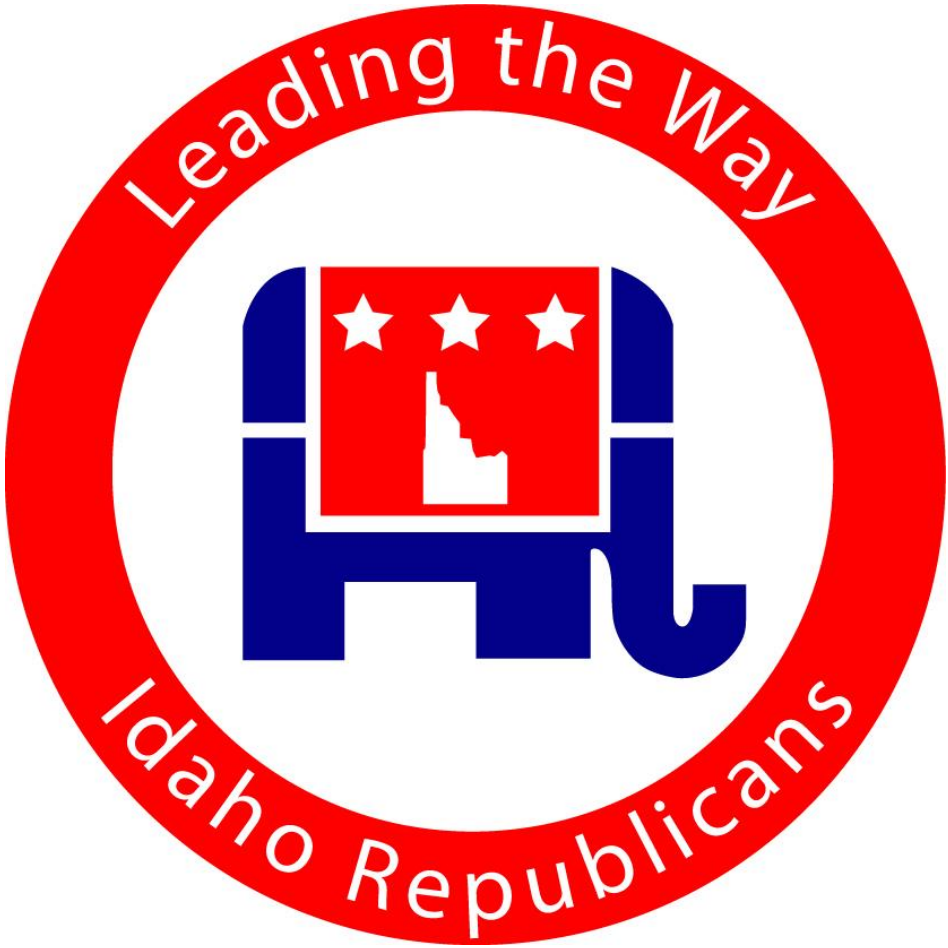


Idaho Republican Party State Rules



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RULES OF THE IDAHO REPUBLICAN PARTY

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ARTICLE I: THE REPUBLICAN STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Section 1: The Republican State Central Committee shall be the governing body of the Idaho Republican Party. It shall establish all policy and functions of the Idaho Republican Party on the State level, and may employ a staff to carry out such policy and functions. No person may hold more than one voting position on the State Central Committee.

Section 2: The first meeting of the Republican State Central Committee shall take place immediately upon adjournment of the State Convention, at which time said committee may fill vacancies on the statewide ticket. The Committee shall thereafter be called to fill any vacancy on the statewide ticket which may occur before the General Election. Meetings of the Committee may be called by the State Chairman or, in the case of a vacancy in the Chairmanship, by the First Vice Chairman, and in the case of absence in the office of First Vice Chairman, by the Second Vice Chairman. Such call shall be issued at least thirty (30) days in advance of the date of the proposed semi-annual regular meeting and thirty (30) days in advance for special meetings and within fifteen (15) days for emergency meetings or as otherwise provided by Idaho Code and shall state the business to be transacted at the meeting and such other business as may properly come before it. Regular meetings shall be held at least twice annually.

1 **Section 3:** Upon written petition of fifteen (15) or more members of the Republican State Central
2 Committee, representing not less than five (5) counties asking for a special meeting of the
3 Republican State Central Committee, it shall be the duty of the State Chairman, within ten (10)
4 days from receipt of said petition, to issue a call for a special meeting of the Republican State
5 Central Committee.

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7 **Section 4:** The voting membership of the Republican State Central Committee shall consist of all
8 voting members of the State Executive Committee, County Chairmen, State Committeemen,
9 State Committeewomen, State Youth Committeeperson, and Legislative District Chairmen. A
10 voting member's proxy from a non-represented county may only be honored if said proxy is
11 carried by the Legislative District Chairman. A written proxy from an absent member to a voting
12 member present from the same county, or as described above, shall be honored if filed prior to
13 the commencement of any meeting with the State Central Committee Secretary. The proxy of a
14 Legislative District Chairman shall be given only to a voting member present from a county
15 lying within the legislative district or within which the legislative district lies. The Proxy of a
16 member of the State Central Committee shall be cast only by a voting member present from a
17 region where said member resides. A quorum shall exist if fifty-one percent (51%) of the
18 counties are represented. All voting members of the Republican State Central Committee or any
19 person carrying a proxy for such member must have Republican Party affiliation. Furthermore,
20 the act of un-affiliation with the Republican Party shall be considered as a resignation of any
21 positions held in the Central Committee.

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1 **Section 5:** The Chairman of the Republican State Central Committee shall have general
2 administrative supervision over the organization and affairs of the Idaho Republican Party, shall
3 preside at all meetings, and shall perform all other duties as are incident to his office, subject in
4 all cases, however, to the direction of the Republican State Central Committee. The Chairman of
5 the Republican State Central Committee shall be elected by the Delegates to the State
6 Republican Convention, convening regularly every two years.

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8 **Section 6:** If the office of the Chairman becomes vacant, by reason of resignation, death or
9 otherwise, it shall be the duty of the First Vice-Chairman to convene the Republican State
10 Central Committee within thirty (30) days for the purpose of appointing by election a new State
11 Chairman to serve until a successor is duly elected by the next Republican State Convention.
12 There shall be no automatic succession to the office of State Chairman.

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14 **Section 7:** The first Vice Chairman of the Republican State Central Committee shall have such
15 powers and perform such duties as may be assigned from time to time by the Republican State
16 Central Committee and shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the State Chairman
17 upon any occasion when the State Chairman shall be unable to perform the duties of his office.

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19 **Section 8:** The First Vice Chairman and the Second Vice Chairman shall be elected by the
20 delegates to the State Convention which convenes every two years. The Second Vice Chairman
21 shall be from the opposite Congressional District of the First Vice Chairman. In the event of a
22 vacancy in the First or Second Vice Chairman, the State Executive Committee shall appoint an
23 interim successor to serve until the next meeting of the State Central Committee, which shall
24 elect a successor to serve until the next State Convention.

1 **Section 9:** The National Committeeman and National Committeewoman shall be elected by the
2 delegates to the Republican State Convention in the same year as presidential elections. The
3 National Committeeman and National Committeewoman shall represent the Idaho Republican
4 Party on the National Committee, shall speak for Idaho to the National Committee, shall convey
5 National Party Policy to the State Party, and shall carry out all other duties and responsibilities as
6 they may see fit to properly represent the Idaho Republican Party.

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8 **Section 10:** If the office of the National Committeeman or National Committeewoman becomes
9 vacant, by reason or resignation, death or otherwise, the State Chairman shall, within thirty (30)
10 days of the event, call a Republican State Central Committee meeting for the purpose of making
11 an appointment to fill the vacancy. Such appointee shall serve until a successor is duly chosen at
12 the next presidential year Republican State Convention.

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14 **Section 11:** The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping minutes and state records in
15 conjunction with the State Headquarters office and shall be elected by the delegates to the
16 regular session of the Republican State Convention every 2 years. In the event of a vacancy in
17 the office of Secretary, the Republican State Executive Committee shall appoint an interim
18 successor to serve until the next meeting of the State Central Committee, which shall elect a
19 successor to serve until the next State Convention.

1 **Section 12:** The Treasurer shall act as the fiscal agent for the Republican State Central
2 Committee, and shall be elected by the delegates to the regular session of the Republican State
3 Convention, which convenes every two (2) years. In the event of a vacancy in the office of
4 Treasurer, the Republican State Executive Committee shall appoint an interim successor to serve
5 until the next meeting of the State Central Committee, which shall elect a successor to serve until
6 the next State Convention.

