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CACHE COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY BY-LAWS

We, the duly elected members of the Republican Party Central Committee of Cache County, Utah, meeting in connection with the September 28, 2000 Semi-Annual Central Committee Meeting, do hereby approve and establish the following By-Laws, effective immediately:

ARTICLE 1. THE COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE

The Republican Party Central Committee of Cache County, Utah, hereinafter referred to as the "Central Committee," shall consist of all Voting Precinct Chairmen, Vice Chairmen, and Secretaries elected at the most recent Republican Party Caucuses (mass meetings) held in their respective Precincts, the duly elected or appointed members of the Executive Committee listed in Article 5 below, and the elected Republican state and county officials representing or residing in Cache County. The Central Committee shall govern the affairs of the Republican Party in Cache County and shall exercise those powers conferred by the Utah Republican Party Constitution and by these By-laws.

ARTICLE 2. MEETINGS

Meetings of the Central Committee may be convened at any time upon the call of the County Chairman, or at the written request of any twelve (12) members of the Central Committee or any four (4) members of the Executive Committee specified below. Central Committee meetings shall be held at least semi-annually prior to the county convention in the spring and Election Day in the fall. Notice of all meetings shall be given at least twenty (20) days beforehand, except in cases of emergency as determined by the County Chairman.

ARTICLE 3. OFFICERS

(3A) The officers of the Central Committee shall consist of a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. Such officers shall be elected at the organizing convention held in odd-numbered years in accordance with the provisions of the Utah Republican Party Constitution.

(3B) Any Republican who desires to run for one of these offices must file a letter of intent with the current Chairman of the Party no less than ten (10) days prior to the County Organizing Convention (odd-numbered years), in order for their name to appear on the ballot. Persons filing after the ten day deadline will not appear on the ballot and must have the signatures of 50 delegates in order for their candidacy to be valid.

ARTICLE 4. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

(4A1) COUNTY CHAIRMAN. The Chairman of the Central Committee, in addition to the duties with which he/she is charged by statute, shall be the chief executive officer of the Republican Party in Cache County and shall preside over all meetings of the Central Committee, the Executive Committee and the Advisory Committee. He/she shall effectuate the policies determined by said committees and shall perform all duties as may be prescribed by these By-laws, or as may be assigned by the Executive Committee or the Central Committee.

(4A2) He/she shall arrange for a biennial review of the Central Committee finances and records to be completed by a qualified person approved by a majority of the executive committee, who is not a member of the executive committee, two weeks prior to the County Organizing Convention (odd-numbered years), so that a report of the audit may be given at the convention.

(4A3) At any of the above committee meetings, the Chairman or acting Chairman may vote to make or break a tie.

(4B) VICE CHAIRMAN. The Vice Chairman of the Central Committee shall assist the Chairman in the duties of his/her office and exercise the powers of the Chairman during his/her absence or disability. The Vice Chairman shall also perform such other duties as may be assigned to him/her by the Chairman, the Executive Committee or the Central Committee.

(4C) SECRETARY. The Secretary of the Central Committee shall keep the minutes and attendance records of all meetings of the Central Committee, the Executive Committee, the County Conventions and the Advisory Committee, and shall be custodian of the minutes, files and records of each of these committees as delegated.

(4D1) TREASURER. The Treasurer of the Central Committee shall account for all monies of the Central Committee, keeping regular books of account, and shall be a member of the Finance/Budget Committee. The Treasurer shall, whenever required to do so by the Central Committee or Executive Committee, make an exhibit of the treasury and submit his/her books, records, and vouchers for examination and/or audit.

(4D2) The books and records of the treasury shall be subject to a biennial review by a qualified person approved by a majority of the executive committee, who is not a member of the executive committee. The Treasurer shall also make an interim report on the state of the treasury at every other meeting of the Executive Committee and at the semiannual Central Committee meetings. The Treasurer shall give the audited financial report at the Organizing Convention each year.

(4D3) No payments shall be made by the Treasurer for other than approved budget items without the prior approval of the Executive Committee and without the signature of two people designated by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 5. COMMITTEES.

(5A1) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. The executive powers of the Central Committee shall be vested in the Executive Committee. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to cooperate with the State Central Committee and its officers in conducting political campaigns and in carrying out the directions of the Central Committee.

