



2024 Spring CCC Meeting

Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at Green Canyon High School.
Credentialing begins at 6:30 PM, call to order 7:00 PM.

1. Welcome, Chair - [Geoff Cox](#)
2. Prayer - [Bonnie Grieff](#)
3. National Anthem - [sung acapella by members of the committee](#)
4. Pledge of Allegiance - [JoAnn Bennett](#)
5. Credential Report - [75 members, corrected to 76 members](#)
6. Adopt Standing Rules (listed below) - **proposed by Chair and adopted**
7. Adopt Agenda - **Steve Moore (NLG01) made a motion to add a discussion on the following items:**
 - Review of Caucus Night**
 - State GOP not citing non-convention winners on literature**
 - Repeal of SB54**
 - Second by Dawn McEwen (LOG17)**
 - Motion carried to approve amended agenda**
8. Approve [Minutes Fall 2023 Central Committee Meeting](#) - **Approved**
9. Approve [Minutes April 13 Nominating Convention](#) - **Approved**
10. John Drew, Report Treasurer - [presented the Financial Report](#). He summarized the figures on the spreadsheet and pointed out that the Lincoln Day Dinner netted approximately \$30,000 resulting in a current balance of \$43,091.00. He informed the committee that, because the revenue was over \$25,000, he is required to file a report with the IRS as well as the usual report to the Lieutenant Governor's Office required by parties and candidates. Details are published on the party website. The financial report is available in the minutes to the [June Executive Committee Meeting](#). An informal discussion followed concerning how the money should be used.
 - A motion was made by Angie Martin(HYR04)/Second by Mary Ellen Spackman (LEW) to amend the agenda to discuss spending money to support candidates. Steve Moore (NLG01) spoke against the motion and Megan Izatt (PAR) spoke for the motion. Motion failed (2/3 majority needed to amend agenda).**
11. Pam Budge, Report Secretary (excused) - [Pat Harris took meeting minutes](#)



12. Natalie Levi, Report Vice Chair (excused)

13. Geoff Cox, Report Chair

1. Stewardship Report - included a PowerPoint Presentation of his stewardship. He indicated that his goals when he ran for the chairmanship included:

a. Improve party website to load more quickly – 32,000 hits to date on website

b. Party hosted a Constitution Day Dinner featuring Dr. Scott Bradley.

The Lincoln Day Dinner with Tad Callister for speaker was a success with 409 attendees and 39 tables sold. A profit of 73% was made and a dessert option was offered for \$15 for those who preferred not to spend the money for the dinner.

c. Improve caucus attendance— Attendees at caucus meetings was 4,032, 126% over the previous year. He indicated that the Presidential Preference Poll was a possible factor. Training for Precinct Chairs had 92% attendance with 49 chairs and 14 vice chairs and door hangers were passed out by 15 precinct chairs.

d. Donations at Caucus--\$6,167.00

e. Videos of events at Historical CourtHouse – available to view on website.

f. Open Houses for Candidates – An open house was held for State and Federal Candidates to meet with State Delegates. 120 of the 166 delegates attended (72%)

g. Volunteer needs:

1. Latino Festival—last year platforms and constitutions in Spanish were given to very enthused attendees. Comments were made that the county has approximately 10% Latino population and we need to reach out and get them involved.



2. Parades

3. Committee needed for Constitution Day Dinner

4. Help our candidates who have opponents: Petersen, Tidwell, Thompson and Wilson.

5. Facebook Comment Page had some misunderstanding about certain bylaws which were explained and clarified by the Chair

6. Flag Day/Candidate Open house tomorrow night Thursday, June 14 and all are encouraged to attend. All of the candidates for county, state and federal offices have been invited to attend (see details below).

7. Cache Valley Remembers: On September 11-14 there will be a museum-like display with over 400 pictures. Details can be seen on cachevalleyremembers.com Members of the Central Committee suggested that the party have a booth at that event to help people register to vote.

