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Proposed Convention Rule Change 2024 - 01

Title: Delegates to the RNC and Electors

Submitted by: Brent Regan

Presented by: Brent Regan

Background:

The deletion of the May Presidential Primary, the implementation of the Presidential Caucus, and the timing of the May Primary and subsequent State Party Convention necessitated a change in the Delegate Selection process

34-707. PARTY CONVENTIONS. A state convention shall be held by each political party in each election year at a time and place determined by the state central committee. The state central committee chairman shall preside and cause notice to be given to each legislative district central committee and each county central committee at the earliest possible date.

Each state convention shall write and adopt rules and regulations governing the conduct of their respective conventions.

At their convention each political party may:

(1) Adopt and write a party platform.

(2) Elect any desired officers not otherwise provided for by law.

(3) In the year of presidential elections (a) elect delegates to the national convention in the manner prescribed by national party rules; (b) elect a national committeeman and a national committeewoman; and (c) select presidential electors.

(4) Adopt rules, regulations and directives regarding party policies, practices and procedures.

The authority to amend the rules for Delegate Selection comes from State Party Rules Article IV Section 2 (P.57):

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.** (emphasis added)

Therefore, with respect to Delegate Selection, the Convention Rules are subordinate to the State Party Rules. The Convention Rules are now inconsistent with the State Party Rules. The following rule changes are necessary to make the Convention Rules consistent with the rules for Delegate selection as adopted by the State Central Committee.

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Proposed Amendments:

ARTICLE II: ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

- (i) ~~Approval Action on the report of the Nominating Committee report, and selection of presidential electors.~~

ARTICLE III: COMMITTEES AND COMMITTEE RULES

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~~

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~~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)~~ (b) 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.

Proposed Convention Rule Change 2024 - 02

Title: Reading of the Committee Reports

Submitted by: Steve Bender

Presented by: Steve Bender

Amend Article VII: Miscellaneous, Section 6, by inserting the additional language shown:

ARTICLE VII: MISCELLANEOUS, 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. **If a copy of a committee report is provided to every convention delegate or alternate exercising the privileges of a delegate prior to consideration of the report, the reading of the full report shall be dispensed with.** 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.

Proposed Convention Rule Change 2024 - 03

Title: Nominations and Voting for Officers

Submitted by: Steve Bender

Presented by: Steve Bender

Current Language to be struck:

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 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.~~

Language to be inserted as a substitute amendment:

ARTICLE V: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1: Order of Nominations and Elections. Because of the requirement that Vice Chairs come from separate Congressional Districts, Officer elections will be conducted in three groups. Group 1: Chairman and First Vice Chairman; Group 2: Treasurer, Secretary, and in Presidential Election Years, National Committeewoman and National Committeeman; Group 3: Second Vice Chairman. Nominations and voting will be completed in each group before moving on to the next group.

Section 2: Nominations. The Chairman shall announce elections for each group in order. Candidates for the offices in that group shall be nominated by a delegate only after the chair has recognized a delegate for that purpose. All nominations shall require that another delegate second the nomination. The Chair shall ask for further nominations three times and then close nominations for each office if no further nominations are made. A motion to close nominations is not in order. Candidates who are unopposed may be elected by voice vote. All contested races shall be voted by secret ballot. If secret ballots are required, the Chair shall appoint two tellers for each contested race, with the appointments confirmed by voice vote. Candidates for the office of Second Vice Chair must be a registered voter in the Congressional District not resided in by the winner of the First Vice Chairman election.

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Section 3: Speeches. Once all nominations are closed, nominators shall be given three minutes to address the convention on behalf of their nominee and candidates shall be given five minutes. Speeches shall be given in the same order that candidate names were placed in nomination, with each nominator speaking first and then the candidate.

Section 4: Voting. Following the completion of all speeches in a group, delegations shall be called in order, beginning with county delegations in alphabetical order followed by legislative districts in numerical order. Delegates will line up and present their credentials to receive a packet of color-coded ballots with one ballot for each office. They will proceed to a ballot marking area and mark each ballot with the name of their candidate of choice. After marking ballots, they will place their ballot for each office in a color-coded ballot box for that office. Once all delegates have voted their ballots, tellers will count the ballots. Any ballot that does not clearly indicate the intention of the voter shall be ruled invalid. Each candidate may name a delegate to observe the counting process. Following the completion of the counting process, the Chairman shall announce the results of the races in each group. Following the announcement of the results for Chairman, the incoming Chairman shall immediately assume the Chair of the Convention.

