

# Bylaws of the Benewah County Republicans

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## Article I Name

Benewah County Republican Central Committee (here after referred to as “county members”)

## Article II Mission Statement

We are a Grass Roots Organization to provide a means (way) for Benewah citizens who believe in the Idaho Republican Party Platform Preamble to associate, recruit, support and elect candidates who believe the same.

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Article III ● Purpose – references 34-502 of Title 34, Selected Election Laws of the state of Idaho and Article IV, Rules of the Idaho Republican Party

To provide for the promotion and sustenance of the Republican Party in Benewah County, Idaho And to conduct routine business related to:

- 1) Campaigns  
As to campaigns, the “committee members” shall be continually searching for and interviewing to qualify candidates for elective offices within the County i.e. County commissioners, Auditor, Assessor, Treasure, Sheriff School Board Trustees and other elected offices.
- 2) Finance  
Finances shall be raised by dues, donations and fund raising events to support administrative expenses of the “committee members”, county members of the State Central Committee, delegates to State Convention and ●●”Qualified” candidates for elections except those in primary election races.
- 3) Selecting delegates to the state assembly
- 4) Nominating candidates to fill county office and Legislative District vacancies
- 5) Training and assisting precinct committeemen to get out the voters
- 6) Other topics as required
- 7) Endorsements – Article IX Section 1 Party Rules

Article IV Membership

- 1) “Committee Members”  
Are elected officers and Precinct committeemen (representing the following Precincts: 1 Benewah, 2 Center, 3 College, 4 Emida, 5 Fernwood, 6 Plummer, 7 Santa, 8 St. Joe, 9 St. Maries, 10 Tensed & 11 Townsite within Benewah County, Idaho); either elected or subsequently appointed by the chairman and ratified by the “committee members”. They must be ●●”Qualified” before being seated with the “committee members”.
- 2) Benewah County Republicans dues paying ●●● Preamble of Idaho Republican Platform

Article V Offices

Section 1 Offices will consist of:

- 1) Chairman
- 2) Vice Chairman
- 3) Secretary
- 4) Treasurer
- 5) State Committeeman & Committeewoman
- 6) Youth Committeeman – age 18-40

Officers may be other than precinct committeemen but are elected by “committee members” only. Officers shall be elected by majority vote. Only one office can be held by one member at a time. Officers are elected at the reorganizational meeting and hold office for two (2) years. They shall hold office at the pleasure of the Benewah County Central Committee or until the next reorganizational election.

Section 2 Region and State Central Committee Members

The Benewah County, Region and State Central Committee Members consist of (4) members:

- 1) Chairman
- 2) State Committeeman
- 3) State Committeewoman
- 4) State Youth Committeeman

Section 3 Duties:

- 1) **Chairman** The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the “committee members”; have the authority to act as the official representative of the Committee members” between meetings. Represent the “committee members” at Region and State Central Committee Meetings and such other duties as are determined by State Statute, Party Rule or granted by the “committee members”
- 2) **Vice Chairman** The Vice Chairman shall assist the Chairman; carry out assigned responsibilities; and preside in the Chairman’s absence at any meeting of the “committee members” or at any meeting to which the Chairman would be authorized to attend.
- 3) **Secretary** The Secretary shall record and keep a file of minutes and attendance roster of all the “committee members” meetings. The Secretary shall prepare such correspondence as is requested by the Chairman and/or is necessary to maintain the committee; maintain a Current roster of all members of the “committee members” and inform the County Clerk and Republican Party of changes in Precinct Committeemen positions, and perform other duties as may be requested by the Chairman. The Secretary shall be the custodian of the “official” copy of the Bylaws of the Benewah County Republican Party.
- 4) **Treasurer** The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds of the “committee members” ; shall furnish a financial report at each “committee member” meeting; annually furnish a written financial report at the reorganizational meeting; file such reports as required by State law and perform other duties as may be requested by the Chairman. They will keep a record of membership dues.
- 5) **State Committeeman & State Committeewoman** State Committeeman & State Committeewoman shall be experienced and knowledgeable of the workings and procedures of the Republican Party. They represent the “committee members” at the Region and State Central Committee Meeting. They shall train Precinct Committeemen and be available to answer questions at “committee member” meetings.
- 6) **State Youth Committeeman** The Youth Committeeman will recruit young men and women between the ages of 18 and 40 to become active in the Benewah County Republican Party. The Youth Committeeman will become knowledgeable of the workings and procedures of the Republican Party and represent the “committee members” at the Region and State Central Meetings.