(5A2) The Executive Committee of the County Central Committee shall consist of the officers of the Central Committee, Legislative Co-Chairmen, and as many as five (5) non-voting members who may be appointed by the Chairman from among appropriate party workers.

(5A3) Should any of the Voting Executive Committee members choose to run for a state or county elected office and if there is a Republican opponent, the member will recuse him or herself from the party position until after a nominee has been chosen for the office for which the member has filed.

(5A4) At the County Organizing Convention (odd-numbered years), the Central Committee members shall divide themselves into separate caucuses for each of the Legislative Districts within the County and shall each elect by majority vote two (2) Legislative District Co-Chairmen to the Executive Committee. The duly elected Legislative District Co-Chairmen shall act as representatives of their respective Legislative Districts on the Executive Committee.

(5A5) The duties of the Legislative District Co-Chairmen shall include keeping the Precinct officers informed of new political developments and of other duties as the Executive Committee and Central Committee may direct.

(5A6) Meetings of the Executive Committee may be convened at any time upon the call of the County Chairman, or at the written request of any four (4) members of the Executive Committee. Executive Committee meetings shall be held at least quarterly. Notice of all meetings shall be given at least seven (7) days beforehand, except in cases of emergency as determined by the County Chairman.

(5A7) A quorum of the Executive Committee shall consist of at least six (6) voting members present at the meeting.

(5B 1) FINANCE/BUDGET, ADVISORY AND OTHER COMMITTEES. The County Chairman may appoint a Finance/Budget Committee, an Advisory Committee and such other committees as he/she shall deem appropriate. The Chairman of each of these committees may be a non-voting/ex-officio member of the Executive Committee. These committees shall meet at least quarterly to conduct business.

(5B2) THE FINANCE/BUDGET COMMITTEE shall cooperate with the Treasurer of the Central Committee in preparing budgets and in raising funds to carry on the work of the Party. All funds raised by the Finance Committee shall be paid over to the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall serve as a member of the Finance/Budget Committee.

(5B3) THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE shall be comprised of dedicated Republicans appointed by the County Chairman and shall make suggestions and recommendations to the Executive Committee as requested by the County Chairman.

(5C 1) STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS. The County Chairman and Vice Chairman are automatically members of the State Central Committee. Additional County Representatives to the State Central Committee shall be elected at the County Organizing Convention (odd-numbered years).

(5C2) The number of county representatives elected to serve on the State Central Committee is determined by the State Party.

ARTICLE 6. DELEGATES

(6A) NUMBERS OF DELEGATES. The total number of delegates to the county convention shall be no less than five hundred (500). The total number of state delegates allowed from each county is determined by the State Party.

(6B1) PRECINCT CAUCUSES. The party shall call a party caucus of citizens in each voting precinct to be held at each date and time determined by the Utah Republican Party. The County Executive Committee, in consultation with the Precinct Chairmen, shall designate the locations where the party caucuses will be held. The chair of each voting precinct shall cause notice of the time and place of the party caucus to be posted in at least three public places in the voting precinct at least five days before the date of the caucus, and shall chair the caucus.

(6B2) The party caucus for each voting precinct shall elect a voting precinct chair, vice chair, and secretary; and the number of delegates to the county and state conventions that the voting precinct has qualified to elect, plus an equal or lesser number of alternate delegates. Each voting precinct caucus may elect one delegate to the county convention and the state convention for each definite number, determined for each convention by the county executive officers, of votes cast at the last November election within the voting precinct for all the party's candidates for the offices of governor and lieutenant governor; attorney general, state auditor, and state treasurer, excluding the vote for any candidate who had no opposition.

(6B3) Balloting shall continue for at least one-half hour after the time the party caucus opens for business. The newly elected precinct officers assume their duties at the end of the caucus. They shall certify and deliver the results of the election for delegates and voting precinct officers to the county party chair. The county chair and secretary shall deliver the results to the state party chair. The county chair and secretary shall prepare a complete register of all the names of the persons elected as delegates to the county nominating convention in the voting precincts; and make the register available for inspection by any county central committee member at reasonable times.

(6B4) Should a precinct not fill its quota of state delegates assigned, balloting will be held at the county convention between the alternate delegates from the legislative district wherein that precinct lies to fill those vacant positions.

