

**Salt Lake County Republican Party  
Central Committee Meeting  
Elk Ridge Middle School  
3659 W 9800 S, South Jordan, UT 84095  
Thursday, Nov 17, 2011**

**Call to Order:** Salt Lake County Republican Party Chair Julie Dole called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Officers present:** Julie Dole, Chair; Rob Anderson, CPA Treasurer

**Prayer:** Rob Anderson, Treasurer

**Pledge:** Representative Fred Cox

**Welcome:** slcogop.com – list of Central Committee Members & Attendance. Welcome all elected officials. Misinformation coming out that many precincts are unorganized. This is not true; only a very few (76) have no Chair and this issue is being addressed and the empty Chairs seats filled. New Precinct boundaries may not be available till Feb 1<sup>st</sup>. We will transition our organization into the New Districts by our next meeting in February. More details later in the meeting. Reviewed upcoming meetings.

**Adopt the Agenda:** The Agenda was adopted without objection

**Approval of the September 15, 2011 Minutes:** The Sept 15, 2011 Minutes were approved without objection.

**General Orders:**

**Elections: Speaking Order: P,O,I,L,Q,U,V,R,Y,M,X,G,C,T,H,A,S,K,W,E,F,N,B,J,D,Z**

**Vice Chair Election Candidates –**

Chad Bennion elected by acclamation as he was the only candidate nominated.

**Secretary Election Candidates –**

John Hohlbauch, Ben Soholt. Each Candidate was given 3 minutes to speak.

**Bylaw Committee Election Candidates (2 needed) –**

Mark Mills, Kathryn Gritton, Benjamin Thompson, Ben Soholt (withdrew), Jeff Davis, Richard Dansie,

Question raised: can Ben Soholt serve as Secretary and on the Bylaws Committee? Answer: No

Each Candidate was given 2 minutes to speak.

**Senate 11 Chair Election Candidates –**

Motion to allow a Precinct Chair to vote, as he did not receive a credential and was not allowed to cast his ballot: seconded and passed.

The Preliminary Credentials Report is 305

The Final Credentials Report is 318

**The Chair declared the polls open at 7:48 PM. The Chair declared the polls closed at 8:03 PM.**

**Election Results: (Total votes: 293)**

Vice Chair: Chad Bennion was elected by acclamation

Secretary: Ben Soholt was elected secretary with 184 votes (62.8%). John Hohlbauch, 109 votes (37.2%).

Bylaw Committee Election:

Mark Mills, 120 votes (40.68%)

Kathryn Gritton, 88 votes (29.83%) (Withdrew after first election)

Benjamin Thompson, 146 votes (49.49%)

Jeff Davis, 136 votes (46.10%)

Richard Dansie, 79 votes (26.25%), (Withdrew after first election)

Ben Soholt (withdrew before election), 1 vote (.34%)

There was no candidate who received a majority so a second round of voting was necessary.

Chair asked the members if they wished to hear from the remaining candidates before the second election: The body did not want to hear from the candidates again.

**The Chair declared the polls open for the second election at 8:55 PM. The Chair declared the polls closed at 9:00 PM.**

**Second Election Results: (Total votes: 236)**

Bylaw Committee Second Election:

Mark Mills, 139 votes (58.90%)

Benjamin Thompson, 178 votes (75.42%)

Jeff Davis, 151 votes (63.98%)

New Bylaw Committee Members are Benjamin Thompson and Jeff Davis.

J Allen Kimball, PC, made motion to speak to the body and be added to the agenda, seconded. 2/3rds was required and the motion passed. Subsequently, he spoke to the body about having Republicans be more proactive in nonpartisan races.

Mitt Romney Campaign addressed the body. They would like volunteers for their campaign: [info@mittromney.com](mailto:info@mittromney.com) to volunteer.

**Officer Reports:**

**Chair:** The Chair discussed the redistricting and transitioning the County Party's organization into new district after tonight's meeting. The Regions will now be known by their location names rather than numbers. 27 locations have been located for the Caucus Meetings in March. Our biggest problem with finding caucus locations is the move to Thursday nights (school activity night).

Ivan DuBois, State Party Executive Director, spoke to the body: 29 County Party Plan – Strategic plan where each county has met with the State Party. Three parts: Caucus attendance, newly registered Republicans, and Vote by mail. The success for this will be determined by the Precinct Chairs. Caucuses: would like to help prepare people for these and help them work better. The state Party would like to help in any way they can.

**Treasurer:** The Treasurer agreed with Mr. DuBois as to the importance of the Caucuses. He gave a report on the financial statements for October and also the fiscal year. Caucus night is also a fundraiser night. Contact him at: robmander@gmail.com.

Michael Wright (PC WJD050) questioned the Caucus night being on a Thursday. The Chair responded that this was a decision made by the State Republican Party Central Committee and cannot be changed at this time.

**Presentation:**

Salt Lake County Chairman Max Burdick and Janice Auger Rasmussen spoke to the body discussing the redistricting that has just been completed. Utah Senate President Michael Waddoups and Representative Merlynn Newbold also spoke to the body concerning the redistricting of the state.

Ron Hilton (Chair Leg. Dis. 40) spoke to the body concerning a resolution about immigration policy. He made a motion that we approve this resolution. Seconded. Discussion. Resolution failed.

Senate 11 Chair Election: Mark Mills was elected 8 votes to 1 for Christy Garner.

**Adjourn:** The Chair moved to adjourn. Seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:03 PM.

**Total Money Raised: \$636.24**

**Average of: \$2.00 per person**