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8 **Section 13:** The State Chairman shall appoint a State Finance Chairman who shall be responsible
9 for developing and executing fundraising programs for the Idaho Republican Party. The State
10 Finance Chairman, in cooperation with the State Chairman, may recruit a Finance Committee
11 and appoint such assistants as deemed necessary.

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13 **Section 14:** The State Chairman shall appoint an Executive Director with the consent of the
14 Executive Committee at the next regular meeting as deemed necessary.

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16 **Section 15:** The Chairman may appoint such special committees as necessary, designate the
17 membership thereof, and define the duties such committees shall perform, and limit or terminate
18 the existence thereof. The State Chairman shall appoint all Committees subject to the review of
19 the Executive Committee. The Chairman shall, at a minimum, appoint standing Rules and
20 Resolutions Committees as follows:

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1 (A) Rules Committee. The Chairman shall appoint, with the review of the Executive Committee,
2 a standing Rules Committee consisting of a chairman, vice chairman, and two (2) members
3 of the Republican State Central Committee from each region in consultation with each
4 Region Chairman. The Chairman of the Standing Rules Committee may appoint a Standing
5 Rules Committee Secretary to insure the business and minutes of the Rules Committee are
6 orderly and reliable. The Rules Committee shall be a subcommittee of the Republican State
7 Central Committee and shall meet during each State Central Committee meeting and as
8 necessary to review the rules under which the Central Committee operates and may
9 recommend amendments to the Central Committee for consideration. The Rules Committee
10 may form special advisory subcommittees by majority vote, and may issue reports, request
11 information, and perform any other such work relating to the effective administration of
12 party rules.

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14 The Rules Committee shall:

1 (1) Receive written Rules from any State Central Committee member or rules passed by
2 County, District, or Regional Committees. Rules not received by the Committee at least
3 twelve (12) days before the State Central Committee meeting shall require both a typed
4 and an electronic copy of the proposed rule and a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Rules
5 Committee to consider the rule. If passed, the proposed rule will be handled the same as
6 a rule received before the deadline. The Committee will determine disposition. The
7 Sponsor will be give up to ten (10) minutes before the Committee to propose the rule. A
8 like time will be given to any member opposed to the rule. The total time for
9 consideration shall be twenty (20) minutes after which a majority will prevail. Time may
10 be extended by prerogative of the Chair or by vote of the committee.

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12 (2) The Committee will determine that all rules are legible and in presentable form.

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14 (B) Resolutions Committee. The Chairman shall appoint, with the review of the Executive
15 Committee, a standing Resolutions Committee consisting of a chairman, vice chairman, and
16 two (2) members of the Republican State Central Committee from each region in
17 consultation with each Region Chairman. The Chairman of the Standing Resolutions
18 Committee may appoint a Standing Resolutions Committee Secretary to insure the business
19 and minutes of the Resolutions Committee are orderly and reliable. The Resolutions
20 Committee shall be a subcommittee of the Republican State Central Committee and shall
21 meet as necessary to consider resolutions proposed by members of the Central Committee
22 and may recommend resolutions for approval to the Central Committee.

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24 The Resolutions Committee shall:

1 (1) Receive written resolutions from any State Central Committee member, County, District,
2 or Region. To be considered by the Resolutions Committee, resolutions must first be
3 considered and approved by a County, District, or Regional Committee. Each Resolution
4 shall name the author/sponsor and additional individuals authorized to present the
5 resolution to the Committee, one of whom must be present for the resolution to be
6 considered by the Committee. The Committee will determine disposition. The sponsor
7 will be given up to five (5) minutes before the Committee to propose the resolution. A
8 like time will be given to any member opposed to the resolution. The total time for
9 consideration shall be ten (10) minutes after which a majority vote will prevail.

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11 (2) The Committee will determine that all resolutions are legible and in presentable form.

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13 A. The Committee must receive all proposed resolutions no later than twelve (12) days
14 prior to the State Central Committee meeting, a copy of which shall be sent to all
15 members off the State Central Committee ten (10) days before the meeting. Where two
16 (2) or more proposed resolutions cover essentially the same topic, State GOP officials
17 may ask authors/sponsors to combine them in time to be sent to all State Central
18 Committee members three days prior to the State Central Committee meeting.

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20 B. Where the two (2) resolutions are opposed on the same subject, the Committee may
21 submit either or both to the State Central Committee with a recommendation that either
22 or both pass.

1 C. No resolution may be presented to the floor of the State Central Committee meeting
2 except through the Resolutions Committee.

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4 D. Each member of the State Central Committee (SCC) may submit up to two (2)
5 proposed resolutions per SCC meeting.

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7 (3) Resolutions that fail but receive at least one-third (1/3) of the vote of the Resolutions
8 Committee meeting may be presented on the floor by a minority report with each side of
9 the proposition given three (3) minutes to present its arguments to the body.

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11 (4) Resolutions not received by the Committee at least twelve (12) days before the State
12 Central Committee meeting shall require both a typed and an electronic copy of the
13 proposed resolution and a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Resolutions Committee to consider
14 the resolution. If passed, the proposed resolution will be handled the same as a resolution
15 received before the deadline.

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17 (5) Any member attending the State Central Committee meeting may attend the Resolutions
18 Committee meeting and take part in the discussion but will have no vote. Any interested
19 party shall be permitted to attend the Resolutions Committee meeting as guest of any
20 State Central Committee member. At the invitation of the Chairman of the Resolutions
21 Committee, guests may be allowed to speak.

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1 (6) Upon receiving the Report of the Standing Resolutions Committee, the State Chairman
2 shall recognize a designated member of the Resolutions Committee to read the resolution
3 to the body, and move for its adoption. Debate on each resolution shall be no more than
4 five (5) minutes per side.

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6 (7) Resolutions will have an effective lifespan of two years. All resolutions, and actions
7 taken pursuant to them, shall be published on the Idaho Republican Party website.

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9 (C) Hall of Fame Awards Committee. The 1st and 2nd Vice Chairs shall co-chair the Idaho Hall of
10 Fame Awards Committee. Every year, the committee will be responsible for awarding the
11 Idaho Hall of Fame Awards during the winter meeting of the Idaho Republican State Central
12 Committee meeting. The committee will be made up of the seven Regional Chairman;
13 three past HOF award recipients each from different regions of the state, and the State Party
14 Chairman.

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17 (1) The Hall of Fame Award categories will be as follows:

18 Outstanding Republican Worker

19 Outstanding Republican Precinct Committeeperson

20 Outstanding Republican County, Legislative, and Regional Chairman

21 Outstanding Republican State Legislator(s)

22 Outstanding Republican Administrative Official

23 Outstanding Republican Federal or Statewide Elected Official

24 Most Valuable Person

1 Lifetime Achievement Award

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3 The Lifetime Achievement Award may only be awarded to an individual who has worked
4 consistently for 25 years or more in the Idaho Republican Party. The Lifetime
5 Achievement Award may be awarded to more than one person in any given year, or it
6 may not be awarded at all, if no one qualifies for the award in that particular year. The
7 Lifetime Achievement Award category is effective beginning 12/9/2013.

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9 (2) The Hall of Fame nomination form shall be distributed to all the County, Regional, and
10 Legislative Chairmen by October 15th each year with a deadline to return to the State
11 Party Headquarters by November 15th. The Hall of Fame Committee shall convene
12 before December 10th to select the Hall of Fame recipients.

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14 **Section 16:** The two year term of office of the State Chairman shall begin immediately upon
15 election by the Republican State Convention. The four (4) year term of office of the National
16 Committeewoman and National Committeeman shall commence the day after the close of the
17 Republican National Convention. The two (2) year term of office for the First Vice Chairman,
18 Second Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer shall commence immediately following the
19 Republican State Convention.

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21 **Section 17:** Ten (10) days prior to the Primary, the State Chairman shall notify each Region
22 Chairman, each Legislative District Chairman, and each County Chairman of the procedural
23 rules for organizational meeting and delegate selection.

1 **Section 18:** Forty-five (45) days prior to the Presidential Primary Election in each presidential
2 year, the State Chairman shall notify each Region Chairman, each Legislative District Chairman,
3 and each County Chairman of the rules of Selection of Delegates to the Republican State
4 Convention and the Republican National Convention.

