

BY-LAWS
IDAHO COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be The Idaho County Republican Central Committee (ICRCC).

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be to promote Republican unity, good government, and to build and strengthen the Republican Party in affiliation with the Idaho State Republican Party, the Idaho State Republican Central Committee, Regional Committee, and District committee. Furthermore this organization will promote and uphold the principles and values of the Idaho Republican Platform as ratified by representatives at the Idaho Republican State Convention held during even election years. ICRCC will assist in electing Republican candidates who will affirm and uphold the Republican Platform, their Oath of Office, the Idaho State Constitution, and the US Constitution with the specific intention of protecting the inalienable rights of Idahoans.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERS

1. All members of the Idaho County Central Committee shall be registered Republicans and live in Idaho County.
2. Precinct committeemen will be elected by geographical precinct. If none is elected, the committee will elect one from the precinct.
3. Any vacancies will be elected as promptly as possible by the ICRCC.
4. If a member misses 4 consecutive regular meetings or 6 total per year, the member's position will be declared vacant.
5. Elected officials from Idaho County who currently hold county or state office and are registered Republicans are "ex-officio" members of the ICRCC by virtue of their position in office. Ex-officio members will receive information and communication being sent to all members, may sit at the committee table during meetings, interact with discussion and debate, but do not make motions, nominations or have voting rights according to state law.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

The officers of this organization shall consist of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, State Committeeman, State Committeewoman, and State Youth Committeeman. All officers shall serve a two-year term unless otherwise determined by the committee.

1. Duties of the Chairman.
 - a. Preside over all meetings of the ICRCC.
 - b. Ensure that all business conducted by ICRCC is in compliance with these by-laws and the designated rules and structure of the Idaho Republican Party Rules for County Central Committees.
 - c. Facilitate and coordinate the general direction of the ICRCC and sub-committees, and ensure that the decisions of the ICRCC are carried out.

- d. Perform the duties established for County Chairmen by Idaho Statute 34-502 and by the Republican Party Rules.
 - e. Acts as the official representative of the ICRCC in official communications and therefore must approve all official communications of the ICRCC.
 - f. Organize the preliminary agenda each month and notify the committee members of the agenda ahead of time.
2. Duties of the Vice Chairman
 - a. The Vice-Chairman will perform all the duties of the Chairman when the Chairman is absent and any other duties assigned by the committee.
 3. Duties of the Secretary
 - a. The Secretary will take, keep copies and provide the minutes at all meetings involving the ICRCC.
 - b. The Secretary will keep and present all relevant committee correspondence.
 - c. The Secretary will notify members of special meetings and remind members of regular ones.
 4. Duties of the Treasurer
 - a. Supervise and maintain the receipt and disbursement of funds of the ICRCC and its sub-committees including setting up the necessary signatories and verification procedures.
 - b. Maintain the complete financial records of the ICRCC and its sub-committees.
 - c. Prepare and distribute an accurate written Financial Report to the ICRCC at each of its regular meetings and one annual summary.
 - d. Be responsible for the accurate and timely filing of reports required by the public disclosure or taxing authorities.
 - e. No disbursements will be made without authorization of the ICRCC.
 5. Duties of the State Committeeman, State Committeewoman and State Youth Committeeman
 - a. Represent the ICRCC at state and regional meetings.
 - b. Serves as a member of the Idaho State Central Committee.
 - c. Maintain regular attendance at monthly meetings and be well informed about the issues the ICRCC are concerned with.

ARTICLE V. STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Event Planning
2. Campaigns/Elections
3. Fundraising
4. Face Book Administrator
5. Internet Connections
6. Publicity
7. Search/Recruitment
8. Political Research & Education

ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS

1. Roberts Rules of Order, Revised shall govern the conduct of all meetings unless specified otherwise temporarily by agreement of the committee members.
2. Regular meetings of this organization shall be held monthly, as agreed upon, except when state law specifies otherwise in cases of reorganization and special meetings.
3. Special meetings may be called by the Chairman or by any three Precinct Committeemen petitioning the Secretary. In such a case, the secretary shall notify each committee member at least five days prior to such meeting. The notice shall state the time, place and purpose of the special meeting.
4. Although the ICRCC is a private organization, the public is invited to attend regular meetings and may be permitted to speak to the committee only if recognized to do so by the Chair.
5. The order of agenda for regular meetings will be the following:
 - Call to order
 - Roll Call to confirm quorum and record presence
 - Prayer
 - Pledge of Allegiance
 - Party Platform Plank
 - Approval of Last Meeting Minutes
 - Treasurer's Report
 - Committee Reports
 - Elected Officials' Reports
 - Old Business
 - New Business
 - Announcements
 - Adjournment

ARTICLE VII. RIGHT TO VOTE AND QUORUM

1. Only duly elected or appointed Precinct Committeemen and Officers of this organization shall be allowed to originate motions, make nominations or vote at regular or special meetings.
2. If a member is not able to attend a regularly scheduled meeting, it is important to notify the Chair or Secretary about the intended absence in order to ensure that a quorum will be present and not cause undue burden on those attending a non-quorum meeting.
3. A quorum of this body will consist of 50% plus one of the voting members. No decisions will be made or business conducted in a meeting where a quorum is not present.
4. A member or officer holding 2 simultaneous positions in the ICRCC shall have just one vote.
5. During reorganization of officers as specified by the Republican Party Rules, only precinct committeemen will vote as defined in Idaho statute and Republican Party Rules, and will vote by secret ballot except in uncontested races. Neither absentee ballots nor proxies will be permitted in election of officers.

