



Fourth District Republican Caucus

Saturday, April 9, 2016 - Fort Dodge Senior High School, 819 N 25th St, Fort Dodge, IA

Report of the Committee on Rules

1. General Rules

- a. The convention shall be guided by Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised 11th Edition, as amended by the following rules.
- b. A permanent convention chair will be elected from nominations from the floor by simple majority (50% + 1).
- c. These rules may be suspended, in whole or in part, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the certified delegates of the Fourth District Convention. The rulings of the Chair shall be considered final unless, upon appeal, such ruling is overturned by a two-thirds (2/3) vote by the body.
- d. "Chair" includes chair's designee.
- e. Cell phones will be silenced or delegates will be asked to leave the delegate area.
- f. The motion to adjourn shall only be recognized if the platform debate is complete, there is no longer a quorum, or it is time to vacate the hall.
- g. The motions Previous Question, Lay on the

- Table and Reconsider shall be out of order during the convention.
- h. Convention Speakers: Federal and statewide elected officials and candidates, or their official representatives, may be recognized, throughout the day, and allowed three (3) minutes to speak. Candidates for local, county and legislative offices will be recognized, throughout the day, but not allowed to address the assembly. At the discretion of the chair, other Republican dignitaries will be recognized or invited to address the assembly.
- i. Materials allowed on the credentialing tables will be limited to items pertaining to official party business, i.e., check-in lists, voting cards.
- j. On all timed issues the convention parliamentary or designee will be the official time-keeper.
- k. The agenda submitted shall be a part of these rules.

2. Delegates

- a. No county delegation or portion thereof shall be seated unless their entire delegate assessment has been received by the Republican Party of Iowa in full no later than 9:00 AM on April 9th. No partial payment shall be accepted for partial seating of a delegation.
- b. Credentialing starts at 9:00 AM for delegates. Alternates can sign up to be credentialed at 9:50 AM, but will not receive their credentials until 10:00 AM. Delegates will be credentialed by their county chair if they arrive any time after 10:00 AM. A person who arrives late must find a sergeant at arms and be escorted to their county chair to be credentialed.
- c. Those delegates and / or alternates duly certified to the Republican State Central Committee shall represent the maximum number of votes per county throughout the Convention. Any delegate who must leave the convention prior to adjournment should report to the County Chair or designee before leaving and turn over the credentials to be given to an appropriate alternate.
- d. Alternates shall be seated in sequential order. In the event a delegate arrives late, or returns to the convention after being present earlier, and the delegate has been replaced by an alternate, the delegate shall report to the County Chair via a sergeant at arms. The seated alternate delegate holding the credentials for the late-arriving delegate shall turn over the credentials to the arriving delegate. The alternate delegate shall return to the alternate seating section, and be placed back on the alternate roster in his or her previous position.
- e. An initial quorum exists if at least 30% of the maximum authorized delegates are present. A quorum exists if at least 50% + 1 of the certified delegates determined present at the time of the original Credentials Committee Report are present on the Convention floor. To vote on any issue, there must be a quorum present. At the point a quorum no longer exists, the remaining platform planks as submitted shall be forwarded to the State Platform Committee. The report of the junior delegates shall be accepted.
- f. Members of the Credential Committee (as many as necessary) and a sergeant at arms as appointed by the Organization Committee will be provided to check badges at the door from 10:00 AM on.

3. Voting Rules

- a. Electronic voting devices provided by the Republican Party of Iowa shall be utilized for bal-

loting. They shall be issued to delegates with their credentials and returned after adjournment.

- b. Voting by proxy will not be permitted. Only seated delegates shall be allowed to cast a vote.
 - c. Following a voice vote, but before the final vote is announced by the chair, any five (5) delegates may request a standing division.
 - d. There shall be no change in the vote of any county after such vote has been cast.
 - e. No county shall be allowed to restrict any delegate's voting, speaking, nominating, and motion-making rights.
 - f. For any issue or election to any committee - including the State Central Committee, National Delegates, National Alternate Delegates, and Presidential Elector - each member must receive 50% + 1 of the vote (also known as a majority). A plurality vote shall not be used. After the first ballot, and each subsequent ballot thereafter, the lowest vote getter will be dropped until the allotted number of members for each committee has been elected.
 - g. No person shall be elected to serve on more than one standing committee.
- ### 4. Nominations and Elections to Office
- a. The order of voting for offices to be filled by the District Convention shall be: State Central Committee members, State Standing Committee members, National Delegates, National Alternate Delegates, and Presidential Elector.
 - b. Four (4) members shall be elected to the State Central Committee.
 - c. Four (4) members shall be elected to the State

Platform Committee.