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6 **Section 19:** Proxy Rule. All proxies shall be in writing, shall be signed and dated by the grantor,
7 and shall include the following information:

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9 (A) The name, county of residence, and Republican State Central Committee office of the
10 grantor of the proxy,

11 (B) The name and county of residence of the individual to whom the proxy is given, and

12 (C) The date of the meeting for which the proxy is issued.
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14 **Section 20:** A proxy that is placed before the Credentials Committee and approved as such will
15 be treated for all purposes as a valid proxy.
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17 **Section 21:** Notice of Meetings. Notice of semi-annual meetings of the State Central
18 Committee, shall be in writing, mailed to the last address of each member on file. Mailing shall
19 be made at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of such meetings. The notice shall state the time
20 and place of the meeting and may include an agenda of the business intended to be conducted at
21 such meeting, provided that the inclusion of such agenda shall not limit the business to those
22 items mentioned in the notice.
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1 **Section 22:** In addition to first class mail, the Idaho Republican Party may deliver meeting
2 notices to members' e-mail addresses that are on record in the Idaho Republican Party
3 headquarters. Such method of delivery shall be limited to those members who have voluntarily
4 furnished their e-mail addresses to the Party for this purpose.

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6 **Section 23:** At no time shall the staff, resources or finances of the Idaho Republican Party be
7 used to promote, solicit, advocate or advertise the candidacy of those seeking election, re-
8 election or appointment to the Executive Board.

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11 **ARTICLE II: THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

12 **Section 1:** The State Executive Committee shall be authorized to act on behalf of the Idaho
13 Republican Party for the purpose of administering the policies and programs adopted by the State
14 Central Committee, and shall perform such duties as may be assigned to it by the State Central
15 Committee. No person may hold more than one voting position on the State Executive
16 Committee.

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18 **Section 2:** The State Executive Committee shall consist of the following members:

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20 (A) Voting members:

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22 (1) The State Chairman

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24 (2) The First Vice Chairman

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(3) The Second Vice Chairman

(4) The National Committeeman

(5) The National Committeewoman

(6) The Secretary of the State Central Committee

(7) The Treasurer of the State Central Committee

(8) The Region Chairmen (7)

(9) The State Finance Chairman

(10) The Young Republican State Chairman

(11) The President of the Idaho Republican Women's Federation

(12) The President of the College Young Republicans

(B) Non-voting (ex-officio) members:

(1) The Immediate Past State Chairman

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(2) The Executive Director

(3) The chairman or designee of each officially recognized Republican Donor club

(4) The Teenage Republican Representative

(5) The national committeeman and national committeewoman elect.

(6) One representative of each Republican Congressional office.

(7) One representative of each Republican State Constitutional Office or their designated representative

Section 3: The State Chairman shall convene the State Executive Committee quarterly at various cities in the State and shall have the power to call a special Executive Committee Meeting after ten (10) days notice.

Section 4: Fifty-one percent (51 %) of the voting members of the State Executive Committee must be present to constitute a quorum. The State Executive Committee shall honor a written proxy designating another voting member to such proxy. The Vice Chairman of a Region may act in the place of an absent Region Chairman where applicable.

1 **Section 5:** No member of the State Executive Committee shall receive financial remuneration
2 other than expenses as approved by the Executive Committee.

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5 **ARTICLE III: REGIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

6 **Section 1:** The State shall be divided into seven (7) regions for the purpose of administering the
7 Idaho Republican Party. The regions shall be composed as follows:

8
9 (A) Region I - Counties of Boundary, Bonner, Kootenai, Benewah, and Shoshone

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11 (B) Region II - Counties of Latah, Nez Perce, Lewis, Clearwater, and Idaho

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13 (C) Region III - Counties of Valley, Adams, Washington, Payette, Canyon, Gem, Elmore,
14 Owyhee, and Boise

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16 (D) Region IV - County of Ada

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18 (E) Region V - Counties of Gooding, Jerome, Minidoka, Lincoln, Cassia, Twin Falls, Camas,
19 and Blaine

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21 (F) Region VI - Counties of Bannock, Power, Oneida, Caribou, Bear Lake, Bingham, and
22 Franklin

1 (g) Region VII - Counties of Bonneville, Butte, Madison, Jefferson, Fremont, Clark, Custer,
2 Lemhi, and Teton

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4 **Section 2:** A Region Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and such other officers of the Region
5 shall be elected by the County Chairmen, State Committeemen, State Committeewomen, Youth
6 Committeeperson, and Legislative District Chairmen from the counties and Legislative Districts
7 composing a Region. Such elections must be held within fifteen (15) days following the election
8 of county officers, after five (5) days notice. The election of the Regional Officers shall be
9 carried out by secret ballot, except in uncontested races.

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11 **Section 3:** Special functions of the Region Chairman consistent with Articles II and III of the
12 Rules are:

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14 (a) To represent the counties and legislative districts within the region at Executive
15 Committee meetings wherein decisions are made concerning policies and programs of the
16 State Central Committee.

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18 (b) To keep the State Executive Committee and State Central Committee informed of
19 activities and problem areas in the region.

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21 (c) To interpret actions and decisions of the State Executive Committee and State Central
22 Committee with particular reference to political and financial plans (including campaign and
23 fundraising programs) to the counties and legislative districts in the region.

1 (d) To coordinate inter-regional activities such as:

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3 (1) Lincoln Day affairs

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5 (2) Fundraisers for County, State, and National candidates, and

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7 (3) Campaign rallies for County, State, and National candidates

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9 (e) To encourage the counties in the region to fill their county quotas for the State budget.

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11 (f) To assure that the counties and legislative districts in the region conduct their meeting for
12 the purposes of

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14 (1) Organization, and

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16 (2) Selection of delegates to the State Convention according to the Election Laws of the
17 State of Idaho and the Rules of the Idaho Republican Party.

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19 (g) In order to accomplish the responsibilities listed in this section, the Region Chairman
20 shall attend State Executive Committee meetings and State Central Committee meetings. The
21 Region Chairman shall encourage attendance at the State Central Committee meetings. If a
22 member cannot attend, proxies in accord with the Rules shall be solicited.

1 (h) The Region Chairman shall convene Region meetings on a semi-annual schedule (two
2 meetings per calendar year) at various communities within the region or in conjunction with
3 State Central Committee meetings. The Chairman can convene special meetings to ensure
4 appropriate action is taken in response to a situation that requires immediate attention
5 without regard to the timing of the normal meeting schedule. The Region Chairman shall
6 visit the counties and legislative districts as deemed necessary and attend special functions in
7 the Region.

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9 (i) The Region Chairman shall respond to special requests from the State Chairman and
10 Executive Director with regard to arranging for special visits to the region and
11 recommending people to serve on special committees and other assignments.

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13 (j) The Region Chairman shall respond to requests from the State Chairman and Executive
14 Director with regard to recommendations concerning outstanding Precinct Committeemen,
15 outstanding County and Legislative District Chairmen and others who deserve special
16 commendation.

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18 **Section 4:** If the office of Region Chairman becomes vacant, by reason of resignation, death or
19 otherwise, the Vice Chairman shall assume the duties of the Chairman, and, within thirty (30)
20 days, and after giving at least seven (7) days notice, call a Region meeting for the purpose of
21 electing a new Region Chairman. If the Vice Chairman does not call such meeting within thirty
22 (30) days, the State Chairman shall call a Region meeting with seven (7) day notice for the
23 purpose of electing a new Region Chairman.

1 **Section 5:** The voting membership of region meetings shall be the Region Chairman, County
2 Chairmen, State Committeemen, State Committeewomen, State Youth Committeeperson, and
3 Legislative District Chairmen, who reside in the region. At no time can a legislative district
4 chairman vote in more than one region. Proxies shall be honored at region meetings as provided
5 in Article I, Section 4 for State Central Committee meetings. A quorum shall exist if 51% of the
6 counties and legislative districts within the region are represented.

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9 ***ARTICLE IV: THE COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE***

10 **Section 1:** The County Central Committee is composed of the Precinct Committeemen and
11 Precinct Committeewomen elected at the State Primary Election, the County Chairman, Vice
12 Chairman, State Committeeman, State Committeewoman, State Youth Committeeperson, and
13 such other officers of the County Central Committee as are elected by the Precinct
14 Committeemen and Precinct Committeewomen. All officers of the Central Committee shall be
15 elected by the Precinct Committeemen and Precinct Committeewomen at a meeting called by the
16 incumbent County Chairman to be held within ten (10) days after the Primary Election at the
17 county seat. The election of the County Officers shall be carried out by secret ballot, except in
18 uncontested races. All precinct committeemen of a county central committee or any person
19 acting as an alternate for such member must have a Republican Party affiliation. Furthermore,
20 the act of un-affiliating with the Republican Party shall be considered as a resignation of any
21 positions held in the County Central Committee.

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1 **Section 2:** The State Youth Committeeperson shall be between the ages of eighteen and forty at
2 the time of his or her election.

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4 **Section 3:** The County Chairman shall assure the existence of a set of rules and by-laws for the
5 county organization. These rules must be compatible with the Election Laws of the State of
6 Idaho and the Rules of the Idaho Republican Party.

