



2026 Winter Rules Committee

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**Title: Amending Article 1, Section 16 (A) & Amending Article 1, Section 16 (B)
Rules and Resolutions Submission Limits**

Submitted by: Madam Chairman Moon

To be presented by: (TBD)

Overview or reason: The number of Rules and Resolutions being submitted for consideration by the SCC are large numbers. Each one is given a certain amount of time allowed for consideration. The amount of time for one Rule is twenty (20) minutes and for a Resolution is ten (10) minutes. Based on the number of 40 resolutions submitted for the Winter Meeting it would be 400 minutes or 6 hours and 40 minutes.

Article 1, Section 16 (A) (1), shall be amended as follows:

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 only a County ,Legislative District, Region, 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. Only County, Legislative District, Region, State Executive Committee, or the State Party Chairman 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 given 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.

Article 1, Section 16 (B) (2) (D), shall be amended as follows:

D. ~~Each member of the State Central Committee (SCC)~~ County, Legislative District, Region, State, Executive Committee or the State Party Chairman may submit up to two (2) proposed resolutions per SCC meeting.

Rule: 2026-02
Title: Amending Article I, Section 16 (C)
Hall of Fame

Submitted by: Canyon County Central Committee

To be presented by: Machele Hamilton, Region IV Chairman

Passed by: Canyon County Central Committee, November 18, 2025

Overview or reason: Each year when the Hall of Fame nominations are due, there is confusion regarding the category of “Outstanding Republican Federal or Statewide Elected Official”. We only have 7 statewide elected officials and 2 senators which creates a rotation of awards rather than true merit-based nominations. In the case of outstanding excellence by any of them, there are numerous other categories in which they would be eligible.

Article 1, Section 16 (C) (1), shall be amended as follows:

Remove the category “Outstanding Republican Federal or Statewide Elected Official” from the list of Hall of Fame awards.

Article 1: The Republican State Central Committee

Section 16 (C) (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

Rule: 2026-03
Title: Amending Article II, Section 3
State Executive Committee Executive Session

Submitted by: Madam Chairman Moon (Article I, Section 16 (1))
To be presented by: (TBD)

Overview or reason: The Executive Committee may have the occasion to discuss sensitive matters such as human resource issues, litigation, etc. To preserve the privacy of the subject, an Executive Session of the Executive Committee may be needed.

Article II, Section 3, shall be amended as follows:

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. An Executive Session may be called by any Executive Committee voting member, during any Executive Committee meeting. Executive Sessions may, at the discretion of the chair, be limited to voting members only.

Rule: 2026-04

**Title: Amending Article IV, Section I
County Central Committee Voting Members**

Submitted by: Kootenai County Republican Central Committee

To be presented by: TBD

Passed by: Kootenai County Republican Central Committee Nov. 25, 2025

Overview or reason: This change would remove any confusion about which voting members may be specified by county bylaws.

Article IV, Section 1 shall be amended as follows:

Article IV: THE COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Section 1: The County Central Committee is composed of the Precinct Committeemen elected at the State Primary Election; the County Chairman, Vice Chairman, State Committeeman, State Committeewoman, State Youth Committeeperson, and other officers of the County Central Committee as are elected by the Precinct Committeemen. Precinct Committeemen shall elect all officers at a meeting called by the incumbent County Chairman to be held upon seven (7) days' notice upon all Precinct Committeemen, within ten (10) days after the Primary Election. Tie votes shall be resolved after 3 votes with debate, by a coin toss. The election of the County Central Committee Officers shall be carried out by secret ballot, except in uncontested races. **Voting members of the County Central Committee shall consist of all Precinct Committeemen, and Elected Officers, and other Additional voting members as may be specified in the County Central Committee's Bylaws.** All members 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.

Rule: 2026-06
Title: Amending Article IV, Section 8
Notification of Vacancy

Submitted by: Kootenai County Republican Central Committee

To be presented by: TBD

Passed by: Kootenai County Republican Central Committee Nov. 25, 2025

Overview or reason: This clarifies when a vacancy occurs and establishes minimum attendance requirements for county central committee regular meetings. Failure to attend four consecutive meeting without an excuse acceptable to the committee will result in the member's seat becoming vacant. Members who vacate their seat by failure to attend are not barred from being nominated to fill the vacancy created.

Article IV, Section 8 shall be amended as follows:

Article IV: THE COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Section 8: A notification of vacancy shall be given by the Chairman of the County Central Committee when any committee member resigns from their position; dies; moves their primary residence from their precinct; changes their party affiliation from Republican; ceases to be a qualified elector; or fails to attend four (4) consecutive regular meetings without an excuse accepted by majority vote of the committee. If an excuse is offered to the committee then it must be considered prior to the adjournment of the fourth absence meeting. The County Central Committee shall appoint by election Precinct Committeeman to fill all vacancies that occur or exist in the offices of Precinct Committeeman. Candidates shall be qualified Republican 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.

Rule: 2026-08
Title: Proposed Party Rule XXII Party Integrity Enforcement

Referred to Committee

Submitted by: Hari Heath, Legislative District 2 Chair

To be presented by: Hari Heath, LD2 Chair

Passed by: Benewah Central Committee November
11, 2025

Whereas, the Idaho Republican Party is a private membership association, organized to promote the incorporation of expressed Republican political ideologies in the operation of government; and,

Whereas, some Republican public office holders, party officials, and precinct committeemen who have affiliated with the Idaho Republican Party have engaged in conduct substantially oppositional to the expressed principles and policies of the Idaho Republican Party Platform: some of whose conduct is defamatory, substantially contrary to and destructive against achieving the expressed goals of the Party, thereby exhibiting active Party Identity Fraud; and,

Whereas, the Idaho Republican Party has the right and duty to discipline its membership against injurious conduct and remove members who evidence conduct which is defamatory, destructive, and/or substantially contrary to the expressed principles and policies of the Idaho Republican Party Platform.