(6B5) Automatic Delegates: The County Executive Committee members, members of the State Republican Central Committee who represent Cache County, and Republican State and Cache County elected officials who reside in Cache County shall have automatic delegate status to the county and state conventions if they so desire. Voting precinct chairmen shall have automatic delegate status to the county convention. Automatic delegate status shall go with the office, not with the person. Automatic delegates are in addition to the delegate allocation determined above (6B2).

(6B6) All county and state delegates shall represent the precinct in which they live.

ARTICLE 7. QUALIFICATIONS FOR PARTY OFFICES AND STATE AND COUNTY DELEGATES.

Any person voting in a party caucus, seeking a position as a delegate or seeking any other precinct or party office enumerated above must be qualified as follows:

- (A) U.S. citizen
- (B) 18 years of age or older by the next general election;
- (C) Reside in the geographical boundaries by the next general election for which the position represents;
- (D) A registered Republican voter prior to voting or acting in the position; and
- (E) Not a member of any other political party.

ARTICLE 8. VACANCIES

(8A) Any vacancy caused by the inability of any duly elected delegate to attend the County or State Republican Party Convention, shall be filled by the respective precinct chairman, who shall appoint a replacement from the voting precinct in which the vacancy occurs from among the alternate delegates elected at the precinct caucus. This appointment must be made by the certification deadline of the respective convention.

(8B) If the vacancy of a state delegate position is not filled from that voting precinct, as provided for in (8A), a delegate will be appointed from the legislative district in which that voting precinct lies by the County Executive Committee.

(8C) In the event of any such vacancy in the office of County Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, or Legislative District Co-Chairmen, the County Central Committee shall meet within one hundred twenty (120) days after the vacancy occurs, or the next County Convention shall meet, whichever is sooner, upon no less than ten (10) days prior notice, for the purpose of electing a successor. In the interim, the County Chairman is authorized to fill any such vacancy on a temporary basis, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee.

(8D) In the event of a vacancy concerning a Precinct Chairman, the Precinct Vice Chairman shall become the Chairman and shall appoint a new Vice Chairman.

(8E) If the offices of both Precinct Chairman and Vice Chairman are vacant, the respective Legislative District Co-Chairmen may appoint a new Precinct Chairman. In the event of a vacancy in the offices of Vice Chairman or Secretary of any Precinct, the Precinct Chairman of that Precinct is empowered to appoint a successor.

(8F) The appointment of a successor to any vacancy shall be limited to the remainder of his/her predecessor's unexpired term.

ARTICLE 9. VOTING

(9A) All matters to be voted upon by any committee established by these By-laws or any convention or precinct caucus shall be by majority vote of those present and authorized to vote, unless otherwise specified herein. An election vote among multiple candidates to fill more than one position that does not produce enough majority vote winners to fill the positions shall be completed either by additional rounds of voting among the remaining candidates or by ratifying the plurality vote winners by a majority vote. Voting for each office at any Central Committee meeting or county convention shall be among only the voting precincts governed or represented by that office. Voting by proxy is expressly prohibited at any meeting of any committee established herein or any convention or precinct caucus.

(9B) The County Executive Committee and Elected officials shall be entitled to participate in all elections and all other matters before the County Convention in the same manner as any delegate to the Convention.

(9C) Multiple balloting at the county convention or at Central Committee meetings may be done by successive ballots or by a combined instant runoff ballot or by a combination of those two methods, as determined by the Central Committee.

(9D) Any candidate for elected office who receives at least 70% of the votes cast for that office on any ballot at the county convention shall be the party's nominee for that position. If no candidate receives that total on the final ballot, then the two (2) candidates receiving the most votes will be certified for the primary election ballot, and the primary election results will determine the party's nominee.

(9E) Any candidate who is unopposed at the county convention must be confirmed by a majority vote at the convention to be the party's nominee for the respective office.

(9F) The current Cache County Republican Platform, with amendments at subsequent county conventions, shall be the continuing statement of our principles of government.

ARTICLE 10. MISCELLANEOUS

(10A) Roberts Rules of Order shall govern all meetings contemplated by the By-laws when not in conflict herewith.

(10B) These By-laws may be amended at any time by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of qualified voting members or delegates present at a regular or specifically called County Central Committee meeting or County Convention, respectively. (10C) A copy of the By-laws and any amendments hereto shall be furnished to all members of the Executive Committee and to the Utah Republican Party chairman within 30 days after enactment and to any interested Republican thereafter upon request.

(These Bylaws were last amended February 4, 2009, at a meeting of the County Central Committee)