2. Question Time - Ask your questions

It was suggested that emails, or possibly texts, be sent to members of the committee listing volunteer opportunities which the Chair agreed to do.

John Drew reminded the committee that next year is a municipal election with much less participation and therefore the fundraising won't be as robust and that we should be careful with the money we have. He also suggested that we should have a very dynamic speaker for the Lincoln Day Dinner to draw in participation. He suggested that General Flynn would be a good choice.

Aaron Rudie (SMI01), husband of Julie Rudie, the TARS Chair, encouraged the members to support and build the TARS program in order to get young voters into the party. He indicated that the TARS group only has 6 members at the present time. Geoff Cox reminded the committee



members that the TARS were responsible for the lunch at the April Nominating Convention.

14. Bryson Behm Election Report - was unable to attend this meeting but sent a letter addressed to the group. One of the points of his letter was to ask for volunteers to help with the In-person voting on June 18-21. Details can be obtained on cachecounty.gov. Letter included below.
15. Credential Report - 80 members
16. Resolution To Terminate Utah's Membership in ERIC Electronic Registration Information Center - FAILED - see below
17. Credential Report - 78 members
18. Bylaw Proposals - In order to present bylaw changes the Chair yielded the Chair of the Meeting to John Drew. - see notes below
19. Geoff Cox took over as Chair and called on Steve Moore (NLG01) to voice his concerns for discussion by the committee.

a. Caucus night was not successful, mostly due to technical issues created by the State Party.

b. He was offended that the literature sent out by the State Party did not include the candidates who used the signature gathering process and did not meet the threshold at the State Convention. It was explained that the State bylaws state that support for candidates is limited to only those who made it out of convention with numbers above 40%.

Steve Moore made a motion to send a resolution to the State that Cache Central Committee wishes to change that bylaw/second by Curtis Broadbent (LOG20). Kim Hamblin spoke against the motion; Dawn McEwen (LOG17) spoke for the motion; Emilie Funk (CY) spoke against the motion.
Motion failed.

Rex Nelson (LOG09) moved to adjourn and was seconded by several people.

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."

Standing Rules, RR 59:27

1. These rules shall govern any conflict with Robert's Rules.
2. Debate time for the adoption of the agenda is limited to 20 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 credentialed Republicans are allowed to speak unless approved by the chair per RR 61:19.
5. Elected Official and Auxiliary Reports: These addresses may occur at any time during the proceedings, as time allows, as determined by the chair.
6. In order to ensure the efficiency of the convention and respect of attendees time, items of business may be moved forward at the Chair's discretion, as time allows.
7. Bylaw/Platform Proposal Discussion: Maximum time limit for discussion on each proposal is 20 minutes. The person who proposes the bylaw will have 5 minutes to introduce the proposal. 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, the body may motion to extend the debate time by a specific number of minutes by majority vote, otherwise all pending amendments are voted on in their current state after which the main motion is voted on.
8. Speakers face the chair when making motions, and may face the body when presenting information.
9. Affiliates may exhibit and distribute literature inside the foyer of the venue without charge. All other entities desiring a booth/table to exhibit must be approved by the Executive Committee and pay the required fee. Exhibits are confined to designated areas inside the foyer. Exhibitors are responsible to remove their materials after the Convention. Exhibitor shall pay any required cleaning fees for which they are responsible. Any and all literature distributed must prominently display the name and contact information of the group or person responsible for it. Any literature being distributed without this disclosure may be removed from the premises.

Voting Threshold

Bylaw 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.

Bylaw 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.

Voting Percentage Calculation



Due to 9A requiring a “majority vote of those **present**,” Roberts Rules 44:7-9 requires the denominator of the percentage calculation include all credentialed voters in the hall *at the time of the vote*. To comply with this requirement, the chair will ask if everyone has voted before closing balloting so the ballot count is the denominator.



Bylaw Proposals

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

Bylaw Proposal 1 - **FAILED**

Geoff Cox moved to approve a change to the bylaws. Mike Petersen spoke against the motion.