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8 **Section 4:** The County Chairman must call and chair meetings, as designated by the County and
9 State rules, for the purpose of:

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11 (a) County organization,

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13 (b) Selecting delegates to the State Convention, and

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15 (c) Nominating candidates to fill vacancies in county government offices

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17 **Section 5:** The County Chairman shall also chair meetings as prescribed by County by-laws for
18 the purpose of conducting routine business related to:

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20 (a) Campaigns

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22 (b) Publicity

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24 (c) Finance

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(d) Filling precinct committee vacancies, and

(e) Other topics as required.

Section 6: The County Chairman is concerned with the recruitment and election of county government officials and for maintaining liaison with them after election.

Section 7: The County Chairman is a member of the State Central Committee, and therefore shall attend State Central Committee meetings and respond to requests from the Region Chairman as well as the State Chairman and Executive Director to serve on committees and assist in special functions.

Section 8: The County Central Committee shall appoint by election Precinct Committeemen to fill all vacancies that occur or exist in the offices of Precinct Committeemen. Candidates shall be qualified electors of the precinct. Notices of precinct vacancies shall be announced at least two weeks prior to the next scheduled meeting. All nominations shall be from the floor, and in the event of a contested race, election shall be by secret ballot.

1 **Section 9:** If the office of the County Chairman becomes vacant, by reason of resignation, death
2 or otherwise, the Vice Chairman shall assume all duties of the Chairman and, within thirty (30)
3 days after giving at least seven (7) days notice, call a Central Committee meeting for the purpose
4 of electing a new County Chairman. If the Vice Chairman does not call such meeting within
5 thirty (30) days, the State Chairman shall call a county Central Committee meeting with seven
6 (7) days notice, for the purpose of electing a new County Chairman.

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8 **Section 10:** If the office of State Committeeman, State Committeewoman or State Youth
9 Committeeperson becomes vacant, by reason of death or otherwise, the County Chairman shall,
10 within thirty (30) days after giving at least seven (7) days notice call a County Central
11 Committee meeting for the purpose of filling such vacancy.

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13 **Section 11:** If the office of Vice Chairman, secretary or treasurer becomes vacant because of
14 resignation, death or otherwise, the county chairman shall, within thirty (30) days and after
15 giving at least seven (7) days notice, call a County Central Committee meeting for the purpose of
16 filling the vacancy.

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18 **Section 12:** Representation and voting by proxies shall be allowed at County Central Committee
19 meetings except for the election of Central Committee Officers, election of delegates to the State
20 Convention, and nomination of nominees to fill county vacancies. Proxies shall be honored if
21 written by the grantor to another voting member and limited to that particular meeting. Fifty-one
22 percent (51%) of the Precinct Committeemen from within the county shall constitute a quorum,
23 unless county by-laws designate a different quorum percentage.

1 **ARTICLE V: FILLING BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS VACANCIES**

2 **Section 1:** In the event a vacancy arises on a board of County Commissioners, by reason of
3 resignation, death or otherwise, it shall be the duty of the Chairman of the County Central
4 Committee wherein the vacancy exists to call a meeting of the County Central Committee within
5 ten (10) days after giving seventy-two (72) hours notice, stating the purpose of the meeting,
6 which is to recommend to the Governor three (3) nominees to fill said vacancy.

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8 **Section 2:** At the meeting of the County Central Committee for the purpose of recommending to
9 the Governor three (3) nominees to fill a vacancy on a board of county commissioners, only
10 Precinct Committeemen shall be entitled to nominate candidates and vote. In the event of a tie
11 vote, the County Chairman may cast the tiebreaker vote unless the County Chairman is also a
12 Precinct Committeeman. In such an event then the County Vice Chairman may cast the
13 tiebreaker vote unless the County Vice Chairman is also a Precinct Committeeman. If such a
14 situation should occur, then the Committee may proceed with whatever means of breaking the tie
15 that is agreed upon to be acceptable by a majority of the Committee. All nominees must reside
16 within the County district where the vacancy exists. All Precinct Committeemen may vote for
17 three (3) candidates in preferential order.

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19 **Section 3:** The County Chairman shall submit the names of three (3) nominees to the Governor
20 within two (2) days of their selection. Said nominees shall be listed in order of preference.

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22 **Section 4:** The Governor shall fill the vacancy by appointment from the list of three (3)
23 nominees within fifteen (15) days. If no appointment is made within fifteen (15) days, the
24 County Central Committee shall designate one (1) of the three (3) nominees to fill the vacancy.

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ARTICLE VI: FILLING COUNTY VACANCIES OTHER THAN COMMISSIONERS

Section 1: If the office of county prosecuting attorney, treasurer, sheriff, coroner, assessor, or auditor/clerk of the district court becomes vacant, by reason of resignation, death or otherwise, the Chairman of the County Central Committee wherein the vacancy exists shall call a meeting of the County Central Committee within ten (10) days after giving seventy-two (72) hours notice, stating the purpose of the meeting, which is to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners three (3) nominees to fill said vacancy.

1 **Section 2:** At the meeting of the County Central Committee for the purpose of recommending to
2 the Board of County Commissioners three (3) nominees to fill such vacancy, only the Precinct
3 Committeeman shall be entitled to nominate candidates and vote. In the event of a tie vote, the
4 County Chairman may cast the tiebreaker vote unless the County Chairman is also a Precinct
5 Committeeman. In such an event then the County Vice Chairman may cast the tiebreaker vote
6 unless the County Vice Chairman is also a Precinct Committeeman. If such a situation should
7 occur, then the Committee may proceed with whatever means of breaking the tie that is agreed
8 upon to be acceptable by a majority of the Committee. All nominees must reside within the
9 County or otherwise satisfy any residency requirement under Idaho law. All Precinct
10 Committeemen may vote for three (3) candidates in preferential order.

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12 **Section 3:** The County Chairman shall submit the names of the three (3) nominees to the Board
13 of County Commissioners within two (2) days of their selection. Said nominees shall be listed in
14 order of the number of votes received.

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16 **Section 4:** The Board of County Commissioners shall fill the vacancy by appointment from the
17 list of three (3) nominees within (15) days. If no appointment is made within fifteen (15) days,
18 the County Central Committee shall designate one (1) of the three (3) nominees to fill the
19 vacancy.

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21 ***ARTICLE VII: THE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT COMMITTEE***

22 **Section 1:** The Legislative District Committee is composed of Precinct Committeemen and
23 Precinct Committeewomen elected at the State Primary Election, the Legislative District
24 Chairman, Vice Chairmen, Secretary, and other such officers of the Legislative District that are

1 elected by the Precinct Committeemen and Precinct Committeewomen. The Precinct
2 Committeemen and Precinct Committeewomen shall elect all officers of the Legislative District
3 at a meeting called by the incumbent Legislative District Chairman to be held upon seven (7)
4 days' notice and within eleven (11) days after each Primary Election at a location within the
5 Legislative District or within an adjacent Legislative District or County. The election of the
6 Legislative District Officers shall be carried out by secret ballot, except in uncontested races. All
7 precinct committeemen of a Legislative District Central Committee or any person acting as an
8 alternate for such member must have a Republican Party affiliation. Furthermore, the act of un-
9 affiliating with the Republican Party shall be considered as a resignation of any positions held in
10 the Central Committee.

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12 **Section 2:** The Legislative District Chairman shall assure the existence of a set of rules and
13 by-laws for the legislative district organization. These rules must be compatible with the
14 Election Laws of the State of Idaho and the Rules of the Idaho Republican Party.

15 **Section 3:** The Legislative District Chairman must call and chair meetings, as designated by the
16 legislative district and state rules, for the purpose of:

- 17 (a) Legislative district organization
- 18 (b) Selecting delegates to the State Convention, and
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- 20 (c) Nominating candidates to fill vacancies in the State Legislature

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22 **Section 4:** The Legislative District Chairman shall also chair meetings as prescribed by the
23 legislative district by-laws for the purposes of conducting routine business related to:

1 (a) Campaigns

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3 (b) Publicity

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5 (c) Finance, and

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7 (d) Other topics as requested

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9 **Section 5:** The Legislative District Chairman is responsible for recruiting and assisting in the
10 election of candidates for the State Legislature and for maintaining liaison with them after
11 election.

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13 **Section 6:** The Legislative District Chairman is a member of the State Central Committee; and
14 therefore, shall attend State Central Committee meetings and respond to requests from the
15 Region Chairman as well as the State Chairman and Executive Director to serve on committees
16 and special functions.

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18 **Section 7:** If the office of the Legislative District Chairman becomes vacant, by reason of
19 resignation, death or otherwise, the Vice Chairman of the District shall assume all duties of the
20 Chairman and call a meeting for the purpose of electing a new District Chairman. This meeting
21 shall be called within thirty (30) days following the occurrence of vacancy and upon giving at
22 least seven (7) days' notice. If the Vice Chairman does not call such a meeting within thirty (30)
23 days, the State Chairman shall call a Legislative District Committee meeting, with seven (7) days
24 notice, for the purpose of electing a new Legislative District Chairman.

