



## 2023 Fall CCC Meeting

Thursday, October 5, 2023 at Logan High School Little Theater  
Credentialing begins at 6:30 PM, call to order 7 PM. Adjourn *no later* than 10 PM.

1. Welcome, Chair
2. Prayer - [JoAnn Bennett \(LOG09\)](#)
3. Present Colors
4. National Anthem
5. Pledge of Allegiance - [Valerie Byrnes \(PRO02\)](#)
6. Adopt Rules - **Motion to adopt: David Peacock (LOG12) - APPROVED**
7. Adopt Agenda - **Motion to adopt: Kim Hawkes (NLG01) - APPROVED**
8. Approve minutes last CCC meeting - [2023 Spring CCC Meeting Minutes](#) - **Motion to amend: David Palmer (SMI08) / Second: Angee Martin (HYR04) - under the discussion on the Resolution on Voting in Cache County, add: "David Palmer - point of information - there is nothing in state law preventing the county from doing their own audit independent of the machines." - PASSED**
9. Calendar
10. Julie Rudie, Teenage Republicans, 2 min - [planning first meeting on 11/15/23, another meeting scheduled for 1/15/24, at Sunrise Elementary in Smithfield; need another adult volunteer to help; need teenagers to join](#)
11. Chris Lauritzen, Cache Republican Veterans, 2 min - [Veteran Day breakfast & ceremony 11/11/23 at 8 AM at the Historic Courthouse](#)
12. Angee Martin, Cache Republican Women, 2 min - [leadership has been elected/bylaws have been passed; meet every 1st Friday of the month at the Thai House restaurant at noon; will be having Pregnancy Resource Center come to present on 10/6/23](#)
13. David Palmer, present RNC voting Resolution, 4 min
14. Report Treasurer - [\\$13,522 balance \(\\$2,200 of that will be going back to the Cache Republican Women's group\); find the budget on the website in the EC meeting minutes](#)
15. Report Secretary - [reported on the meeting with Logan Superintendent Frank Schofield & Cache Superintendent Todd McKee with members of the Executive Committee where we discussed education; check our social media pages - they are updated frequently: \[Facebook page\]\(#\) \[Facebook group\]\(#\) \[Instagram\]\(#\) \[Twitter\]\(#\)](#)



16. Report Vice Chair - Latino Festival was successful - handed out more platforms & Constitutions than at the Fair; only had a few volunteers (Geoff, Natalie, & John, & our Hispanic Outreach committee), had great discussions with many people who were not afraid to passionately share their views; also encouraged involvement in TARS
17. Report Chair - current registered voters in Cache County = Republican: 38,665, Democrat: 6,102, Independent: 17,913; how can we reach the Independents?; reviewed the last election results - need to help Legislative District 3 stay Republican - will need help with Dan Johnson's campaign; plan to place door hangers for Caucus on every door - discussed whether to hang on Republican doors or everyone - will likely depend on which lists we are able to get
18. Credential Report - 70 Credentialed
19. Bylaw Changes - Natalie Levi (County VC) chaired this portion of the meeting; Clair Ellis (PRO02) served as parliamentarian
  1. (5A3) Executive Committee members - PASSED
  2. (6B6) Holding multiple offices/delegate positions - PASSED
  3. (9F) Platform amendments - FAILED
  4. (Article 7) Registered Republican requirement - PASSED
  5. (6B2) Alternate delegates - PASSED
  6. (8H4) Special Election procedure - PASSED AS AMENDED
  7. (5A4.1) Party Election procedure - PASSED AS AMENDED
  8. (6B7) Delegate contact list - PASSED AS AMENDED
  9. (8A - 8B) Delegate substitutions - PASSED AS AMENDED
  10. (3A) Electing County Officers - PASSED
  11. (5A10) Policy Vote Sunset - PASSED
  12. (9D) Nominating Convention Threshold - FAILED
20. Adjourn



"The mission of the Cache GOP is to promote and defend the Constitution and values of our party Platform through finding, electing and supporting principled Republicans in elected offices through the caucus-convention system. The Party also defends our Platform through media, social events, training, and education."