- d. Two (2) members shall be elected to the State Rules Committee.
 - e. Two (2) members shall be elected to the State Organization Committee.
 - f. Two (2) members shall be elected to the State Credentials Committee.
 - g. Two (2) members shall be elected to the State Nominating Committee.
 - h. Three (3) National Delegates shall be elected by the body.
 - i. Three (3) National Alternate Delegates shall be elected by the body.
 - j. One (1) Presidential Elector shall be elected by the body.
 - k. No nominating speeches shall be permitted. Each nomination must be seconded, but no seconding speeches shall be permitted. When nominations have been closed, each nominee may speak to the convention for two (2) minutes. Persons nominated may withdraw from consideration prior to any ballot being taken.
 - l. All elections shall be done by secure electronic voting. On any ballot each delegate may vote for the number (or fewer) of the positions to be filled, but not more than one (1) vote per nominee.
- ### 5. Platform Amendments and Debate
- a. Any amendment to the report of the District Platform Committee must be in legible writing or typed and be signed by no fewer than twenty-five (25) delegates, with no more than eight (8) from one (1) county.
 - b. All amendments, including the necessary signatures, must be filed with the secretary of the convention prior to the beginning of the

recess for lunch or 12:00 noon, whichever is earlier.

- c. Each amendment must be on a separate sheet of paper and must clearly indicate the numbered section in the Platform Committee Report to which it pertains. It also must indicate the county signatories and must have all of the original signatories' counties printed or typed as well as signed. No photocopied signatures will be accepted. The amendments will be marked with the time and date received by the Platform Committee Secretary. The amendments will be read by the Platform Chair before the appropriate platform subsection debate begins.
- d. In debate, the debate on each amendment shall be limited to three (3) pro and three (3) con, with one (1) minute per speech with the primary amendment sponsor or his or her designee being given the opportunity to speak first. The chair shall alternate time between pro and con speakers, to the extent such speakers exist. No delegate may speak more than once during the debate on the amendment. Prior to debating, speakers shall identify themselves by name and county.
- e. In addition one (1) junior delegate selected by the junior delegates shall be allowed to speak not more than five (5) minutes, which shall be limited to three (3) items of the platform (which may, but not necessarily, be proposed by the junior delegate without seconding). If the three (3) items are submitted by the junior delegate, it shall not be a motion to substitute, reword, edit or delete.

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Proposed Agenda for the Iowa GOP 4th District Convention

Saturday, April 9, 2016

8:00am Credentials Committee meeting

8:30am Delegates arrive

9:30am Rules Committee meeting (if applicable)

9:40am Deadline for delegates to pick up credentials

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10:00am: Meeting begins, welcome comments. Junior delegates will remain seated with delegation until opening comments conclude

11:00am: Deadline for amendments to be submitted of the Platform Committee

- I. Call to Order
- II. Invocation
- III. Presentation of Colors
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance
- V. National Anthem
- VI. Roll Call of Counties by Temporary Secretary
- VII. Election Permanent Chair
- VIII. Introduction of Elected Officials and State
- IX. Dismissal of Jr. Delegates-
- X. Committee Reports
 - a. Credentials
 - b. Organization
 - c. Rules
- XI. State Central Committee Elections (4)
- XII. State Standing Committee Elections
 - a. State Organization Committee (2)
 - b. State Platform Committee (4)
 - c. State Rules Committee (2)
 - d. State Credentials Committee (2)
 - e. Nominating Committee (2)
- XIII. National Delegate Election
 - a. Elect 3 National Delegates
 - b. Elect 3 National Alternate Delegates
 - c. Elect 1 National Elector
- XIV. Lunch
- XV. Platform Committee Reports
- XVI. Jr. Delegate Report
- XVII. Additional Business
- XVIII. Adjourn

Sergeant of Arms:

*Candidates will be addressing the convention throughout the day.

COMMITTEE NOTES

ORGANIZATION

- No adhesives (lapel stickers, tape, etc) will be permitted in the facility.
- No signs will be allowed to be affixed to the walls of the facility.
- Signs may be placed outside of the venue, but are subject any applicable laws/ordinances
- Any organization questions can be directed to people with red identifier on their nametag.