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Section 8: If the office of Vice Chairman or Secretary becomes vacant by reason of resignation, death or otherwise, the Legislative District Chairman shall within thirty (30) days and after giving at least seven (7) days' notice, call a Legislative District Committee meeting for the purpose of filling such vacancy.

Section 9: Representation and voting by proxies shall be allowed at legislative district meetings, except for the election of Legislative District Officers, election of delegates to the State Convention, and selection of nominees to fill vacancies in the Idaho State Legislature. Proxies shall be honored if written by the grantor to another voting member from the same legislative district and limited to that particular meeting. Fifty-one percent (51%) of the Precinct Committeemen from within the Legislative District shall constitute a quorum, unless Legislative District by-laws designate a different quorum percentage.

ARTICLE VIII: FILLING LEGISLATIVE VACANCIES

Section 1: In the event a vacancy arises in the Idaho State Legislature, by reason of resignation, death or otherwise, the Chairman of the Legislative District in which such vacancy exists shall call a meeting of the Legislative District Committee within ten (10) days and after giving seventy-two (72) hours notice, stating the purpose for the meeting which is recommending to the Governor three (3) nominees to fill said vacancy.

1 **Section 2:** At the meeting of the Legislative District Committee for the purpose of
2 recommending to the Governor three (3) nominees to fill a vacancy in the Legislature, only
3 Precinct Committeemen from within the Legislative District shall be entitled to nominate
4 candidates and vote. In the event of a tie vote, the Legislative District Chairman may cast the
5 tiebreaker vote unless the Legislative District Chairman is also a Precinct Committeeman. In
6 such an event then the Legislative District Vice Chairman may cast the tiebreaker vote unless the
7 Legislative District Vice Chairman is also a Precinct Committeeman. If such a situation should
8 occur, then the Committee may proceed with whatever means of breaking the tie that is agreed
9 upon to be acceptable by a majority of the Committee. All nominees must reside within the
10 Legislative District. All Precinct Committeemen may vote for three (3) candidates in
11 preferential order.

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13 **Section 3:** The Legislative District Chairman shall submit the names of the three (3) nominees to
14 the Governor within two (2) days of their selection. Said nominees shall be listed in order of
15 preference.

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17 **Section 4:** The Governor shall fill the vacancy by appointment from the list of three (3)
18 nominees within fifteen (15) days. If no appointment has been made within fifteen (15) days, the
19 Legislative District Committee shall designate one (1) of the three nominees to fill the vacancy.

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1 **ARTICLE IX: CENTRAL COMMITTEE ENDORSEMENT AND REPUBLICAN PARTY**

2 **REGISTRATION REQUIRED TO VOTE IN A REPUBLICAN PRIMARY ELECTION**

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

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7 **Section 2:** The Legislative District Central Committees may determine the political affiliation of
8 candidates filing or declaring an intent to file as Republican Party Candidates for the State
9 Legislature, and the Committee may endorse Republican candidates for legislative positions.

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11 **Section 3:** The State Central Committee may determine the political affiliation of candidates
12 filing or declaring intent to file as Republican Party Candidates for state political offices and
13 U.S. federal offices, and may endorse Republican Party candidates for the various positions.
14 Endorsement of Congressional District Candidates shall be by voting members from the
15 respective Congressional Districts.

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17 **Section 4:** Only persons who have registered as Republican prior to the Primary Election will be
18 allowed to vote on an Idaho Republican Party ballot in that Primary Election.

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21 **ARTICLE X: INTEGRITY IN GOVERNMENT**

22 **Section 1:** We, as Idaho Republicans, expect all individuals in government at all levels,
23 including elected officials, to conduct themselves within the highest and strictest standards of
24 personal conduct in carrying out their duties.

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Section 2: The people of Idaho demand leaders who will uphold their oath of office and the Constitution and are accountable to the people who elect them. We call upon the State Chairman to communicate to the party at large information regarding adherence by Republican federal office holders, statewide office holders, and State Legislators adherence to the state party platform and applicable resolutions adopted at our state conventions and party meetings.

(a) The State Chairman shall prepare a press release with this information on adherence to the state party platform and provide to District Chairman at least 60 days prior to the primary elections.

(b) District Chairman shall send the press release out to all newspapers within their district for publication no later than 30 days prior to the primary election.

Section 3: The State Chairman shall prepare and send to each Republican candidate for any federal office, statewide office, and any legislative office a request to sign the following statement:

Candidate Disclosure:

(1) “I have read the Idaho Republican Party Platform. I support the Idaho Republican Platform and accept it as the standard by which my performance as a candidate and as an officeholder should be evaluated. I certify that I am not a candidate, officer, delegate or position holder in any party other than the Republican Party.”

1 Or,

2 (2) “I have read the Idaho Republican Party Platform. Except for the provisions specifically
3 noted below, I support the Idaho Republican Party Platform and accept it as the standard by
4 which my performance as a candidate and as an officeholder should be evaluated. I certify that I
5 am not a candidate, officer, delegate or position holder in any party other than the Republican
6 Party.”

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8 **Section 4:** The candidate disclosure statements and any exceptions noted therein shall be posted
9 on the Idaho Republican Party internet site at least 30 days prior to the state primary election and
10 shall be made available to anyone making a request. Should any candidate fail to submit the
11 Disclosure Statement, the Party Chairman will announce this failure no later than 40 days prior
12 to the primary election. In this case the following actions will be taken:

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14 (a) The State Chairman will prepare a press release stating that the candidate has refused to
15 submit the Disclosure Statement and that the Idaho Republican Party cannot endorse said
16 candidacy.

17 (b) This press release will be provided to the District Chairman for publication in all
18 newspapers within that district. This must be sent out for publication in all area
19 newspapers within 10 days of receipt by District Chairman.

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21 **Section 5:** We ask that all candidates certify they are not a candidate, officer, delegate or
22 position holder in any party other than the Republican Party.

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1 **ARTICLE XI: JUDICIAL COMMITTEE**

2 **Section 1:** The State Republican Party shall exercise supervisory and judicial oversight of all
3 county central committees, legislative district central committees, and any other affiliated clubs
4 or groups denominated in the rules.

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6 **Section 2:** The State Republican Party may issue orders to compel performance, prohibit an act
7 from being done, and to otherwise remedy violations of the Idaho Republican Party Rules.

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9 **Section 3:** The judicial power of the State Republican Party shall be exercised in the following
10 way:

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12 (a) Any party aggrieved by any violation of a state, county, or legislative district rule or
13 bylaw, or by a violation of Idaho State election law, may file a complaint with the
14 State Chairman.

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16 (b) The State Chairman shall investigate the complaint and give opportunity to the
17 affected parties to be heard.

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19 (c) The State Chairman shall rule on the complaint and shall issue any appropriate order,
20 sanction, or remedy. Such shall be in writing.

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22 (d) Any party aggrieved by a decision of the State Chairman may appeal such decision to
23 the Judicial Committee of the State Republican Party.

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1 **Section 4:** The Judicial Committee shall be comprised of all voting members of the State
2 Executive Committee, excluding the State Chairman.

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4 **Section 5:** The Judicial Committee may create rules or procedures to assist in the orderly
5 determination of appeals, but must give all affected parties the ability to present their case. Such
6 rules or procedures may be amended, repealed, or replaced by the State Central Committee by
7 way of a rule change pursuant to Article I, Section 15 (a).

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9 **Section 6:** The Judicial Committee shall rule on all appeals, and shall issue any appropriate
10 order, sanction, or remedy.

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12 **Section 7:** Any aggrieved party may further appeal to the full body of the State Central
13 Committee, who may uphold, amend, or overturn the decision by the Judicial Committee.

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15 **Section 8:** To assist in uniform enforcement of the rules, any interpretation of a rule of any
16 committee shall be posted on the State Party's website.

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19 ***ARTICLE XII: PROCEDURE - DATE OF EFFECTIVENESS***

20 **Section 1:** Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the Republican State Central Committee
21 whenever they are applicable and consistent with the Idaho Election Code.

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23 **Section 2:** No prior action of the Republican State Central Committee or its subsidiaries shall be
24 voided by adoption of these rules.

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2 **Section 3:** These rules may be amended by a majority vote of the State Central Committee at any
3 regular or special session of the Republican State Central Committee.

