

**Section 1:** The Idaho GOP Chairman shall appoint a Nominations Committee with one representative from each region for the selection of delegates to the Republican National Convention in Presidential election years.

**Section 2:** Each Republican candidate for President of the United States 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 caucus date. 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 and shall be split evenly between the congressional districts. These delegates will be selected by the Nominations Committee of the Idaho State Republican Party. The Nominations Committee shall also produce a list of Guests to the convention. The Delegate, Alternate and Guest lists shall be confirmed at a special meeting of the Executive Committee, The Idaho GOP Chairman shall serve as Chairman of the Delegation unless the delegation selects a chairman from among its members by majority vote. The Delegation Chairman shall send the confirmed list of delegates, alternates, and guests, listed in order of precedence, to the National Party headquarters before the deadline specified in the national party rules.

In the event that an elected delegate becomes unavailable to attend the Republican National Convention, the Delegation Chairman shall elevate the appropriate Alternate to Delegate status and notify the national headquarters of the change. If circumstances allow, the Delegation Chairman will elevate a Guest to Alternate status and notify National headquarters.

**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. A written notification to the Idaho Republican Party Chairman shall constitute notice of delegate release.

**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 Nominating Committee 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 Nominating Committee, then the Nominating Committee 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 Nominating Committee 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 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.

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

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.

# 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

(1), (2), (3), (4) – Paragraphs

A., B., C., D. – Subparagraphs

i., ii., iii., iv. – Subparagraph Sections