CREDENTIALS

- Credentialing tables will be set up as you enter the gymnasium.
- Credentialing will begin at 8:30 a.m. Delegates are encouraged to arrive by 9:30. Delegates, alternates, and junior delegates will need to present a photo ID, or be vouched for by two other delegates.
- Alternates should report to the registration area at 9:50 and may be seated at 10:00. They will be given a delegate's badge from their county and should wear both badges. If a delegate arrives after an alternate has been seated, the alternate will be removed from the delegate area.
- After the credentials report has been made, the county chair will be responsible for notifying the district secretary of any changes in voting numbers.
- Any delegate who must leave the convention prior to adjournment, should report to the county credentials individual or designee to turn over the badge and voting device. If no alternate is available, the county credentials individual will check in the voting device and give it to the county chair to be returned when updating the county delegate count to the district secretary.

2016 Fourth District Proposed Platform

PREAMBLE

As Republicans we uphold the principles of individual responsibility and liberty, adherence to traditional moral standards, a strong national defense, a free enterprise system, respect for the sanctity of human life, and freedom of religion and the free exercise thereof. We believe in retaining the original intent of our Constitution. We believe high moral character is a necessity for public servants. The highest standard of character should be embodied in both private and public life. We encourage the proliferation of these principles and their passage to future generations.

PLATFORM PRINCIPLES

The following are the fundamental principles that make up the platform of the Republican Party of Iowa:

I. Our nation is a Constitutional Republic whose Foundation is the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.

We acknowledge our rights derive from God and are therefore unalienable and include Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness (i.e. private property). Further, the Right to Life shall be understood to include all people from conception to natural death. We are a na-

tion governed by people elected to public office that are sent to represent us, the citizens. Our Constitution provides limits to governmental power, explicitly details our fundamental rights and insures that only the enumerated powers contained within the Constitution are executed by the federal government. All other functions of government are left to the state and local governments.

II. We are a Sovereign Nation.

We are a Sovereign Nation with defined borders, governed by a set of laws determined by our representatives, guided by our Constitution and protected by a military strong enough to defend our nation and its interests.

III. The Oath of Office of all civil servants, elected and employed, should guide their actions.

As citizens, we demand that our elected officials take their office and its duties and responsibilities to us, our country and our Constitution seriously and act in accordance with their individual Oaths of Office.

IV. Fiscal Responsibility is a fundamental function of any local, state or federal entity.

It is a fundamental expectation that government entities act in a financially responsible manner; it follows that

limiting the size and scope of government is a necessary component of achieving this end.

V. Personal Responsibility is the primary duty of all citizens.

We are a nation of individuals held together by a common vision. We are not servants of the government; we are not dependent on the benevolence of society for our survival. Our possibilities are limitless where a free market is allowed to operate without government distortion; they should not be limited by our local, state and federal government. We are citizens of our country. We as individuals are responsible for our successes and failures.

PLANKS

This section enumerates what we Republicans of Iowa identify as the legislative priorities and stances for our elected representatives.

Life

1. We move the Iowa Republican Party aggressively support a Life Begins at Conception Bill without exceptions.
2. We believe that all human beings, from conception to natural death, have a God-given and constitutionally protected right to life, which cannot be infringed. We believe all such issues belong under the constitutional authority

of the state, not federal, government. We oppose using public revenues for abortion or funding organizations which advocate it. We commend those who provide alternatives to abortion by meeting the needs of mothers and offering adoption services. We reaffirm our support for appointment of judges who respect traditional family values and the sanctity of life. We oppose the non-consensual withholding or withdrawal of care or treatment, including food and water, from people with disabilities, including newborns, as well as the elderly and infirmed, just as we oppose active and passive euthanasia and assisted suicide.

2. We support an amendment to both the U.S. and the Iowa Constitutions defining and supporting the honored institution of marriage as the legal union between one natural man and one natural woman.
3. We encourage the repeal of any laws allowing any marriage that is not between one natural man and one natural woman.
4. We support non-embryonic stem cell research, such as promoting the use of adult stem cells, while opposing human cloning and research using fetal tissue from abortions.

Liberty

1. We support the 1st Amendment to allow prayer in Public Schools and Public Places.
2. We call on the General Assembly to provide for tuition vouchers, tax deductions, or tax credits to permit parents' choice in educating their children — without government intervention in the school curriculum. We support massive reform and reduction of the Department of Education; the abolishment of any federal or state law or regulations — such as Common Core or Iowa Core — that mandates national core standards and curriculum and reverts control of education standards back to the local level.
3. We strongly believe in the natural right of individuals to keep and bear arms, as recognized and protected by the Second Amendment, and we support the repeal of existing laws that infringe upon those rights. We support the addition of "stand your ground" and "castle doctrine" provisions to Iowa law.
4. We support "Conscience Clause" legislation so that no person, business, or organization can be penalized for its exercise of religious freedom by not pro-

viding services that violates their religious beliefs.