Section 4 Removal from Office

Any officer may be removed from office by a majority vote of the “committee members” for any cause deemed just by them after due notice and hearing, if requested. A quorum for the purpose of removal shall be equal to the number of “committee members” at the meeting at which the officer was elected.

- 1) By a call of the Chairman or any three (3) of the “committee members”, the Central committee may disassociate the County Party from an action or actions taken by a dissident member who fails to adhere to generally accepted party principles or philosophy. Said member shall be notified of the pending action and afforded the opportunity to show cause why the party should not disassociate itself from the notified individual

Article VI Appointed Officers

Section 1 The appointed officers shall be:

- 1) Finance Chairman
- 2) Parliamentarian
- 3) Committee Chairs

Section 2 Duties

- 1) Finance Chairman will raise money for the Benewah County Republican Party.
- 2) Parliamentarian will advise the Chairman and members on parliamentary procedure and protocol, maintain order, and keep the meeting on agenda when requested.
- 3) Committee Chairs will be appointed as needed to head various projects.

Article VII Dues

Dues will be established and set annually by majority vote at the April meeting. For new people their dues must be paid at the next monthly meeting and then annually in April.

Article VIII Meetings

1) Calendar

A general biannual calendar will be set at the first meeting after the reorganizational meeting.

2) Regular Meetings

Meetings shall be held monthly except as agreed upon by the members. Notice of meetings, minutes and agenda should be given at least four (4) days prior to meetings.

3) Special Meetings

Special meetings shall be called by the Chairman giving at least two (2) days notice.

4) Quorum

Quorum will consist of at least 50% +1 “committee members” plus two (2) officers.

5) Town Hall

Meetings shall be at least quarterly or follow regular meetings to host elected officials and/or discuss issues.

Article IX Nominations and Elections

Nominating committee shall consider and ●●"Qualify" candidates for officer positions. The committee shall explain the duties of the respective office and then determine if the Candidate has the commitment and proven leadership to fulfill the office. The membership may Offer nominations to the committee for consideration.

Section 1 Nomination

Nomination for officers will be by the Nominating Committee of ●●"Qualified" candidates at the reorganization meeting. Nominations will be accepted from the floor with discussion. One (1) second from the floor will be required to establish a legitimate candidate for office.

Section 2 ●Voting

At meetings convened for the following purposes, only precinct committee members elected in the primary may vote.

- 1) Biannual election year, reorganization meeting, held to elect Officers and State Convention Delegates.
- 2) To nominate candidates to fill vacancies in Benewah County Offices.
- 3) Changes to these bylaws.

At all other meetings, any dues paying county republican may participate and vote.

Section 3 Convening of Elections

- 1) Officers are elected by only "committee members" elected at the State Primary. at the reorganizational meeting.
- 2) State Convention (assembly) Delegates are elected by "committee members" from the dues paying roster.  
Duties of the Delegates are to represent the Benewah County Republican Party, not their personal preferences.

Article X Amending Bylaws

Changes in by laws can be proposed at any regular meeting. These proposed changes could be voted on at the next regular meeting following the meeting at which they were proposed. When "committee members" are notified electronically or telephonically of meeting notice and agenda note that.

Article XI Parliamentary Authority

Meetings shall be conducted under the current Addition Roberts Rules of Order.

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## Idaho Statutes

### TITLE 34 ELECTIONS CHAPTER 5

#### POLITICAL PARTIES -- ORGANIZATION

34-502.COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE -- MEMBERS -- OFFICERS -- DUTIES OF CHAIRMAN -- NOTICE TO CHAIRMAN. The county central committee of each political party in each county shall consist of the precinct committeemen representing the precincts within the county and the county chairman elected by the precinct committeemen. The precinct committeemen within each county shall meet at the county seat within ten (10) days after the primary election and at the time and date designated by the incumbent county chairman, and shall organize by electing a chairman, vice chairman, a secretary, a state committeeman, a state committeewoman, and such other officers as they may desire who shall hold office at the pleasure of the county central committee or until their successors are elected.

#### **ARTICLE IX: CENTRAL COMMITTEE ENDORSEMENT AND REPUBLICAN PARTY REGISTRATION REQUIRED TO VOTE IN A REPUBLICAN PRIMARY ELECTION**

**Section 1:** County Central Committees may determine the political affiliation of candidates filing or declaring an intent to file as Republican candidates for county political offices and may endorse Republican candidates for their respective positions.

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**Qualified meaning they are registered Republicans, they will affirm to support the Idaho and United States Constitutions, and have signed an oath to support the Idaho Republican Party Platform. If their actions disqualify them they will be asked to resign.**

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