#### Convention Rules, RR 59:27

1. Speakers face the chair when making motions, and face the body when presenting information.
2. Debate time for the adoption of the agenda is limited to 10 minutes.
3. Each delegate to this meeting will be issued a credential card that is non-transferrable and must be displayed at the time of voting.
4. Only members of the Cache Central Committee are allowed to speak unless approved by the chair per RR 61:19.
5. Bylaw Discussion: Maximum time limit for discussion on each Bylaw proposal is 15 minutes, except proposal 9 which is limited to 30 minutes with a 5 minute introduction. At the end of the discussion time, the Committee may motion to extend the debate time by a specific number of minutes by majority vote. Speakers are limited to 2 minutes each. Speakers may ask the person proposing the bylaw change questions, who may give short responses. At the end of the discussion period, all pending amendments are voted on in their current state after which the main motion is voted on.

#### For Reference From our bylaws:

1. (2A) A quorum for the Central Committee shall be 50 members, or a majority of precincts represented.
2. (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.

Discussion on voting, See RR 44:7-8: The word "present" in 10B means that if the quorum requirement is 50, credentialed were 500, and only 50 authorized voters are PRESENT in the hall, 34 are needed to pass the bylaw change, even if only 20 people cast a vote. An abstention is the same as a nay vote. This means that we must know how many credentialed voters remain in the hall per RR 44:9 at the time of the vote. To accomplish this, the chair shall ask for ayes, nays, and abstentions to ensure all credentialed voters are represented, total of which shall be the denominator when calculating majority or 2/3 percentages.



## Bylaw Proposals

(additions are underlined, removals ~~striketrough~~)

### Bylaw Proposal 1 - **PASSED**

Presented by Sid Roderer (LEW) in Tim's absence  
Angee Martin (HYR04) - point of information - wanted clarification that if they don't win the election, will they get their position back? Answer: no

#### Proposed by Tim Lindsay, Logan 1 District Chair

*Bylaw 5A3 addresses what happens if a member of the Executive Committee runs in a primary or general election for an elected office, but does not include special elections. This proposal simplifies the bylaw by automatically vacating the office when an Executive Committee member files to run for any elected government office.*

(5A3) ~~Should~~ When any of the voting members of the Executive Committee files to run in the ~~Primary Election~~ for a state or county government elected office and if there is a Republican opponent, the member shall be recused from the party position until after a nominee has been chosen for the office for which the member has filed. If any voting member of the Executive Committee files to run for a state or county elected partisan office against a Republican candidate in the General Election, the member's position shall be is vacated.

#### Proposed revised text:

(5A3) When a member of the Executive Committee files to run for a state or county government elected office, the member's position is vacated.

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## Bylaw Proposal 2 - **PASSED**

*Proposed by Geoff Cox: At a recent nominating convention, there was concern about a member casting more than one ballot due to holding more than one position, such as precinct officer and ex officio.*

(6B6) All regular county and state delegates shall represent the precinct in which they live. At County meetings and conventions, ex officio delegates shall only represent the precinct in which they live. Any member who holds more than one office and/or delegate position may only cast one vote.

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## Bylaw Proposal 3 - **FAILED - 38 yay / 22 nay (failed 2/3 vote)**

Rocky Ricks (RVH01) - point of information - state or county? Answer: county  
Darcy Rees (PRO02) - point of information - wanted clarification on when the agenda would be published & platform amendments available to review prior to meeting  
Mike Petersen (NLG05) - point of information - the state party platform can only be changed at convention, not at the SCC  
Paul Borup (LOG08) - suggestion for CCC to amend, but must be ratified by delegates at convention  
Victoria Bodily (LOG18) - spoke in favor  
Mike Peel (PAR) - spoke against  
Austin Stoker (NLG02) - point of information - could convention undo any amendments CCC made? Answer: yes  
Steve Harris (SMI01) - point of information - have there been problems getting platform amendments passed? Answer: yes  
Angee Martin (HYR04) - spoke in favor  
Pamela Budge (PAR) - spoke against  
**Rex Nelson (LOG09) / Second: Angee Martin (HYR04) - motion to amend to add: "Any platform amendments must be ratified by two-thirds (2/3) vote at County Convention to take effect." - PASSED**

*Proposed by Geoff Cox: Bylaw 9F only allows our platform to be amended at county conventions. At the end of most conventions, the delegates do not want to stay and debate bylaw or platform changes. The functional effect of the current 9F is to deny the Central Committee the power to change the platform. Therefore, as a practical change, I suggest we replace 9F with same language as 10B which specifies how bylaws are amended:*



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

*For reference:* (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.