5. We support retaining the Electoral College. We oppose the National Popular Vote Compact.
6. We support legislation that would prohibit any organization, (in example, Planned Parenthood), from entering public school properties for the purpose of promoting promiscuous behavior and abortion products, videos, or printed material.
7. Parents and guardians have the right to be informed and to "opt out" their child from vaccinations.
8. The Patriot Act and the actions of national intelligence agencies shall not infringe American citizens' 4th Amendment rights.

Property

1. We support eliminating intrusions by the Environmental Protection Agency, Bureau of Land Management, and other governmental organizations on the economic development and use of private property.
2. We support the right of property owners to vote on bond issues in any district where they pay property tax whether a resident of the district or not.
3. We support laws that prohibit ownership of United States farmland, property, and other assets by foreign governments or entities controlled by such government.
4. We believe anyone moving into or already living in areas zoned previously for a particular use be prohibited from filing "nuisance lawsuits" which are antagonistic to such zoning if defendants are in compliance with all governing laws.
5. We support eliminating all death taxes.
6. We oppose government's redistribution of wealth.
7. All government fees accessed must be passed by the duly elected governmental body.

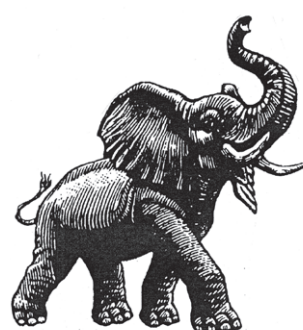
National Sovereignty & Defense

1. We believe the United States should never sacrifice its sovereignty or relinquish control of its soil to the United Nations or any other international body, thus we oppose the Tran Pacific Partnership (TPP) and all other agreements that surrender our sovereign rights.

2. We support: legal immigration, common sense improvements to our immigration process, strict enforcement of our current immigration laws, securing of our borders and punishing employers who knowingly hire illegal immigrants.
3. We reaffirm our commitment to the State of Israel. We believe in maintaining Jerusalem as an undivided city.
4. Agreements with foreign nations should only be done by treaty and subject to the approval of congress.
5. We assert that bequeathing citizenship to babies born to illegal immigrants in the United States is a misinterpretation of the 14th amendment.
6. We believe our servicemen should serve only the United States, our Constitution, and the American Flag.
7. We believe that only US citizens bearing proper photo ID should be allowed to vote.
8. We call for the government to support "veteran's issues". We believe military veterans should be treated with dignity and respect, and that "veterans services" should be consistent and delivered with equality and expedience.
9. We support strengthening of our national defense and military forces while eliminating wasteful spending.

Commerce

1. We support and affirm that our economy is based upon free enterprise, individual initiative, and capitalistic principles; and that business and individuals create jobs. It is not the responsibility of the government. We oppose government distortion of the free market through subsidies and bailouts.
2. We believe energy independence must be the goal of our public policy at both the National and State level.
3. We call for legislation that would eliminate all public sector unions.
4. We oppose all mandates associated with alleged global warming, or climate control.
5. We support legalizing cannabis oil for medical use and industrial hemp for commercial use.
6. We support a full and exhaustive annual audit of the Federal Reserve's books until such time as the agency is abolished and a sound commodity-backed currency is adopted.
7. We support the definition of manure as a natural fertilizer.



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Conservatives Oppose Mandatory Minimum Sentences

Conservatives and Republicans from across the country oppose mandatory minimum sentencing. These one-size-fits-all sentences:

- *Do not reduce crime***
- *Do not reduce drug use***
- *Are not cost-effective***

Conservatives are working to reform mandatory minimums and invest in police, prosecutors, and programs that actually reduce crime.

Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX)

“The current draconian mandatory minimum sentences sometimes result in sentencing outcomes that neither fit the crime nor the perpetrator’s unique circumstances. This is especially true for nonviolent drug offenders.”

Senator Rand Paul (R-KY)

“Our country’s mandatory minimum laws reflect a Washington-knows-best, one-size-fits-all approach, which undermines the Constitutional Separation of Powers, violates our bedrock principle that people should be treated as individuals, and costs the taxpayers money without making them any safer.”

Grover Norquist, President, Americans for Tax Reform

“Viewed through the skeptical eye I train on all other government programs, I have concluded that mandatory minimum sentencing policies are not worth the high cost to America’s taxpayers.”