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1 **RULES FOR SELECTION OF DELEGATES TO REPUBLICAN**
2 **NATIONAL CONVENTION AND THE REPUBLICAN STATE**
3 **CONVENTION**

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5 ***ARTICLE I: LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT DELEGATE SELECTION MEETING***

6 **Section 1:** Thirty (30) days prior to the Presidential Primary Election in each Presidential
7 election year, and prior to May 1, in each non-presidential election year, the Republican
8 Legislative District Chairman in each Legislative District shall prepare and forward to the
9 Republican State Chairman, in care of the GOP State Headquarters, a notice stating the date,
10 time, and place of meeting to be held within eleven (11) days after the primary election, for the
11 purpose of selecting Delegates to the GOP State Convention, who will select Delegates to the
12 Republican National Convention.

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14 **Section 2:** In cases of vacancy in the office of Legislative District Chairman or the
15 nonperformance of duty, where it is impractical to follow Article VII, Section Seven (7) of the
16 rules of the Idaho Republican Party in filling the office, the Republican State Chairman is
17 empowered to appoint a Precinct Committeeman/woman in the District as acting Chairman for
18 the purpose of calling and conducting the meeting. In the case that no such Precinct
19 Committeeman/Woman exists in the District, the Republican State Chairman is empowered to
20 fill a vacant Precinct Committeeman/Woman position in the District for the purpose of calling
21 and conducting the meeting.

1 **Section 3:** After notification, the State Chairman shall dispatch press releases to each daily and
2 weekly newspaper in the state, specifying date, time, and place of the Legislative District
3 meetings to be held in the circulation area of the papers. In addition, the Legislative District
4 Chairman shall issue press releases to each paper in his area containing the same information.

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6 **Section 4:** At the appointment time, an open Legislative District meeting shall be held with the
7 Legislative Chairman conducting the meeting. Those people with votes at the meeting shall be
8 those lawfully elected or appointed under Idaho Code as "Delegates to the County Convention"
9 in that particular precinct within that Legislative District.

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11 **Section 5:** Each Legislative District shall select three (3) Delegates and three (3) Alternates for
12 each Senate seat in that Legislative District to the Republican State Convention. Each meeting
13 shall establish the precedence of the Alternate selected. Each Legislative District Delegation to
14 the State Convention shall elect one (1) Delegate as Chairman of the Delegation.

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16 **Section 6:** An individual otherwise qualified by these rules may be selected to be an alternate
17 delegate for both a county and legislative district, but is restricted from voting in both
18 jurisdictions on any given issue.

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1 **ARTICLE II: COUNTY DELEGATE SELECTION MEETING**

2 **Section 1:** Thirty (30) days prior to the Presidential Primary Election in each Presidential
3 election year, and prior to May 1, in each non-Presidential election year, each Republican
4 County Chairman shall prepare and forward to the Republican State Chairman, in care of the
5 GOP State Headquarters, a notice stating the date, time, and place of meeting to be held within
6 ten (10) days after the primary election, for the purpose of selecting Delegates to the GOP State
7 Convention, who will select Delegates to the Republican National Convention.

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9 **Section 2:** Each County shall follow the same procedures as a legislative district in holding an
10 open meeting for the selection of Delegates to the Republican State Convention.

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12 **Section 3:** Each County shall select three (3) Delegates and three (3) Alternates to the
13 Republican State Convention. In addition, each County shall select one (1) Delegate and one (1)
14 Alternate for each one thousand (1,000) votes cast for the Republican Congressional Candidate
15 in the previous general election, or major fraction thereof, in that county. Republican State
16 Headquarters will advise each County Chairman of the number of Delegates his county is
17 entitled to elect. Each meeting shall establish the precedence of the Alternates selected. Any
18 person qualified to vote in the county may be elected a Delegate or Alternate to the GOP State
19 Convention. Each County Delegation to the State Convention shall select one Delegate as
20 Chairman of the Delegation.

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22 **Section 4:** An individual otherwise qualified by these rules may be selected to be an alternate
23 delegate for both a county and legislative district, but is restricted from voting in both
24 jurisdictions on any given issue.

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ARTICLE III: PREPARATIONS FOR STATE CONVENTION

Section 1: Within two (2) days of the adjournment of the Legislative District and County Central Committee meetings, the respective Chairmen shall send a statement giving the names and addresses of each Delegate and Alternate elected at the meeting to the State Chairman in care of the Republican State Headquarters.

Section 2: The State Chairman shall be charged with issuing the roll of the State Convention, based upon the Legislative District and County elections, preferably three days but no later than one day prior to the Convention and having certified its accuracy, according to the Statement of the respective Chairmen.

Section 3: Any person aggrieved by the manner of conduct in the proceedings in any Legislative District or County meeting, or of any Legislative District Chairman or County Chairman, or of the State Chairman prior to the convening of the State Convention shall specify the reasons therefore in writing. Appeals may only be undertaken for alleged failures to observe the provisions of these rules, and Notice of Appeal must be in writing over the names of the persons aggrieved, and must specify the particulars alleged violate. The State Chairman shall refer such cases to the Credentials Committee of the Convention who shall make a recommendation to the Convention as a whole. Delegates involved in the case shall not be allowed to vote on the question.

1 **ARTICLE IV: STATE CONVENTION**

2 **Section 1:** Delegates to the State Convention elected at the Legislative District and County
3 meetings shall have the right of full participation in all Convention matters. All Republican State
4 Conventions shall be open, and attendance shall be invited from all members of the Party, but
5 only Duly Certified Delegates or Alternates serving in their stead shall be entitled to vote on
6 matters before the Convention or before committees of the Convention.

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8 **Section 2:** The Rules of the Convention shall be the rules adopted by the previous Republican
9 State Convention until such time as the State Convention adopts new rules, which shall become
10 effective immediately. Such rules, however, shall not be inconsistent with the rules for Delegate
11 selection as adopted by the State Central Committee.

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13 **ARTICLE V: IDAHO REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION CAUCUS**

14 **Section 1:** At the January SCC meeting one year prior to a Presidential Election year
15 (January 2015 for example), the Idaho GOP Chairman shall appoint an Idaho Republican
16 Presidential Caucus Committee (IRPCC) consisting of a chairman and one SCC member
17 from each of the seven regions. The IRPCC shall be responsible for assisting the counties
18 setting up and conducting their Presidential Caucuses, and to assist in educating Idaho voters
19 on how the Idaho Republican Presidential Caucus works. The IRPCC will work closely with
20 the Idaho GOP Chairman in the preparations and in complying with the rules of the Caucus.
21 The IRPCC will maintain communication with the Idaho GOP as to preparations and/or
22 concerns leading up to the Presidential Caucus. The IRPCC will facilitate communications
23 with the media concerning caucus rules and news about the Idaho Republican Presidential
24 Caucus.

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Section 2: The Idaho Nomination Caucus shall be held on the first Tuesday allowed by the Republican National Committee (RNC), without incurring a penalty. The Idaho Republican Presidential Nomination Caucus is not winner-take-all; accordingly the RNC allows Idaho an early caucus opportunity (typically in February or March).

(a) For a candidate to be placed on the official ballot for the Idaho Republican Presidential Nomination Caucus, he or she shall submit a non-refundable \$10,000 filing fee to the Idaho Republican Party no later than 30 days prior to the caucus date. The fees will be distributed evenly among the 44 county central committees to offset counties' costs of conducting their caucuses.

Section 3: The Idaho GOP Chairman shall send official notice of the Idaho Republican Presidential Nomination Caucus to counties no later than 45 days prior to the caucus. Idaho GOP Headquarters shall provide County Chairmen with the recommended form for providing notice to caucus voters. No later than 20 days prior to the caucus, the Idaho GOP Chairman will notify all county central committee chairs of the candidates to be included in the official caucus voting.

Section 4: Each County Chairman shall notify the voters as soon as possible, but no later than ten (10) days prior to the Caucus. Notification should be printed in the local paper or provided by another recognized means of announcing the caucus time and location(s). Phone calls or emails to caucus voters are strongly encouraged. The County Chairman shall notify the Idaho GOP Headquarters of the meeting location(s) ten (10) days prior to the caucus.

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Section 5: Any individual desiring to have his/her name voted on at the Idaho Republican Presidential Caucus shall submit a declaration of candidacy along with a non-refundable \$10,000.00 filing fee, at least 30 days from the date of the caucus. The campaign of each qualifying candidate is entitled to space on the caucus floor. If a candidate drops out of the race for nomination prior to the Idaho Republican Presidential Caucus, then the candidate's name will be removed from consideration on all ballots in the Idaho Republican Presidential Caucus.

Section 6: Idaho GOP Headquarters shall provide each County Chairman with the recommended form for a ballot to be used in caucus voting. Each county shall provide enough ballots and/or tokens to conduct the caucus. The State Chairman may grant any county's request to use a method of voting that does not consist of paper ballots. The State Executive Committee may appoint representatives to oversee any aspect of any county's caucus process.