Therefore, the following new Rule Article XXII is proposed to rectify such misconduct by expulsion from the Party or in the alternative, censure:

Article XXII.

Section 1. The Idaho Republican Party is a private non-profit membership association registered with the Secretary of State and organized under Idaho Code: Title 30: Chapter 27, to promote the principles and policies expressed in the Idaho Republican Party Platform by advocating those principles and policies and electing candidates to office that support the Idaho Republican Party Platform.

Section 2. The members of the Idaho Republican Party are those voters who have affiliated with the Party by checking the Republican affiliation box on their voter registration form. Affiliating with the Idaho Republican Party prescribes a tacit duty to adhere to the substantive expressed Party principles and policies found in the Idaho Republican Party Platform, published on the Party's website, IDGOP.org. The duty to adhere to the more substantive Party principles and policies increase when seeking to hold a Party office or holding office as an elected official as an affiliated Republican, which is further prescribed in Article XIII of the Party Rules. Party officers, including precinct committeeman, also have a duty to avoid conduct substantially contrary to Party principles and policies, and other conduct that is defamatory or damaging to Party integrity.

Section 3. As a private membership association, the Idaho Republican Party has the right and duty to enforce substantive violations of its expressed policies and principles, and other conduct that is defamatory, contrary, or damaging to Party integrity upon those who chose to be members by affiliation. The Idaho Republican State Central Committee is the governing body that has the primary duty to enforce said policies and principles; county committees also have a localized enforcement authority. Enforcement may be by expulsion from the Party in substantial cases of violation(s), or alternately by censure.

Section 4. By a petition signed by twenty percent (20%) of the members of the State Central Committee, or where applicable, by a similar petition signed by twenty percent (20%) of county committee members, a Republican affiliated person or persons shall be called to answer for certain expressed substantial violations of the Idaho Party Platform or other defamatory, contrary, or damaging conduct with an Order to Show Cause why they should not be expelled immediately from the Idaho Republican Party for a period of five (5) years. The petition may name multiple persons and the petition shall be prosecuted under the following provisions and procedures:

Section 5. The authority to prosecute an action initiated by petition against Federal Elected official(s), State Constitutional Officer(s), Legislator(s), and State, Region, and Legislative District Party Officer(s) shall be vested exclusively in the Idaho Republican State Central Committee.

Section 6. The authority to prosecute the action initiated by the petition against County Party officer(s), including precinct committeeman, shall be vested in the Idaho Republican State Central Committee or the respective county central committee.

Section 7. The Chair of the respective committee so petitioned shall set a time for a meeting to consider the petition and its enforcement proceedings within seven (7) days of receipt of the petition. The meeting shall be scheduled not less than twenty (20) days nor more than forty-five (45) days after the petition is received by the Chair of the committee and may be at a special meeting or a regular meeting. The Chair of the committee shall provide a venue and give notice of the location of the venue at least ten (10) days before the scheduled meeting.

Section 8. The Chair of the respective committee so petitioned shall attempt to provide notice to the person or persons complained of in the petition of the complaint(s) against them within seven (7) days of receipt of the petition. The attempt to provide notice may be by direct service, mail, or electronic communication. The Chair of the respective committee shall attempt to confirm contact with the party(s) so served and record the attempt and success of such contact.

Section 9. A meeting held pursuant to this article shall be in person and without proxies. Quorum requirements for the respective committees apply for a meeting under this Article. A committee may establish reasonable time and procedure limits to the presentation of petition allegation(s), response by the complained of person, and debate by committee members prior to consideration of the petition(s).

Section 10. Petition must clearly state the nature of the alleged violation(s) relative to the Idaho Republican Party Platform and/or other conduct that is defamatory, contrary, or damaging to Party integrity. In the case of multiple persons listed on a petition, the petition may state general alleged violation(s) with separate supporting documents specifying allegation(s) for each alleged violator.

Section 11. Each person complained of in a petition shall have the matter considered individually as to their alleged conduct, shall have the right to respond to the allegations individually, and any dispositive vote shall be taken individually on each person complained of in the petition.

Section 12. In consideration of the merits of the petition, the committee shall determine: whether evidence and/or testimony of the alleged conduct is valid; whether substantial Party Platform policies and principles and/or other conduct that is defamatory, contrary, or damaging to Party integrity were violated; and whether the conduct was sufficient to merit expulsion from the Idaho Republican Party for five (5) years. A vote to expel requires a sixty percent (60%) vote from the committee. Failure to vote in

the affirmative for expulsion can, by motion and second, be reconsidered for censure with a simple majority vote.

Section 13. Upon an affirmative vote of expulsion, the person so expelled shall be ineligible to affiliate with the Idaho Republican Party for a period of five (5) years from the date of expulsion. During such period of expulsion the person so expelled shall be prohibited from and personally liable for any public claim that they are a Republican; the public use of the Republican name, logo, or any Republican identifier on any campaign material, signage, or media, including electronic media.

Section 14. An aggrieved person who has received a decision of expulsion by a county central committee may petition the Idaho Republican State Central Committee for an appeal of the county committee's decision within thirty (30) days after the county committee's decision. The appeal will be heard at the next regular meeting of the State Central Committee occurring at least ten (10) days after the petition was received. Upon consideration of the matter with reasonable opportunity for a representative of the county committee and the aggrieved person to be heard, the State Central Committee shall vote to affirm or reverse the decision of the county committee by a simple majority vote.