David Keene, former president, National Rifle Association

“[T]he wholesale adoption of mandatory minimum sentencing hasn’t worked as well as everyone had hoped. ... [L]ike other “one-size-fits-all” solutions to complicated problems, they should be reviewed in light of how they work in practice.”

American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC)


“Both levels of government can protect our communities through crafting policies that focus limited resources on dangerous criminals by allowing judges to depart from mandatory-minimum sentences in certain cases of nonviolent offenders. These policies not only strengthen public safety and help balance budgets, but they also help rebuild lives.”



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Government

1. We support term limits for federal and state elected officials.
2. We support the requirement that legislation should not group topically unrelated items together and that unrelated amendments to bills should be prohibited. Additionally, omnibus bills should be broken up topically in order to increase oversight and accountability in the legislative process.
3. We support the principles of free-enterprise, accountability and competition in healthcare, we therefore call for the repeal of the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) and auditing all federal health related programs in order to eliminate waste and seek improved ways of delivering needed services.
4. We support lowering taxes and reducing the size, scope and scale of government - toward this end, we advocate a Balanced Budget Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. We also support a systematic reduction of the national debt.
5. We support the repeal of the 16th (Federal Income Tax) Amendment and replacing the current complex progressive income tax system with either a consumption-based tax, or a flat tax.
6. We believe legislation should never exempt legislators.
7. We support the adoption of English as the official language of the United States of America to strengthen and unite us as a nation of immigrants.
8. Government undermines and atrophies the capability of individuals, families

and communities to govern and address problems. We therefore recognize that the legitimate purpose of taxation is to fund the limited and legitimate constitutional functions of government and not to redistribute wealth or to enable an ever-increasing amount of government social programs.

9. We support a responsible audit of Social Security and evaluating ALL options that would promote the future viability of benefits to potential recipients.
10. We support legislation designed to enact Tort Reform.



A Message from the Chair and Co-Chair of the Republican Party of Iowa

We'll be blunt – the previous two years have seen a historic list of accomplishments at the Republican Party of Iowa. With the guidance and support of the State Central Committee, the Iowa GOP has experienced tremendous growth and success. Upon taking leadership of the party, the SCC set an ambitious goal of raising \$300,000 in much-needed funds within the first three months. We surpassed this goal and used these resources to lay the groundwork for a critical 2014 midterm election. As you know, Iowa Republicans experienced momentous victories, to include:

- Electing Joni Ernst as Iowa's first female to the United States Senate.
- Re-electing Governor Branstad to a historic sixth term.
- Expanding the Republican majority in the Iowa House.
- Partnering with the Republican National Committee to knock on over 600,000 doors and make over 1 million phone calls!
- Initiating the largest absentee ballot program in the history of the Republican Party of Iowa.
- Retaining Republican control of the offices of Secretary of State, Secretary of Agriculture, and State Auditor.

While we were certainly proud of these accomplishments, we did not stop there; conscious of Iowa's coveted first-in-the-nation status, the Republican Party of Iowa immediately took the steps to build the infrastructure and raise the funds necessary to run a flawless caucus in 2016. These steps included:

- Raising \$1.2 million in both large and small dollar contributions in 2015.
- Hiring new caucus staff to help organize our 99 county parties and strengthen relationships between the state party, the District Executive Committees, and grassroots activists.
- Opening three new offices throughout the state and establishing a presence in the four congressional districts.
- Conducting more than 300 county caucus trainings throughout the state, providing activists with at least two trainings on caucus procedures before February 1st.
- Partnering with Microsoft on a state-of-the-art caucus reporting application that significantly increased the speed and accuracy of the presidential poll.
- Shortening our final vote verification process from two weeks in 2012 to less than forty-eight hours in 2016.

In all, the Republican Party of Iowa spent nearly \$1 million and tens of thousands of hours on caucus trainings and preparations. These efforts culminated in a caucus that saw a record-shattering 187,000 Iowans turn out to support their candidate. Despite this incredible 53% increase in caucus attendance, we were able to register tens of thousands of new voters, record their presidential preference, and announce the winner of the Iowa caucus within three hours.

The successes of the Iowa GOP could not have been possible without the confidence and support of Iowa's hardworking Republican activists. We want to personally thank you for serving as a delegate to the district convention. Your presence today is crucial for meeting the goals of the state party: advocating for conservative principles, maintaining our First-in-the-Nation status, and electing Republican candidates up and down the ballot.

Jeff Kaufmann, Chair

Dr. Cody Hoefert, Co-Chair

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Rick Bertrand

U.S. CONGRESS

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