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.

Conforming amendment to Article VI: Section 5 above is struck from Article VI: Voting, moved to Article V, and succeeding sections in Article VI are renumbered sequentially.

Proposed Convention Rule Change 2024 - 04

Title: Convention Committee Makeup and Resolution of Ties

Submitted by: Matthew Jensen

Presented by: Matthew Jensen

Amend Rules Of The Convention, Article III, Section 8, as follows:
Section 8: Committee Rules:

(a) Majority. A majority of the committee shall constitute a quorum. All questions before the committee shall be decided by a majority of votes cast.; and a question or vote before the committee is not disposed of with a tie. Each committee shall conduct its affairs pursuant to the Rules of the Convention.

(b) Membership. A committee must consist of a Chairman, Vice Chairman, as many secretaries and parliamentarians as deemed necessary, and the appointed (as per Section 2) delegates.

(c) Votes, ties, and impasses. Only the appointed delegates to be on the Committee (as per Section 2) may vote on any given matter, excluding committee officers and parliamentarians, except in the event of a tie. In such an event, a tie shall first be resolved by a coin toss. If the matter is somehow still not resolved, then and only then may the tie be resolved by a vote of the Chairman.

(d). Scope and authority. Each committee shall only conduct its affairs pursuant to the Rules of the Convention and Idaho Code.

What this does:

Clarifies convention committee makeup, their scope, and who may vote in such committees. Also introduces an option for breaking a tie, intended to just be a coin toss.

Why:

In the Resolutions Committee of the 2022 IDGOP Convention, specifically near the end of the meeting, there was a lot of drama and disagreement about procedures and votes. As a result, a resolution before the committee was not put forward through usual procedure. Over 80% of the delegates in the General Session the next day supported the resolution after the minority report. Regardless of the content of the resolution, or whatever matter before any committee, it must be clear who is on a committee, who may vote, and under what circumstances. Unless we want such foreseeable confusion to continue in the future, this needs to be specified in the rules.

Proposed Convention Rule Change 2024 - 05

Title: Credentials Committee Dues

Submitted by: Matthew Jensen

Presented by: Matthew Jensen

Amend Rules Of The Convention, Article III, Section 3, as follows:
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. No hearings shall be held to contravene Article XIX of the State Rules, nor shall any determination of the Credentials Committee contravene, or attempt to contravene, the apportionment of Membership Dues owed by a County Central Committee.

(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.

What this does:

The additional language prevents credentialing of delegates from counties that have central committees that have not paid assessed dues or have been granted a waiver.

Why:

While recent amendments to the State Rules and Delegate Selection Rules were sufficient to block a delegation representing a delinquent county from getting as far as the Credential Committee, it would still behoove a properly assembled State Convention to do what it can to prevent the chicanery of bypassing dues requirements.

Proposed Convention Rule Change 2024 - 06

Title: Hearing of Proposals

Submitted by: Todd Thomas

Presented by: Todd Thomas

IDGOP Rules of the Convention, Article III, Section 4a be amended as follows: “No submission to the Rules, Resolutions or Platform Committees shall be heard if the aforementioned deadlines for submission have not been met”.

IDGOP Rules of the Convention, Article III have an additional section added to address the order of hearing of properly submitted proposals as follows: “The order of hearing of properly submitted proposals to the Rules, Resolutions and Platform committees shall be in an alphabetical order of the Idaho counties and then proceed to a numerical order of the LD’s submissions. Time allowing, the remaining submissions may be heard in a similar order, thus ensuring every eligible entity has at least one submission heard by committee”.

Proposed Convention Rule Change 2024 - 07

Title: Appointment of Delegates

Submitted by: Daniel Vaniman

Presented by: Daniel Vaniman

ARTICLE III: COMMITTEES AND COMMITTEE RULES 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.