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#### **Bylaw Proposal 4 - PASSED**

*Proposed by Geoff Cox: Article 7-D provides qualifications for caucus delegates, precinct officers and party officers. Government elected offices in regular elections are governed by state code, but special elections leave it up to the party. This proposal establishes criteria for special election candidates. The current language states that a candidate for office does not need to be a registered Republican at the time of filing to run, but only needs to be registered "prior to voting or acting in the office" which means **after** they are elected. This change requires verification of Republican registration before filing to run.*

#### 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, party office, ~~or elected 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.
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## **Bylaw Proposal 5 - PASSED**

Steve Moore (NLG01) - point of information - caucus result reporting reflect more alternate delegates to be elected at caucus; Answer: yes  
Pat Harris (LEW) - spoke in favor

*Proposed by Geoff Cox: Experience shows that we run out of alternate delegates often. This change allows precincts to elect more alternates than delegates to help Precinct Chairs ensure their precinct is represented at meetings.*

(6B2) The party caucus for each voting precinct shall elect a voting precinct chair, vice chair, secretary, and treasurer; and the number of delegates to the county and state conventions that the voting precinct has qualified to elect, plus ~~an equal or lesser~~ alternate delegates up to twice the number of delegates.

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## **Bylaw Proposal 6 - PASSED AS AMENDED**

**Pamela Budge (PAR) - motion to amend - remove the last line to allow for fees**  
Holly Call (NEW) - spoke against amendment  
Chad Jensen - point of information - candidates running for office have to pay \$644 fee to the county to file for office  
**Amendment PASSED**

JoAnn Bennett (LOG09) - spoke against

### **Special Election Procedure**

*Proposed by Geoff Cox: This bylaw sets defines the election period for special elections. The party must return the name of the elected winner within 30 days of being notified of the need for a special election, so we must give the candidates as much time as possible to campaign. This proposal also includes protection to candidates from undue fees, giving more citizens the opportunity to run. This proposal defines the exact manner that every candidate is treated by the party, eliminating any possible concern about party officers favoring one candidate over another.*



(8H4) The candidate filing period for a special election opens 48 hours after official notice of the vacancy is received by the party and closes at 5 PM 7 days before election day. Individuals seeking to run in a special election must file with the Party the information listed in Article 7. Within 24 hours of receipt, party will publish on its website home page and social media accounts notice of filing and provide electronic delegate contact information in a spreadsheet file. The Party will provide delegate RSVP status to candidates immediately upon request. ~~The Party will not charge candidates fees for filing or campaigning or using delegate contact lists or convention booth space, or any other reason.~~

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## **Bylaw Proposal 7 - PASSED AS AMENDED**

**Darcy Rees (PRO02) - motion to amend - change “24 hours” to “one business day” & add “calendar” in between “45 days” - PASSED**

### **Party Election Filing Procedure**

*Proposed by Geoff Cox: This proposal is almost exactly like the last one, but applies only to party offices. It also includes protection to candidates from undue filing fees.*

*This bylaw will defines the exact manner that every candidate is treated by the party, eliminating the concern about party officers favoring one candidate over another.*

Delete 3B

~~(3B) Any Republican who desires to run for one of these offices must file a letter of intent with the current Chair 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.~~

