

# BY-LAWS OF THE BLAINE COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE

## ARTICLE I: NAME

1.1 The name of this organization shall be the Blaine County Republican Central Committee; hereafter, referred to as the BCRCC.

## ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

2.1 The purpose of the BCRCC shall be:

- a. To act as the governing body for the Republican Party of Blaine County
- b. To establish all policy and functions of the Republican Party on the county level consistent with the rules and regulations of the Idaho Republican State Central Committee and Idaho State Law
- c. To promote sound, honest and representative government at the national, state, and local levels
- d. To recruit, develop, promote, support and elect Republican candidates at the national, state, and local levels
- e. To advise the Idaho Republican Party regarding the development of policies and functions
- f. To support and implement platforms that have been adopted by both the national and state Republican Parties
- g. To increase the number of Republican voters in Blaine County and encourage their participation in the political process
- h. To preserve and protect the dignity, rights, freedom, and liberty of individual citizens of Blaine County
- i. To support traditional principles and objectives of the Republican Party.

The following articles of these by-laws shall constitute the rules of conduct of the BCRCC and shall supersede all previous by-laws and rules of order.

## ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP & VOTING

3.1 **Members.** Members of the BCRCC shall be the elected and appointed Precinct Committeepersons and the County Chairperson, as provided in Idaho Code Section 34-502.

3.2 **Qualifications.** Each Precinct Committeeperson of the BCRCC shall be an affiliated Republican and be a qualified elector of the precinct in which he/she resides for a minimum of six (6) months, as provided in Idaho Code Section 34-624.

3.3 **Selection of Precinct Committeepersons.** Precinct Committeepersons shall be elected at the State Primary Election as provided in Idaho Code Section 34-624 or appointed by BCRCC election, as provided in Idaho Code Section 34-502.

### **3.4 Selection of Alternate Precinct Committeepersons.**

- a. An Alternate Precinct Committeeperson shall be affiliated as a Republican, a qualified elector and resident of the precinct in which he/she serves.
- b. An Alternate Precinct Committeeperson shall be nominated by the elected Precinct Committeeperson from the precinct in which he/she resides and then confirmed by the BCRCC. An appointed Precinct Committeeperson can nominate an Alternate only if the position of Alternate is vacant.
- c. An alternate's term runs from the date of confirmation by the BCRCC until the end of the Precinct Committeeperson's term. (Idaho Code 34-624)

### **3.5 Notice, Form and Attendance of Meetings.**

- a. The term "notice" in these Bylaws means written notice, which includes the purpose, date, time and location of meetings or events and may be delivered by U.S. mail, delivery service, personal delivery, email, text message or any other form of written message.
- b. The term "form" means that meetings will be held either in person and/or virtually.
- c. Members and officers who attend virtual meetings have the same rights as during in person meetings.

### **3.6 Resignations and Vacancies.**

- a. Any Precinct Committeeperson desiring to resign from the BCRCC shall submit his or her resignation, in writing, to the BCRCC Chairperson.
- b. Vacancies occurring in the office of Precinct Committeeperson shall be filled as follows:
  - a. Notice of the Precinct vacancy, due to resignation or death of the Precinct Committeeperson or disqualification as set forth in Idaho Code Section 34-624 shall be announced at least two (2) weeks prior to the next scheduled meeting, which will serve as the nominating meeting.
  - b. Any member of the BCRCC may nominate a person to fill the vacancy. The nominee shall attend the meeting and be invited to speak either in person or virtually.
  - c. After the conclusion of the nominating meeting, it shall be the duty of the BCRCC Chairperson to verify that the nominee is: a qualified elector of the precinct and an affiliated Republican. Such verification shall be completed prior to the next scheduled meeting of the BCRCC. Upon such verification, the nominee may be elected at the next BCRCC meeting or any meeting thereafter. For the election, the nominee shall be present in person or virtually. If the Chairperson fails to complete verification within the allowed time, the BCRCC may, but is not required to, elect the nominee at the next meeting or any meeting thereafter without the Chairperson's verification but after the nominator or nominee presents verification that the nominee is a qualified elector of the precinct and affiliated as a Republican.
- c. If the Chairperson desires to resign, the Chairperson shall submit his or her written resignation to the BCRCC Vice Chairperson and LD 26 Chairperson.