Section 7: All registered Republicans of the county, including same-day registrants, as well as 17-year-olds who will turn 18 by the date of the General Election who have completed a registration card or, if 17, have signed an affidavit indicating their age and eligibility, are entitled to participate in their county's caucus. All caucus voters must sign a register next to their name or verify their name on a spreadsheet to affirm that they are entitled to vote and are present and participating in the caucus. The County Chair or a designate will call the meeting to order. Prior to voting, the County Chair or a designate will instruct the participants of the voting procedures and how the ballots will be counted. The Chair or

1 designate shall also allow for each candidate on the ballot, or a representative of their
2 campaign, to offer some brief remarks to the assembly, and at the start of each successive
3 round, should such rounds be provided for.

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5 **Section 8:** Voting takes place in successive rounds. After each round, the candidate
6 receiving the fewest votes and any candidate(s) receiving fewer than 15% of the Caucus vote
7 are removed from the ballot. Voting continues until a single candidate receives greater than
8 50% of the vote, or until a final vote is taken for the final two candidates.

9 a) Counties may choose to use an “instant run-off” ballot to facilitate the voting and
10 counting of votes for the caucus. An instant run-off ballot requires voters to rank the
11 candidates. There is only one round of voting, but the counting of the votes is done in
12 rounds, based on the highest-ranked candidate indicated on each ballot. After each
13 round, the candidate receiving the fewest votes and any candidate(s) receiving fewer
14 than 15% of the Caucus vote are removed from consideration on each ballot.
15 Counting continues by looking at the highest-ranked remaining candidate on each
16 ballot. The counting rounds continue until a single candidate receives greater than
17 50% of the vote, or until a final count is made for the final two candidates.

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19 **Section 9:** Ballots or tokens shall be distributed at the time specified in the Idaho GOP
20 Chairman’s Caucus Call. Ballots or tokens shall only be distributed to those registered
21 caucus voters who have signed in. Ballots or tokens must be collected from caucus voters as
22 they are voted and returned. This is a secret vote, and County Central Committee members
23 must do everything within their power to ensure that the ballot remains secret.

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1 **Section 10:** Ballots and/or tokens shall be counted at the caucus site, supervised by a three-
2 person committee. The committee is appointed by the County Chairman and approved by a
3 majority voice vote of caucus participants. For counties with multiple venues, the Chair will
4 similarly appoint three-person subcommittees to supervise the counting at the extra venues.
5 The County Chairman and the three-person committee will certify the count as correct.

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7 **Section 11:** At the end of each round of voting, the County Chairman shall announce the
8 results. Voting continues until a single candidate receives greater than 50% of the vote or
9 until a final vote is taken for two remaining candidates. After the final round of voting, the
10 County Chairman shall phone the final results to the Idaho Republican Party Chairman.

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12 **Section 12:** Once all county results have been phoned in, the Idaho GOP Chairman will
13 declare a preliminary winner of the Idaho Republican Presidential Nomination Caucus. After
14 voting totals have been counted and called in, the committee-certified report of the final-
15 round voting totals must be placed in a sealed envelope and sent via certified mail or private
16 overnight service to Idaho GOP Headquarters. The Idaho GOP Chairman will appoint a
17 committee to verify the total of all votes cast for each candidate match the reported county
18 totals. After the verification of all voting totals, the Idaho GOP Chairman will formally
19 declare the official Caucus winner.

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22 ***ARTICLE VI: APPORTIONMENT AND SELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE***
23 ***REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION***

24 **Section 1:** The State Chairman shall appoint a committee to calculate the Delegate

1 apportionment. After all Caucus votes are counted, the proper apportionment is calculated as
2 follows:

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4 **Section 2:** Each county receives a “weight” equal to its proportion of County Delegates
5 allotted for the State Convention. For example, if there are 420 total County Delegates
6 allotted for the State Convention and County A has 16 of them, then County A’s weight will
7 be $16/420$, or 3.81%. The County weights will be used to calculate the apportionment of
8 Delegates and Alternates to the Republican National Convention.

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10 **Section 3:** Each county’s share of National Delegates is calculated by multiplying the
11 State’s allotment of National Convention Delegates by the county’s weight. Continuing the
12 example, if the State is allotted 32 National Delegates, then County A would have a share of
13 3.81% of them, or 1.2192 of the 32 total National Delegates.

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15 (a) Any county that does not hold a caucus on the date specified in Article V, Section
16 1, shall have its share of National Delegates apportioned to all participating counties
17 and in the same proportions as detailed in sections 2 and 3 above.

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19 **Section 4:** Any candidate winning greater than 50% of a county’s vote will be awarded that
20 entire county’s share of National Delegates. When neither candidate wins greater than 50%,
21 the candidates will split the county’s share of National Delegates, in proportion to the
22 candidates’ county vote totals.

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1 **Section 5:** The sum of all the Counties' shares for each candidate, rounding the sum to the
2 nearest whole delegate, will be that candidate's share of the Delegates and Alternates to the
3 National Convention with the proviso that, if one candidate wins more than 50% of the Idaho
4 allotment of delegates, that candidate shall receive the entire 100% of the allotment of
5 Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention. If the computation results in an
6 unallocated Delegate, the Delegate shall be assigned to the candidate receiving the highest
7 number of votes in the Idaho Caucus. If the computation results in the allocation of more
8 Delegates than are available for allocation, the Delegate assignment to the candidate
9 receiving the least number of Caucus votes shall be reduced accordingly.

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11 **Section 6:** The State Chairman, in accordance with the agenda of the Idaho Republican State
12 Convention, shall devote one (1) portion of the State Convention meeting to the selection of
13 Delegates to the Republican National Convention in Presidential election years.

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15 **Section 7:** Each Republican candidate for President of the United States shall prepare a list
16 of its proposed Republican National Convention delegates for Idaho. The list must be filed
17 with the Idaho Republican Party no later than 30 days prior to the State Convention. Eighty
18 percent (80%) of the Idaho Delegates / Alternates to the Republican National Convention
19 shall be selected from the lists of proposed delegates in proportion to the Delegates won in
20 the Idaho Republican Presidential Nomination Caucus as calculated in Section 5 above. The
21 remaining twenty percent shall be selected as pledged delegates to the Republican National
22 Convention and in the same proportion as the Idaho Caucus apportionment. These delegates
23 will be selected by the Nominations Committee of the Idaho State Republican Convention.

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1 **Section 8:** The Delegates and Alternates elected shall be obliged on the first ballot taken at
2 the Republican National Convention to vote for the candidate who nominated them, provided
3 any Delegates selected as representing the "uncommitted" choice shall be free to cast their
4 vote for any candidate whose name has been placed in nomination before the Republican
5 National Convention.

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7 **Section 9:** In the event of death or withdrawal of a candidate or release of Delegates by a
8 candidate prior to the first ballot at the National Convention, Delegates committed to such a
9 candidate shall, thereupon, become uncommitted delegates.

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11 **Section 10:** In the event of the failure of a candidate to file a list of proposed
12 Delegates/Alternates with the Idaho Republican Party, the State Convention may select and
13 specify any persons preferring or identified with said candidate to serve as
14 Delegates/Alternates to the National Convention in such numbers as the candidate is entitled.
15 If a candidate who fails to file the required list also dies, withdraws, or releases Delegates
16 prior to the official commencement of the State Convention, then the State Convention may
17 select uncommitted Delegates/Alternates in such numbers as the candidates would have been
18 entitled.

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20 **Section 11:** In the event that any candidate is entitled to the selection of a number of
21 Delegates/Alternates greater than the number of those persons whose names were filed with
22 the Idaho Republican Party by the candidate, or in the event a person on the list indicates an
23 inability to serve as a Delegate/Alternate, the State Convention shall select and specify
24 persons to fill those Delegates/Alternates vacancies from a supplemental list filed by the

1 candidate's designated representative with the Idaho Republican Party.

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3 **Section 12:** Any individual or official who willfully violates Republican Party rules while
4 conducting any stage of a caucus - to the extent that the results of the caucus can be called into
5 question - shall be penalized by being stripped of their county's delegates, unless it appears that
6 the rules were intentionally broken for the purpose of stripping such delegates. Any aggrieved
7 party may appeal a violation of the caucus rules through the judicial process of the Idaho
8 Republican Party. The judicial branch of the party may order that a caucus be re-held, under the
9 supervision of the State Party, if such can be done in a timely fashion, considering the time
10 requirements specified herein. Any party official engaged in a substantive violation of the rules
11 shall forfeit their office as penalty.