(5A4.1) The candidate filing period for Party Officer, District Chair or Central Committee Member opens 45 **calendar** days before the election and closes at 5 PM 7 days before election day. Individuals seeking to run must file with the Party the information listed in Article 7. Within **24 hours one business day** of receipt, party will publish on its website home page and social media accounts notice of filing and provide electronic delegate contact information in a spreadsheet file. The Party will provide delegate RSVP status to candidates immediately upon request. ~~The Party will not charge candidates fees for filing or campaigning or using delegate contact lists or convention booth space, or any other reason.~~





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## Bylaw Proposal 8 - PASSED AS AMENDED

**Steve Moore (NLG01) / Second: Darcy Rees (PRO02) - motion to amend - replace "24 hours" & "immediately" to "within two business days"**

Chad Jensen - spoke against amendment

**Amendment PASSED**

Sid Roderer (LEW) - spoke against

Victoria Bodily (LOG18) - spoke in favor

## Nominating Convention

*Proposed by Geoff Cox: This proposal defines when a candidate seeking the party nomination for elected office can obtain the delegate list.*

(6B7) Within ~~24 hours~~ two business days of receipt of a request for the delegate list by a non-signature gathering candidate who has filed to run for elected office at the nominating convention, the party will provide electronic delegate contact information in a spreadsheet file. The Party will provide delegate RSVP status to candidates ~~immediately~~ within two business days upon request.

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## Bylaw Proposal 9 - PASSED AS AMENDED

Austin Stoker (NLG02) - point of information - clarification that precinct chairs must contact alternates in order; Answer: yes

Holly Call (NEW) - point of information - clarification that precinct vice chair can fill in for precinct chair in contacting alternates, Answer: yes

**AMENDMENT #1: Pat Harris (LEW) - motion to amend - replace (8C) with new language District Vice Chairs replace absent ex-officio delegates**

Pamela Budge (PAR) - spoke in favor of amendment



Heather Jensen (PAR) - point of information - are District Vice Chairs able to attend their precinct caucus to run as delegate? Answer: not usually, but possible to run while not in attendance

Laura Johnson (PAR) - spoke against amendment

**Amendment #1 PASSED**

**AMENDMENT #2: Mike Petersen (NLG05) / Second: Nicole Oksness (NLG06) - motion to amend - remove (8A2) - PASSED**

### **Alternate Selection Process**

*Proposed by Geoff Cox: Bylaw 8A, 8B, 8C uses the word "vacancy" when the word "absence" is intended. The term "vacancy" means an office that is empty. Bylaws 8D to 8H3 address empty positions.*

*Some people interpret the word "elect" and "replacement" to mean a permanent change where an absent delegate is no longer a delegate for future meetings and the alternate becomes the permanent delegate going forward. I would like to clarify that alternates are substituted for one meeting only.*

*When alternates are elected, they are ranked in the order of the percentage of votes they receive, and should be asked to substitute in the order they were elected.*

*Article 8 lacks specificity regarding special elections.*

*What happens if an alternate that agreed to substitute for a delegate subsequently becomes unavailable and the original delegate becomes available? The original delegate should have an opportunity to attend.*

*8B allows the Executive Committee to replace state delegates but gives no time period. As the precinct chair is tasked with making sure the precinct is fully represented, 8B is confusing. I add clarification such that when the precinct chair needs help because there are no other alternates remaining, a replacement can be found. I change this to the District Chair instead of the Executive Committee, who in practice does not have the time or knowledge of delegates to make this decision.*

*8C requires the Executive Committee to find an alternate for ex officio delegates that cannot attend. There is no time frame for this assistance, and again, the Executive Committee does not have the time or knowledge to do this, so I propose in 8A that the precinct chair where the ex officio lives select a substitute from alternates. 8C is updated to allow the District Chair to find an alternate if the precinct chair cannot.*



**Original:**

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 Chair, 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 county council district in which that voting precinct lies by the County Executive Committee.

(8C) Any vacancy in an ex officio delegate position shall be filled by the Executive Committee, which shall elect a replacement from among the alternate delegates elected at the precinct caucuses within the jurisdiction of the vacated delegate's office.

