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Dear 4th District Republican Central Committees,

This is the quarterly update from your State Central Committee (SCC) Members for the 4th Congressional District. The Republican Party of Iowa SCC met on Saturday, December 10, 2022, at the Republican Party of Iowa HQ in Des Moines.

**SCC meetings:** Meetings are open to all Iowa Republicans with exception of Executive Sessions. The web site, [www.iowagop.org/about](http://www.iowagop.org/about), has links at the bottom to the state Constitution, Bylaws and current Platform. Article IV, paragraph 6 of the Bylaws details who can be in attendance and the Executive Session exception.

**New Communications Director:** Kollin Krompton has resigned as Communications Director for RPI. We are not sure where he is going, but he says, "not far." We wish him well. The position has been filled by Kush Desai. Kush comes to us with nearly 5 years at the RNC most recently as the Iowa Communications Director. You can reach him at [kush@iowagop.org](mailto:kush@iowagop.org).

**Press Releases:** Check for the regular Press Releases at [www.iowagop.org/press](http://www.iowagop.org/press).

**Got a question for RPI?** Our 4<sup>th</sup> District State Central Committee members are happy to assist. Pedro Calderon is handling the 4<sup>th</sup> District on a daily basis for the time being. He can be reached at [pedro@iowagop.org](mailto:pedro@iowagop.org).

## Meeting notes:

### **Chairman Report:**

- The Victory program received \$1.3 million from RNC, reflecting the faith the RNC has in this organization. The NRCC contributed over \$1 million and RPI received over \$850,000 direct support in mail and contributions. This does not include the House Majority or Senate Majority Funds funded by the HMF and SMF respectively. RPI does the administration of these funds saving them hundreds of thousands in duplicative effort.
- 122 training sessions were held in 75 counties for the election integrity program.
- 400,000 - 500,000 pieces of mail were sent out on behalf of the HMF and SMF.
- The DNC is making a mess out of the caucuses and primaries across the country, reordering them to favor Joe Biden. The RNC is holding firm with Iowa as the First in the Nation caucus state thanks to hard work by the national committee members and Chairman Kaufmann.
- Where to place funding is always an issue. The 4<sup>th</sup> District is clearly the most conservative and has fewer challenges than the other districts. As a result, we see less funding for statewide and national races. We are grateful to Congressman Randy Feenstra's campaign for providing an additional \$30,000 to help fund 4<sup>th</sup> District personnel.

### **College Republicans:**

- Mary Weston was on hand to report on the College Republicans. At the June SCC meeting, she reported there were chapters at UNI, Iowa and Drake. That has expanded to include Dordt, Loras, ISU, Saint Ambrose, Wartburg and Morningside colleges.

***Young Republicans:***

- Article III of the bylaws lists Iowa Federation of Republican Women, College Republicans, and the Young Republicans of Iowa as official Auxiliaries of the SCC with Young Republicans being the most recent addition. The Organization Committee motioned to remove that Young Republicans section and replace it with better language as approved by counsel. The motion was approved.
- Brett Barker (Chair) and Adam Parcel (Co-Chair) gave their report detailing 2022 activities. There are 9 chartered chapters of Young Republicans in Iowa. Pedro Calderon is Secretary and may be your best contact to obtain more information about their organization [pedro@iowagop.org](mailto:pedro@iowagop.org).

***Caucus Neutrality:***

It is important that all Republican Presidential candidates feel welcome in Iowa and that the people have a chance to meet them and make their own decisions on who they will support in the Iowa Caucuses. It is not the role of RPI or the SCC to pick the winners and losers.

In 2014, the SCC wrote a neutrality pledge which was freely signed by all members, declaring that we would remain neutral in the caucus. Subsequently, as the 2016 caucuses approached, a few members resigned to work for specific candidates rather than break their pledge. The pledge was resurrected and updated for the 2024 caucuses and all members present willingly signed to remain neutral in the presidential caucuses.

***Organization Committee:***

The proposed Code of Conduct many of you have seen was tabled until the January meeting of the SCC. The Organization Committee developed a list of goals when the committee was first assembled following the Republican State Convention in June of 2022. The goals were determined by suggestions from members of the full State Central Committee and other Republicans. Our committee prioritized the goals and have been working on them ever since. The Org committee has met many times, both in person and via phone-conference with the sole purpose of working on the Code of Conduct. The committee has heard from several people and will be considering changes before re-presenting in January. Caucus planning, which is also a high priority, is also in the works.

***Campaign Committee:***

A summary of election results was provided to the full SCC including a wealth of stats such as unopposed races, seats on ballot won by R's and those won by D's, notable losses, a remarkable win, maps and bar charts. The document is too large to include here.

***Communications Committee:***

Counties are asking for email lists of the other chairs in their district. The RPI does not share contact information. The 2nd District has an effective Facebook group that allows counties to interact with one another. Third District has also launched a Facebook presence.

***NationBuilder:***

The cost to RPI for NationBuilder has quadrupled to what is now nearly \$80,000 per year. Other states on NationBuilder have similar issues. It is a great tool, but at an unacceptable cost. No changes are imminent, but we will be looking for alternatives.

***District Report:***

Not unlike other districts, the 4<sup>th</sup> scored quite well for Republicans in the general election and we have great cause for celebration. We have overwhelmingly added a right to bear arms to the Iowa Constitution! The Governor won big. All 4 US House seats and both US Senate seats are in the hands of Republicans. We overturned a 40-year incumbent Attorney General, and a long-term Treasurer. The Auditor spent \$40 for every \$1 spent by the Republican challenger and barely held his seat. The Iowa Senate now has a super-majority of Republicans, and the Iowa House is very close to a super-majority. In local races, Republicans did very well.

With control comes great responsibility. We pray for our elected officials to make the right decisions on behalf of the great people of Iowa.

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