ARTICLE VIII. CANDIDATE PLEDGE OF LOYALTY

Section 1. A pledge of loyalty to the principles of the Republican Party will be required of all candidates seeking political support from the ICRCC. We recognize that every candidate may not agree with every plank of the platform. Our intention is to disclose openly which planks may be in conflict with said candidate's political beliefs so the voting public will be accurately informed about the candidates they elect.

The Idaho County Republican Central Committee shall prepare and send to each candidate from Idaho County running for Republican office a request to sign the following statement and must receive it back from the candidate within 30 days of filing for candidacy.

"I have read the Idaho Republican Party Platform. Except for the principles specifically noted below, I support the Idaho Republican Party Platform which has been established by registered Republicans of Idaho and I accept it as the standard by which my political job performance should be evaluated while in office and as a candidate.

I certify that I am not a candidate, officer, delegate or position holder in any political Party other than the Republican Party."

The Idaho County Republican Central Committee shall send a copy of this pledge to all newspapers within Idaho County for publication no later than 30 days prior to the primary election. If the candidate has not signed the Republican pledge, Idaho County Republican Central Committee will clearly state that the Republican Committee does not endorse said candidate for election.

Section 2: The County Central Committee, which is composed of broadly diverse representatives of the Republican Party throughout the county precincts and also the elected officers, will be the evaluating body that judges, reprimands, and sanctions any Republican legislator who they determine has intentionally or consistently opposed multiple platform principles of the Republican Party in performing the duties of elected office in such a way that significantly undermines the core principles of the Republican Party Platform.

The following steps list the due process that must be followed to bring such a challenge against a sitting legislator, which may ultimately result in the necessity to withdraw Republican endorsement of the legislator.

- A. A challenge must originate from at least 2 elected Precinct Committeemen.
- B. The challenge must (1) specify which Republican Platform principle was opposed by the legislator, (2) clearly state the oppositional behavior/s to this platform principle, and (3) must be accompanied by attached evidence and documentation verifying the alleged behavior actually happened. Videos, taped recordings, official voting record, or any performance-of-duty action are examples of acceptable concrete evidences. Hearsay or unverified media reports are not acceptable evidence. To be clear, no other information is relevant to this challenge other than issues directly related to platform principles listed in the challenge and the opposition to the platform principles .

- C. The challenge and accompanying documentation must be submitted to the County Chairman of the Republican Central Committee at least 28 days before a quorum meeting of the Central Committee.
- D. The Chairman will provide a complete copy of the challenge and all accompanying documentation to the County Central Committee members at least 21 days before the next County Central Committee meeting. At the same time the Chairman will send by certified mail to the legislator being challenged (1) a complete copy of the challenge, (2) a copy of the by-laws, and (3) an invitation to appear before the County Central Committee members at the designated time and place with the purpose and opportunity for the legislator to justify or explain his/her actions that opposed the platform.
- E. During the County Central Committee meeting the Chairman will conduct the hearing of the challenge and facilitate the legislator's explanation and testimony. After reviewing all the evidence and testimony, the Committee will immediately proceed to vote by secret ballot. If the majority of members agree that the legislator has inappropriately opposed Republican principles, AND that the accumulated actions significantly undermine the core principles of the Republican platform, a warning will be issued insisting that the Republican platform be respected and represented honorably while in office.
- F. The Chairman will send a certified letter to the legislator within 7 days after the meeting stating the decision of the committee and if appropriate, a warning that if the same oppositional behaviors persist against platform principles, the Republican Party will withdraw Republican endorsement of the legislator.
- G. In the case that an additional challenge is filed regarding continued similar behavior persisting against platform principles and which may or may not include additional issues to the previous challenge, the new challenge must follow the same steps of due process. However, this time if the Committee agrees for the second time that the legislator has in fact continued to oppose the platform, and overall does not represent Republican ideology in job performance, the Committee will withdraw endorsement of the Republican Party of said legislator. Thereafter the Idaho County Republican Party Central Committee will not recognize the legislator as a Republican and will not support or endorse the legislator.
- H. The Chairman will again have a certified letter delivered to the legislator within 7 days after the meeting stating the decision of the committee and may publicize the decision.

IX. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY & AMENDMENT OF THE BY-LAWS

1. These by-laws supersede any other practice or understanding pertaining to how this organization will function and will be effective on the date approved.
2. In all instances the conduct of this organization shall conform to and be in harmony with the Election Laws of the State of Idaho and the rules of the Republican Party of the State of Idaho.
3. These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the members of the ICRCC at a properly scheduled meeting and provided the proposed amendment has been properly communicated in writing to the

members at the prior regular meeting and at least 30 days in advance of the vote. Amendments shall become effective immediately upon approval unless otherwise specified.

4. By-laws will be reviewed and adopted by the voting members of the ICRCC each even-numbered election year.

Adopted by the ICRCC on February 2020

Chairman Marilyn S. Giddings