NOTE : Late Submission requiring a 2/3 vote to consider.

Proposed Convention Rule Change 2024-08

TITLE: Limits on the Number of Submissions to Convention Committees

Submitted by: Brian Alman

Presented by: Brian Alman or Steve Bender

Amend Article III: Committees and Committee Rules, by inserting the additional language shown:

ARTICLE III: COMMITTEES AND COMMITTEE RULES

Section 4 Rules Committee: The Rules Committee ***shall***:

- (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 ***in the format approved by the State Party*** 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. ***Each Delegate or Delegate Alternate shall be limited to a total of two submissions to all committees with the exception of the Credentials Committee.***

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 ***in the format approved by the State Party*** 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. ***Each Delegate or Delegate Alternate shall be limited to a total of two submissions to all committees with the exception of the Credentials Committee.***

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 ***in the format approved by the State Party*** 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. ***Each Delegate or Delegate Alternate shall be limited to a total of two submissions to all committees with the exception of the Credentials Committee.***

Proposed Convention Rule Change 2024 - 09

Amendments to the Idaho State Party Rules

Title: Residency Requirements

Submitted by: Nina Beesley

Presented by: Nina Beesley

Proposal Text: It is proposed to make the following additions to Article 18, Section 1 of the Idaho Republican Party Rules.

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 and live within the boundaries of the state, region, legislative district, county, or precinct he/she represents.

Proposed Convention Rule Change 2024 - 10

Amendments to the Idaho State Party Rules

Title: Reorganization Meetings

Submitted by: William Athay

Presented by: William Athay

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) Any nominee for the legislative district Chair position may appoint a witness to the counting of a secret paper ballot for the legislative district Chair position. 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. A person may only give one such 2-minute speech regardless of the number of times they are nominated for a delegate/alternate position.

(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.

(7) If a legislative district covers multiple counties, a quorum for the Legislative District Delegate Selection Meeting shall exist if either: a) at least fifty percent of the counties are represented by at least one Precinct Committeeman and at least 34% of the Precinct Committeemen are physically present; or at least 51% of the Precinct Committeemen in the legislative district are present.

(8) In lieu of paper ballots during a secret ballot, voting may be by electronic means with a nationally used reputable voting app or service such as Strawpoll.

(9) If a legislative district covers multiple counties, the meeting may include both a physical location and a video conference via Zoom or other leading video conferencing service for only Precinct Committeemen located in counties other than the physical location. If a video conference option will be used, the meeting notice must include the video conference notice and necessary links and login instructions. A Precinct Committeeman must have their camera on and be visible for any vote cast to be valid. A Precinct Committeeman attending via videoconference may vote by voice and waives the right for their vote to be secret if the vote is otherwise conducted by secret paper ballot.

Proposed Convention Rule Change 2024 - 11

Amendments to the Idaho State Party Rules

Title: Reduced Number of Delegates

Submitted by: Andrew Mickelsen

Presented by: Andrew Mickelsen

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

ARTICLE II: COUNTY DELEGATE SELECTION MEETING

Section 3: Each County shall select three (3) Delegates and three (3) Alternates to the Republican State Convention. In addition, each County shall select one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate for each ~~one thousand (1,000)~~ **two thousand (2,000)** 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 56 Official Idaho Republican Party Document Amended January 8, 2022 IDGOP 2021 the GOP State Convention. Each County Delegation to the State Convention shall select one Delegate as Chairman of the Delegation.

Background:

The amount of delegates at the meetings have become unmanageable and reducing that number would allow greater discussion and less chaos.

Proposed Convention Rule Change 2024 - 012

Amendments to the Idaho State Party Rules

Title : State Executive Committee Members

Submitted by: Andrew Mickelsen

Presented by: Andrew Mickelsen

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

(9) The State Finance Chairman

(10) The Young Republican State Chairman

(11) The President of the Idaho Republican Women's Federation

(12) The President of the College Young Republicans

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

~~**(1) The 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

Background: Bringing these members back would make for a more diverse board that would be representative of many different groups. The executive committee has so many responsibilities it is important to have extra opinions, votes, and checks.