

BYLAWS

VALLEY COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be Valley County Republican Central Committee, hereinafter referred to as the "VCRCC".

ARTICLE II: MISSION

The mission of the Valley County Republican Committee is to promote the republican form of representative government afforded by a Constitutional Republic, thus encouraging community participation, and to uphold Constitutional principles and platforms of The Republican Party. The Valley County Republican Central Committee will endeavor to build and strengthen the Republican Party from the grassroots up and to elect Republican candidates.

The VCRCC shall serve as the governing body of the Valley County Republican Party and as such shall establish all policy and functions of the Valley County Republican Party in so far as they are consistent with the rules and regulations of the Idaho State Central Committee and Idaho State Law. The VCRCC shall facilitate cooperation among Valley County Republican Party members and shall advise the Idaho Republican Party regarding the development of policies and functions.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 - Composition: The VCRCC shall be composed of the Republican Valley County Precinct Committeemen, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, State Committeeman, State Committeewoman, State Youth Committeeman and other such officers of the VCRCC as are elected by the Precinct Committeemen.

Section 2 - Qualifications: All members of the VCRCC shall be qualified electors of the precinct in which they reside.

Section 3 - Selection of Precinct Committeemen: Precinct Committeemen shall be elected at the State Primary Election by appointment or election by the County Central Committee according to Idaho Code 34-502.

Section 4 - Attendance at Meetings: When any member of Valley County Central Committee missed three (3) consecutive meetings, it is requested that the County Chairman contact the individual and inquire as to the reason of absence.

Section 5 - Resignations and Vacancies:

- i. Any Precinct Committeeman or Officer desiring to resign from the VCRCC shall submit their resignation, in writing, to the County Chairman for action.
- ii. At the VCRCC meeting following a resignation or identification of a vacancy, the County Chairman shall announce the vacancy and request nomination for a replacement. Appointment, or election of a nominee, in the event of multiple nominations, shall take place at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Section 6 - Voting Members:

- i. Precinct Committeemen shall have all voting rights.

- ii. Members of the VCRCC who are not Precinct Committeemen have voting rights with the exception of the election of Central Committee Officers, County, Legislative District and Precinct vacancies, delegates to the State Convention, and changes to bylaws.
- iii. There shall be one person, one vote. A member who holds more than one position or office has only one vote.
- iv. Proxy voting shall be allowed, with the exception of the election of Central Committee Officers, County, Legislative District and Precinct vacancies, delegates to the State Convention and changes to bylaws.
- v. Alternate Precinct Committeemen may vote only in the absence of the Precinct Committeeman, except for the election of Central Committee Officers, election of delegates to State Convention, and nominations of nominees to fill County, Legislative and Precinct vacancies, and changes to bylaws.

Section 7 - Selection of Alternate Precinct Committeemen:

- i. Alternates shall be qualified electors and residents of the precinct in which they serve.
- ii. Alternates shall be nominated by the Committeeman of the precinct in which they reside and confirmed by the County Central Committee.
- iii. Alternates voting authority will be limited to that of a proxy vote as described in Article III Section 6 of the bylaws.

ARTICLE IV: CONVENTION DELEGATES

Section 1 - Nomination of Delegates: There will be no nominating committee; nomination and selection of delegates and alternates will be made from the floor during the VCRCC reorganization meeting. (see Article V, Section 2, Paragraphs i & iii.) Nominees need not be present at the reorganization meeting.

Section 2 - Qualifications: Those being nominated shall be qualified electors and registered Republicans in Valley County.

Section 3 - Nominating speeches: Nominees shall be granted no less than a 1 minute and not over a 3 minute nominating speech at their desire only if they are present at the reorganization meeting.

Section 4 - Selection of Delegates and Alternates: If there are more nominees than delegate and alternate slots, delegates and alternates shall be selected by 51% majority vote by the Valley County precinct committeemen via secret ballot. (see Article III section 6)

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS

Section 1 - Composition: The officers of the VCRCC shall be the County Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, State Committeeman, State Committeewoman, and State Youth Committee Person. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws and the parliamentary authority adopted by this organization.

Section 2 - Election of Officers:

- i. Reorganization. All officers of the VCRCC shall be elected by the Precinct Committeemen at the reorganization meeting called for that purpose by the incumbent County Chairman, to be held after the votes are canvassed but within 10 days following. If there are multiple nominations, election to be held by secret ballot.
- ii. There will be no nomination committee and nominations shall be entertained from the

- floor.
- iii. Notice of reorganization meetings shall be in accordance with State Law and Idaho Republican Party rules.
 - iv. There shall be no automatic succession to the office of County Chairman. Further, it shall not be necessary to progress through the Vice Chairman position to run for Chairman.