**Bylaw Proposal:**

(8A) Any ~~vacancy~~ absence caused by the inability of any duly elected county, state or ex officio delegate to attend the a County or State Republican Party Convention or Special Election, shall be filled by the respective precinct Chair, who shall ~~appoint~~ select a ~~replacement~~ substitute from the voting precinct in which the ~~vacancy~~ absence occurs from among the alternate delegates elected at the precinct caucus in elected rank order.

(8A1) When absent delegates subsequently become available, they notify the precinct Chair, who will fill new absences with delegates in order of notification before selecting from the alternate list.

~~(8A2) For county meetings, alternate substitutions must be made by the certification deadline of the respective convention registered with the party no later than 48 hours before the meeting.~~

(8B) If the ~~vacancy~~ absence of a state delegate ~~position~~ is not filled from ~~that~~ the voting precinct as provided for in (8A), and at the request of the precinct chair, a substitute delegate will be ~~appointed~~ selected from the alternate delegates in the county council district in which ~~that~~ the voting precinct lies by the ~~County Executive Committee~~ District Chair.



~~(8C) Any vacancy absence in an ex officio delegate position unfilled from the precinct may, at the request of the precinct chair, shall be filled by the Executive Committee District Chair, which shall select a replacement substitute from among the alternate delegates elected at the precinct caucuses within the jurisdiction county council district of the absent vacated delegate's office.~~

(8C) Any absence in an ex officio delegate position shall be filled by the Executive Committee, which shall select a substitute from among the District Vice Chairs.

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### **Bylaw Proposal 10 - PASSED**

*Proposed by Geoff Cox: Bylaw 3A is unclear as to who votes in Party officer elections.*

(3A) The officers of the Central Committee shall consist of a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Such officers shall be elected by the Central Committee, County Delegates and ex officio delegates at the organizing convention held in odd- numbered years in accordance with the provisions of the Utah Republican Party Constitution. Such officers shall be seated immediately after election and shall serve through the next county organizing convention.

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### **Bylaw Proposal 11 - PASSED**

Nicole Oksness (NLG06) - point of information - would this prevent old chair giving new chair contact list? Answer: contact list is not a policy vote, so it will not effect  
Steve Harris (SMI01) - spoke against

**Emily Shaw (LOG04) / Second: Holly Call (NEW) / David Peacock (LOG12) - motion to amend - add new bylaw (5A11) "If a County Officer is replaced, he/she will convey all assets of the party to the new officer, including, but not limited to, passwords, accounts, logins, email accounts, website accounts, cloud drives, etc."**

Mike Petersen (NLG05) - point of order - not germane

Chair Natalie Levi ruled amendment is not in scope - amendment FAILED



### **Policy Vote Sunset**

*Proposed by Geoff Cox: This is a new bylaw suggestion. The Central and Executive Committees vote on policies during its tenure. These do not have the same strength as bylaws, and should not carry over to the next term of officers or central committee members. The new Committees should have a clean slate, with only the bylaws to govern their deliberations and decisions. This is supported by our platform.*

(5A10) All policy votes approved by the central committee or executive committee expire at the end of the next Organizing Convention.

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### **Bylaw Proposal 12 - FAILED**

Darcy Rees (PRO02) - spoke against

Mike Peel (PAR) - spoke in favor

**Emily Shaw (LOG04) / Second: Penny Merrell - motion to amend - change "60%" to "65%" - FAILED**

Heather Jensen (PAR) - spoke against

### **Nominating Convention Threshold**

*Sponsored by Geoff Cox, proposed by Matthew Lammi, County Delegate SMI05: I would like to propose a change to Bylaw 9D (nominating convention thresholds) from 70% to 60%.*

(9D) Any candidate for elected office who receives at least ~~70%~~ 60% 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.

Please note that the only change proposed is from "70%" to "60%".

Here are the primary thresholds for the State of Utah's top eight counties:

<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>Primary Threshold</b>
State of Utah	3,231,370	60%



Salt Lake County	1,173,331	60%
Utah County	648,265	60%
Davis County	358,831	60%
Weber County	259,390	60%
Washington County	176,533	70%
<b>Cache County</b>	<b>131,703</b>	<b>70%</b>
Tooele County	71,340	60%
Box Elder County	56,891	60%

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