- d. Any officer of the BCRCC, other than the Chairperson, desiring to resign shall submit his or her written resignation to the Chairperson.
- e. **Removal of Officers.** As the Officers of the BCRCC, including the Chairperson, are duly elected by the Precinct Committeepersons, an Officer can be removed by adoption of a motion for removal. A vote of the majority of Precinct Committeepersons is required to adopt the motion for removal of a BCRCC Officer.

### 3.7 Voting Rights.

- a. All BCRCC members (Precinct Committeepersons and the Chairperson as provided in Idaho Code Section 34-502) have voting rights on all matters before the BCRCC. Others may participate in voting as provided in this section.
- b. An Alternate Precinct Committeeperson may vote in the absence of the Precinct Committeeperson in all matters except:
  - i. The election of BCRCC officers
  - ii. The election of delegates to the State Convention
  - iii. Amendments to the By-Laws
  - iv. Elections to fill Precinct Committeeperson positions by BCRCC appointment
  - v. Nominations to fill County and Legislative District vacancies. (Idaho Code Section 59- 906 and Idaho Code Section 59-906A)
- c. Officers of the BCRCC who are not Precinct Committeepersons may vote in all matters except:
  - i. The election of BCRCC officers
  - ii. The election of delegates to the State Convention
  - iii. Amendments to the By-Laws
  - iv. Elections to fill Precinct Committeeperson positions by BCRCC appointment
  - v. Nominations to fill County and Legislative District vacancies. (Idaho Code Section 59- 906 and Idaho Code Section 59-906A)
- d. There shall be one person, one vote. A member who holds more than one position or office has only one vote.
- e. There will be no nominating committee and nominations shall be made from the floor by members.

**3.8 Voting in Elections.** In the event more than one candidate is nominated in any election, voting shall be conducted by secret ballot. In the event of a tie vote for an office in which no candidate has a majority, the Chairperson shall announce "no election" and shall direct that new ballots be distributed for the office. The

balloting shall be repeated as many times as necessary to obtain a majority vote for a single candidate. Should a deadlock occur, a motion can be made to resolve the tie by an alternate means. Adoption of the motion requires a majority vote.

#### **ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS**

**4.1 Composition.** The BCRCC officers shall be the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, State Committeewoman, State Committeeman, and State Youth Committeeperson and other such officers of the Committee as elected by the Precinct Committeepersons. Officers are not required to be Precinct Committeepersons. The Blaine County Republican Women's President and Legislative District Chairperson (only if a resident of Blaine County) will be voting members of the committee.

#### **4.2 Election of Officers:**

- a. **Reorganization.** All officers of the BCRCC shall be elected by the Precinct Committeepersons at a reorganization meeting called by the incumbent Chairperson to be held within ten (10) days after the Primary Election (Idaho Code Section 34-502). NOTE: Per Idaho Code Section 34-624, the term of a Precinct Committeeperson elected during a primary election does not commence until the voting is certified, the 8th day after the primary election.
- b. The incumbent Chairperson shall provide written notice of the reorganization meeting stating the purpose, date, time and location to each member and officer of the BCRCC at least 7 days prior to such meeting. (Idaho Code Section 34-502).
- c. There will be no nominating committee and nominations shall be made from the floor by members.

**4.3 Term of Office.** The term of office for each officer shall be from his or her election or appointment until the end of the term for which precinct committeepersons are elected. (Idaho Code Section 34- 624). Further, officers, "shall hold office at the pleasure of the county central committee or until their successors are elected," as provided in Idaho Code Section 34-502.

**4.4 Duties of Officers.** Officers shall perform duties prescribed by these Bylaws, Standing Rules of Order and the parliamentary authority adopted by the BCRCC in Article VII of these Bylaws.