Shelley Giddings made a motion to amend the bylaw change to include an effective date of the next Organizing Convention/second by Garth Valesquez . Motion to amend passed.

Question was called by Nathaniel Wright/second by Rex Nelson. Vote to change bylaw failed.

Proposed by Geoff Cox, Chair

(5A4) At the County Organizing Convention (odd-numbered years), the Central Committee members, along with the elected county delegates, shall divide themselves into separate caucuses for each of the County Council Districts within the County and shall each elect by majority vote a two County Council District Co-Chairs to the Executive Committee.

~~Delete from 5A2: County Council District Vice Chairs shall be members of the Executive Committee, but shall have voting status only when the County Council District Chair is absent.~~

~~Delete from 5A4: The duly elected County Council District Chairs shall, with approval from the Executive Committee, appoint a County Council District Vice Chair, and shall act as representatives of their respective County Council Districts on the Executive Committee. They shall be seated immediately after election and shall serve through the next county organizing convention.~~

~~Delete from 5A5.1: (5A5.1) The duties of the Council District Vice Chairs shall (a) assume the responsibilities of the County Council District Chair in the absence of the County Council District Chair; (b) perform other duties as requested by the Council District Chair; and~~



~~(c) be members of the Credentials Committee for County Organizing and Nominating Conventions.~~

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

Background: 5 years ago, the Central Committee changed the Executive Committee from House Legislative District co-chairs (8 members) to 7 County Council District Chairs with 7 Vice Chairs that only vote in Executive Committee meetings or conventions if the District Chair was absent. We should either give the District Vice Chairs full District Chair rights or eliminate the position altogether leaving the Exec Committee the size it was plus 1 before the change 5 years ago.

Argument against: This will expand the Executive Committee to 18 voting members. This is large for a board and will make it more difficult to hear all opinions and make decisions.

Argument for: The District Vice Chairs are currently doing as much work as the District Chairs and are needed but do not have any voting privileges.



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Bylaw Proposal 1 - ~~did not consider~~

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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 Chairs, Vice Chairs, Treasurers, 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, the

members of the State Central Committee, the

Cache County Republican Women's Chair, the Utah State University College Republicans Chair, the Cache County Teenage Republicans Chair, the Cache County Republican Veterans Caucus Chair, ~~and the~~ elected Presidents or Chairs of official party Auxiliaries, 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.

(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 and 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.

(5C1) STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS. The County Chair and Vice Chair are automatically members of the State Central Committee. Additional County Representatives to the State Central Committee shall be elected at the County Organizing Convention by the members of the Central Committee and county delegates



(odd-numbered years) . County representatives to the State Central Committee shall be seated after the state organizing convention and shall serve for two years, in accordance with the Utah Republican Party Constitution, Article XII, 6F.

(6B5) Ex Officio Delegates: The County Executive Committee voting 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 ex officio delegate status to the county nominating and state conventions, ~~if they so desire~~. Ex officio delegates to the state convention are subject to ratification by the county nominating convention.

Voting precinct ~~Chair~~ officers and Auxiliary Chairs/Presidents shall have ex officio delegate status to the county nominating convention. ~~Precinct Officers and Auxiliary Chairs/Presidents shall have ex officio delegate status to the county organizing convention.~~

(8H1) For vacancies in the office of a Republican Representative or Senator in the Utah Legislature, whose district lies completely within Cache County, a replacement shall be elected by the members of the Central Committee and county delegates living within the district's ~~County Delegates~~, in accordance with Utah Code 20A-1-503.

Discussion: This bylaw change eliminates the need for ex officio delegates to everything but the state convention by adding the State Central Committee Members to Article 1. It also standardizes those who vote at the nominating convention, organizing convention and special elections as the central committee and county delegates.



FAILED

Todd Holland (Log04) made a Resolution to Terminate Utah's Membership in ERIC Electronic Registration Information Center. Chris Lauritsen spoke in favor of the resolution and the 4 minute time limit was reached (see Standing Rules).