Section 3 - Duties:

- i. Chairman. The Chairman shall preside at all meeting of the VCRCC; ensure that members uphold Central Committee Bylaws; ensure that officers properly perform the duties of their office; have the authority to act as the official representative of the VCRCC between meetings; and perform such other duties as are determined by State Statute, Party Rule or granted by the VCRCC.
- ii. Vice-Chairman. The Vice-Chairman shall assist the Chairman; preside in the Chairman's absence at any meeting of the VCRCC or represent the Chairman at any meeting that the Chairman is unable to attend.
- iii. Secretary. The Secretary shall act as Secretary of the VCRCC; record and keep a file of minutes of all VCRCC meetings; maintain a current roster of all members of the VCRCC; inform Valley County Clerk of changes in Precinct Committeemen positions. The Secretary shall be the custodian of the "Official" copy of the Bylaws and Rules of the VCRCC.
- iv. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds of the VCRCC; shall furnish financial report at each VCRCC meeting; furnish a written financial statement to the members of the County Central Committee annually; file such reports as required by State Law.
- v. State Committeeman, State Committeewoman and State Youth Committeeperson. The duties of these officers shall be those as specified by the Rules of the Idaho Republican Party.

Section 4 - Removal of Officers: Officers serve at the pleasure of the VCRCC or until their successors are duly elected. Said officers, if found unwilling or unable to perform the duties of their office, may be removed from office by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Precinct Committeemen. Officers who are no longer bona fide residents of Valley County shall be deemed to have resigned their office as the date of their change of address.

Section 5 - Removal of Precinct Committeemen: If a Precinct Committeeman does not perform the duties described herein, the VCRCC Chair may request his or her resignation.

ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS

Section 1 - Regular Meeting: Regular meetings shall be held monthly, at a time and place to be decided by VCRCC. Members shall receive seven (7) days advance notice. Members shall notify the Chairman by email or telephone at least 24 hours prior to a meeting indicating if they are able to attend. If there is no evidence of quorum 24 hours prior to a scheduled meeting the Chairman may cancel the meeting. At the discretion of the Chairman, VCRCC may meet electronically via conference call or internet.

Section 2 - Quorum: A Quorum shall consist of 51% of the VCRCC members. Should a quorum be lacking at an official VCRCC meeting, the VCRCC presiding officer has the prerogative to entertain a motion to suspend the VCRCC bylaws. A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of those members in attendance will be needed to suspend the bylaws and pass other matters of business.

Section 3 - Special Meeting: A special meeting may be called at the discretion of the County Chairman when deemed necessary by the Chairman to consider urgent business concerning the Central Committee. Notice of special meetings of the Central Committee shall be given in writing not less than seven (7) days in advance of the meeting. An email message shall be construed as written notice, provided a return email is received by the sender.

Section 4 - Petition for Meeting: Upon receipt of a written petition signed by one-third (1/3) of the members of the Central Committee requesting a special meeting, the County Chairman shall, within ten (10) days, and upon not less than four days' notice, call a meeting of the Central Committee as requested by the petition.

ARTICLE VII: COMMITTEES

Section 1 - Standing Committees: For approval by the Central Committee, the County Chairman shall nominate a chairman and such other members as deemed necessary to the administration of the business of the Central Committee.

Section 2 - Special Committees: The Chairman may appoint, on a temporary basis, special committees as may be necessary to the administration of the business of the Central Committee.

Section 3 - Duties: The duties of all committees shall be designated by the County Chairman and subject to the review of said Chairman.

ARTICLE VIII: CENTRAL COMMITTEE ENDORSEMENTS

Section 1 - The VCRCC shall seek by fair discussions at its meeting and in other ways, to keep its members informed on all questions of public importance and any proposed legislation affecting county, state or the nation.

Section 2 - The VCRCC shall have the right to give expression by proper means to its attitude on such public questions and proposed legislation and may determine the political affiliation of candidates filing or declaring intent to file as Republican candidates for said offices.

Section 3 - No action on any candidate endorsement shall be taken by the VCRCC until it has been approved unanimously by VCRCC members.

Section 4 - No action on any public question or proposed legislation shall be taken by VCRCC until it has been approved by a majority of VCRCC members participating in the meeting.

ARTICLE IX: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Section 1 - Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition, shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters of procedures not specifically covered by these bylaws.

ARTICLE X: AMENDMENTS

Section 1 - Amendment: The bylaws of the VCRCC may be amended at any meeting of the VCRCC by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Precinct Committee Persons, provided that:

- i. The proposed amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting,
and
- ii. All voting members are notified in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting at
which the amendment(s) will be voted upon.

Section 2 - Effectual Date: All amendments shall become effective immediately upon approval.