#### **a. Chairperson**

- i. Shall call to order and preside at all meetings of the BCRCC.
- ii. Shall act as the official representative of the BCRCC between meetings.
- iii. Shall verify the political affiliation and requirement compliance for the position of any candidate for Precinct Committeeperson or BCRCC officer.
- iv. Shall oversee officers and Precinct Committeepersons pertaining to BCRCC business.
- v. Shall attend Legislative District and State Central Committee Meetings.
- vi. Shall perform such other duties as are determined and granted by State statute, State Party Rules, BCRCC and these By-Laws.

- vii. Shall provide proper notice of meetings and events to be sent to members and officers.
- viii. Shall inform the Blaine County Elections Clerk and State Party of changes in Precinct Committeepersons or officers.
- ix. Shall maintain a copy of the current, approved copy of the Bylaws and Standing Rules of the BCRCC.

**b. Vice Chairperson**

- i. Shall assist the Chairperson.
- ii. Shall carry out assigned responsibilities.
- iii. May preside in the Chairperson's absence at any meeting of the BCRCC or other meeting to which the Chairperson would be authorized to attend.
- iv. Shall perform other duties as assigned by the Chairperson.

**c. Secretary**

- i. Shall record and maintain a file of minutes of all BCRCC meetings, forwarding a copy of draft minutes to the Chairperson for review prior to the draft being presented for approval.
- ii. Shall maintain a current roster of all members of the BCRCC and call the roll to determine attendance and a quorum.
- iii. Shall maintain a record of attendance.
- iv. Shall handle all correspondence as requested by the Chairperson pertaining to BCRCC business.
- v. Shall perform other duties as assigned by the Chairperson.
- vi. Shall maintain a copy of the current, approved copy of the Bylaws and Standing Rules of the BCRCC.

**d. Treasurer**

- i. Shall have charge of all funds of the BCRCC.
- ii. Shall furnish a financial report at each BCRCC meeting.
- iii. Shall file such reports as required by State and Federal Law.
- iv. Shall follow appropriate financial procedures to protect BCRCC funds.
- v. Shall perform other duties as may be requested by the Chairperson.

- e. **The State Committeewoman and State Committeeman.** These are BCRCC's representatives to the State Central Committee and Region and shall attend State Central Committee and Region meetings.
- f. **The State Youth Committeeperson.** The State Youth Committee Person shall be between the ages of 18 and 40 years at the time of his or her election and shall serve as a BCRCC representative to the State Central Committee and Region, liaison with Idaho Young Republicans and shall attend State Central Committee and Region meetings.

## **ARTICLE V: MEETINGS AND QUORUM**

5.1 **Regular Meetings.** Regular meetings shall be established by the Special Rules of Order.

5.2 **Special Meetings.** Special meetings may be called by the Chairperson, or by the Vice Chairperson in the absence of a Chairperson, or by a majority of members of the BCRCC qualified to vote. Proper notification shall consist of at least a 72-hour notice. Notice shall include the date, time and location of the meeting, the purpose for the meeting and the business to be conducted. The meeting shall be limited to the purpose stated in the notice.

5.3 **Executive Session.** An executive session consists of only Officers and Precinct Committeepersons of the BCRCC and may be called by any member of the BCRCC at any BCRCC meeting.

5.4 **Quorum.** Forty percent (40%) of those Precinct Committeepersons presently holding that position shall constitute a quorum whether attending a meeting in person and/or virtually, except that no quorum can be established with less than three (3) members. Proxies cannot be used to establish a quorum.

## **ARTICLE VI**

6.1 The BCRCC shall have standing and special committees as needed.

## **ARTICLE VII: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

7.1 The rules contained in the current edition of Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern the proceedings of the BCRCC in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws, Standing Rules of Order, State Statute or Party Rules.

## **ARTICLE VIII: AMENDMENTS**

8.1 The By-Laws of the BCRCC may be amended at any regular meeting of the BCRCC by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Precinct Committeepersons in attendance. Notice of this action must be given to all members at least (7) days prior to the meeting that amendments will be considered.

8.2 Upon approval, all amendments shall become effective at the following meeting unless otherwise specific.

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