Nathaniel Wright made a motion to extend the time in order to speak against the motion/second by Steve Moore. Motion failed.

Paul Guymon (MEN01/02) made a motion/second by Tim Rich (COR) to allow 2 minutes to discuss the resolution. Motion carried. Nathanael Wright (LOG25) spoke against the motion; Angie Martin (HYR04) spoke for the motion; The Chair recognized Jess Bradfield who spoke against the motion.

Voting was tied with several recounts by Division of the House. The Chair was required to break the tie and voted against the motion. Motion to override the Chair by Kim Hamblin/second by Todd Andrus (HYR04). Motion to override the Chair failed.

Resolution to Terminate Utah's Membership in the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC)

Whereas, the Utah Republican Party platform states that the proper function of government is to protect unalienable, God-given rights of life, liberty, property, and the pursuit of happiness; and

Whereas, the integrity of voter rolls is a fundamental component of valid elections essential to uphold these unalienable rights declared in the platform; and

Whereas, the Electronic Registration Information Center (hereafter, ERIC), a 501(c)(3) organization which has 24 states and the District of Columbia as members, has stated that its "sole mission [is] assisting states to improve the accuracy of America's voter rolls and increase access to voter registration for all eligible citizens,"; and

Whereas, ERIC is a non-governmental (NGO), non-profit corporation organized and operating outside the State of Utah;

Whereas, the entity structure of ERIC provides no accountability to the public as to its actions, although the actions or non-actions of ERIC and its Board of Directors have the potential to profoundly impact each legally-registered voter's vote cast; and



Whereas, membership in ERIC, obligates the State of Utah to share every registered voter's personally identifiable information (PII) as well as PII from the Department of Motor Vehicles in violation of the Driver's Privacy Protection Act (18 USC § 2721), which prohibits DMV data from disclosure to 3rd parties; and

Whereas, sharing ERIC-generated data returned to the states by ERIC to any entity outside of the elections office requires both a court order and the approval of ERIC before the data sought is shared, in violation of the public disclosure provision of the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) (52 USC § 20507(i)(1)); and

Whereas, ERIC provides data regarding possibly eligible citizens who are not registered to vote, stating that, "the Member shall, at a minimum, initiate contact with each and every eligible or possibly eligible citizen and inform them how to register to vote. Each Member shall ... initiate contact with at least 95% of the eligible or potentially eligible citizens on whom data was provided and address validation was performed"; and

Whereas, ERIC states in its membership agreement that "under no circumstances shall the member transmit an individual's record where the record contains documentation or other information indicating that the individual is a non-citizen of the United States" yet, without that information ERIC is unable to identify a large portion of ineligible voters; and

Whereas, ERIC has violated the security of Utah registrants' data by transmitting state data to third parties, such as the Center for Election Innovation and Research (CEIR), whose data practices and usage are unknown to Utah and its citizens, and ERIC prohibits states from auditing its own work or that of any third-party vendor; and

Whereas, the Lieutenant Governor's office (via Director of Elections Ryan Cowley) participates in ERIC as a board member representing Utah. The outsourcing of voter registration list maintenance to a third party violates the Vote Act (52 USC § 21083) which specifically states that "The appropriate State or local election official shall perform list maintenance with respect to the computerized list on a regular basis." List maintenance by a third party also violates the NVRA, which states that "The fact that the applicant has declined to register will remain confidential." (52 USC § 20504(c)(2)(D)(ii)); and

Whereas, ERIC was started with funding from the Pew Charitable Trusts (which in turn were funded by the Open Society Foundations of globalist George-Soros) in 2012 under the leadership of David Becker (a regressive Democrat), who has used ERIC to collaborate with CEIR; and CEIR was one of the two leftist groups to use Mark Zuckerberg's \$419 million to fund the private takeover of government election offices in 2020 under the guise of "protecting elections due to COVID-19";

Whereas, in the past two years nine Republican-led States (Alabama, Florida, Iowa, Louisiana, Missouri, Ohio, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia) so far have resigned from ERIC because of the organization's suspect practices that do little to protect the integrity of voter rolls; and

Whereas, a 2022 investigation by Verity Vote revealed that states not participating in ERIC are more effective at identifying and removing voters who move out of a voting district than ERIC member states; and



Whereas, Under Utah law, county clerks must remove deceased voters within 10 business days of receipt from the Lt. Governor (Utah Code 20A-2-504(3)), perform checks for and remove duplicate voters and voters who are registered in another state (Utah Code 20A-2-503(4)) and verify the identity of each voter at time of registration (Utah Code 20-A-503(1)), thus negating the need for Utah's membership in ERIC; and

Whereas, the delegates of the Cache County Republican Party assembled in Convention in 2024, have lost confidence in ERIC's ability to be an effective and accurate source of voter roll data for maintaining accurate and up-to-date Utah voter rolls; and

Therefore, be it resolved that the Republican Party Convention of Cache County calls on Utah Lieutenant Governor Deidre Henderson, Director of Elections Ryan Cowley, and the Utah Legislature (by legislation if necessary) to immediately tender Utah's resignation from ERIC and join with other states who have undertaken similar action;

Be it further resolved that the Republican Party Convention of Cache County calls on Utah Attorney General Sean Reyes to investigate ERIC, CEIR, and any other private NGOs that may have brokered Utah's voter registration and DMV data for partisan benefit.

Upon passage the Cache County Republican Party Chair shall ensure a copy of this resolution is posted on the party website for not less than 2 years and emailed to CCC members of the County Party, GOP members of the Utah Legislature and elected members of the Executive Branch, including the Lt. Governor and Attorney General.

Sponsor: Todd Holland Chair Logan Precinct 4

Co-sponsors:

Layne Beck County Delegate, Secretary Smithfield Precinct 8
Victoria Bodily County Delegate, Treasurer Logan Precinct 18
Angela Martin County Delegate, Secretary Hyrum Precinct 4
Ashley Baker County Delegate Smithfield Precinct 7
Aaron Ritchey County Delegate Hyrum Precinct 5
Bonnie Grieff S.E. District Chair Providence Precinct 3
David Palmer County Delegate, Vice Chair Smithfield Precinct 8
Boyd Hubbard County Delegate, State Delegate Nibley Precinct 1
Ben Rose County Delegate Nibley Precinct 1
Andrew Semadeni County Delegate, State Delegate Logan Precinct 4
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April 13th, 2024



Letter from County Clerk:

Bryson J. Behm
CACHE COUNTY CLERK/AUDITOR

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Members of the Cache County Republican Party Central Committee,

I am writing to express my apologies for not being able to attend the spring meeting in person due to a family commitment that I could not reschedule. It is an honor to serve as your Clerk/Auditor, and I am truly grateful for the trust and confidence you have placed in me. I want to assure you that the Clerk/Auditor's office is in good hands, and operations are running smoothly. As you may know, the Republican Primary ballots have been mailed out, and we are currently in the process of processing them. If any of you or your friends have not received their ballot yet, I encourage them to contact our office promptly so that we can ensure they receive one.

In preparation for the upcoming elections, we are actively seeking volunteers to assist with early in-person voting, scheduled from June 18 to June 21, as well as for Election Day on June 25. If any members of the committee are interested in volunteering or know of individuals who may want to get involved, please direct them to our website at cachecounty.gov to apply.

I understand the importance of active participation in the electoral process, and I am committed to ensuring a fair and transparent election. Your continued support and collaboration are vital to the success of our democratic process, and I am grateful for the opportunity to work alongside such dedicated individuals.

Once again, please accept my apologies for my absence. I look forward to continuing our work together to serve the residents of Cache County and uphold the platform of the Republican Party.

Thank you for your understanding and ongoing support.

Cache County Clerk/Auditor