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13 **Section 13:** Declaring an emergency. Any proposed rule related specifically to the Presidential
14 Caucus shall be in effect upon its passage by the Rules Committee of the State Central
15 Committee, subject to later modification or reversal at the next regular meeting of the State
16 Central Committee. The Rules Committee may meet by conference call and may vote by phone
17 or email on any matter specifically related to the Presidential Caucus. This section shall expire
18 after the 2012 Idaho Republican Caucus is completed.

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21 ***ARTICLE VII: FREEDOM OF OPPORTUNITY***

22 **Section 1:** At all stages of the Delegate selection process, the party shall insure that there is no
23 discrimination on the grounds of race, color, creed, national origin, religion, sex, or age. The
24 unit rule shall not be used in any stage of the Delegate selection process.

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Section 2: In the conduct of all proceedings, which are not specified for the existing Rules of the Idaho Republican Party, the National Party, or the Laws of Idaho, Robert's Rules of Order shall be followed.

1 **RULES OF THE CONVENTION**

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3 **ARTICLE I: OFFICERS OF THE CONVENTION**

4 **Section 1:** The Convention shall be called to order by the Chairman of the Idaho Republican
5 Party who shall appoint such Attaches, Aides, and Sergeants-at-Arms as in his judgment are
6 necessary, all of which appointments shall be subjected to confirmation by the Convention.

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8 **Section 2:** The Convention Chairman shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

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10 (a) He shall open each session at the hour specified in the officer's Convention Programs.

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12 (b) He shall immediately appoint a Convention Vice Chairman, which appointment shall be
13 subject to confirmation of the Convention.

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15 (c) He shall exercise such powers and perform such duties, as are set forth for a presiding
16 officer in the Robert's Rules of Order, and which are not inconsistent with Idaho Law and
17 these rules.

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19 (d) He shall designate one or more Parliamentarians for the Convention proceedings.

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21 (e) The Convention Chairman shall have authority to interrupt the order of business, except
22 roll call balloting, for the purpose of making announcements, introducing distinguished
23 guests, and allowing such guests to speak to the Convention.

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(f) The Chairman shall supervise the conduct of all roll calls and designate the parties to conduct the roll call.

Section 3: The Convention Vice Chairman shall act as the presiding officer in the event of the inability of the Chairman to so act.

ARTICLE II: ORDER OF BUSINESS

Section 1: The business for the Convention shall be as follows:

(a) The call to order by the State Chairman of the Idaho Republican Party, appointment of the officers of the Convention, and other opening ceremonies.

(b) Appointment of Vice Chairman, Committees, Attaches, Aides, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Parliamentarian.

(c) Approval of the Credentials Committee report.

(d) Approval of the Rules Committee report.

(e) Approval of the Platform Committee report.

(f) Approval of the Resolutions Committee report.

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(g) Action on the report of the Nominating Committee and selection of presidential electors.

(h) Election of the officers of the Idaho Republican Party in the following order:

(1) Chairman

(2) First Vice Chairman

(3) Treasurer

(4) Secretary

(5) (In presidential election years) National Committeewoman

(6) (In presidential election years) National Committeeman

(7) Second Vice Chairman

(i) Miscellaneous business

(j) Adjournment - Sine Die

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ARTICLE III: COMMITTEES AND COMMITTEE RULES

Section 1: The Convention shall have the following committees:

(a) Credentials

(b) Rules

(c) Platform

(d) Resolutions

(e) Nominating in the year of presidential elections.

(f) Such other and further committees as shall be deemed advisable by the Chairman of the
Convention

1 **Section 2:** One-third (1/3) of the Delegates from each county and each Legislative District shall
2 be appointed by the County Chairman and Legislative District Chairman to serve on Convention
3 committees. Each Delegation shall select its own Convention committee representatives and
4 shall be certified by the State Party Chairman. Subject to the foregoing, the State Party
5 Chairman shall appoint each Delegate to the committee of his or her first or second choice as
6 submitted by the Delegate prior to the Convention. In the event of disproportionate committee
7 membership request, the Chairman may use his or her best discretion to make assignments to
8 other committees.

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10 **Section 3:** Credentials Committee:

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12 The Credentials Committee shall:

13 (a) Determine and report on the eligibility, qualifications, and priority of all Delegates and
14 Alternates.

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16 (b) Determine and report on the number of votes to which each county and Legislative
17 District is entitled.

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19 (c) Hold hearings and make inquiries into any contested matters of eligibility, qualifications,
20 and priority of Delegates and Alternates, and shall notify and provide an opportunity to any
21 aggrieved party to be heard prior to taking final action with reference to such Delegates or
22 Alternates.

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1 (d) In the event of objection to the Credentials Committee report, any aggrieved Delegate,
2 Alternate, county or district shall be entitled to not more than five (5) minutes in which to
3 present his or its contentions to the Convention and Credentials Committee shall have an
4 equal amount of time to support its report to the Convention. The Convention shall then vote
5 on the issue, provided, however, that no Delegate, Alternate, or Delegation whose eligibility,
6 qualifications, or priority is in question shall be entitled to vote.

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8 **Section 4: Rules Committee:**

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10 (a) Shall draft and propose a set of permanent rules for the convention. Such rules must be
11 adopted by majority vote of the convention and once adopted may only be amended or
12 suspended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the convention.

13 (b) All suggestions, proposals and ideas are to be submitted to State Party Headquarters, by
14 or through any Delegate or Alternate Delegate and in accordance with the State Party
15 Rules no later than 12 days prior to the State Convention, a copy of which shall be sent to
16 all members of the Rules Committee no later than 10 days before the meeting.

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18 (c) May draft and propose changes to the rules governing the Idaho Republican Party. Said
19 changes shall then be presented to the floor of the Convention for consideration and
20 possible acceptance. If accepted by the Convention, the changes will be forwarded to the
21 Standing Rules Committee at their next regularly scheduled meeting. If accepted by the
22 Standing Rules Committee the proposed changes will then be considered by the State
23 Central Committee for their incorporation into the permanent Rules of the Idaho
24 Republican Party.

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Section 5: Platform Committee: The Platform Committee shall:

(a) All suggestions, proposals and ideas are to be submitted to State Party Headquarters, by or through and Delegate or Alternate Delegate and in accordance with the State Party Rules no later than 12 days prior to the State Convention, a copy of which shall be sent to all members of the Platform Committee no later than 10 days before the meeting.

(b) Prepare and submit to the Convention a proposed Platform.

If at least one-fourth (1/4) of the members of the committee oppose a committee decision, such minority members may submit a minority report in which event each side of the proposition shall be given three (3) minutes to present its arguments to the Convention.

No Platform Plank may be presented to the floor of the Convention except through submission in writing to the Platform Committee. Platform Planks will be presented to the floor for Convention consideration during the Platform Committee report.

Section 6: Resolutions Committee: The Resolutions Committee shall:

1 (a) All suggestions, proposals and ideas are to be submitted to State Party Headquarters, by
2 or through any Delegate or Alternate and in accordance with the State Party Rules no
3 later than 12 days prior to the State Convention, a copy of which shall be sent to all
4 delegates no later than 10 days before the meeting. Where two or more proposed
5 resolutions cover essentially the same topic, the State GOP officials may ask authors/
6 sponsors to combine them in time to be sent to all delegates three days prior to the State
7 Convention.

8 (b) Prepare and submit to the Convention proposed resolutions.
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10 If at least one-fourth (1/4) of the members of the committee oppose a committee decision, such
11 minority members may submit a minority report, in which event each side of the proposition
12 shall be given three (3) minutes to present its arguments to the Convention. No resolutions may
13 be presented to the floor of the Convention except through submission in writing to the
14 Resolutions Committee. Resolutions will be presented to the floor for Convention consideration
15 during the Resolutions Committee Report.
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17 **Section 7: Nominating Committee:**
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19 (a) The Nominating Committee shall, pursuant to Sections 34-707 (3) of the Idaho Code, and
20 the Rules of the National Republican Party, consider and nominate Candidates for Delegates
21 and Alternate Delegates to the National Republican Convention. The Committee shall
22 further nominate Candidates as Presidential Electors.
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24 (b) To assist the Nominating Committee, each State Campaign Chairman for a Presidential

1 Candidate shall recommend to the Nominating Committee a slate of Delegates and Alternates
2 selected from the respective lists of names as filed with the Secretary of State, being
3 consistent with the number to which each Candidate is entitled as a result of the Idaho
4 Republican Presidential Nomination Caucus. They shall also submit a brief resume of each
5 individual on their respective lists.

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7 (c) The Chairman of the Nominating Committee shall place in nomination the Nominating
8 Committee's recommendation of a full slate of Delegates and Alternates, consistent with the
9 number to which each Delegation is entitled as a result of Idaho Republican Presidential
10 Nomination Caucus, for (1) each Presidential Candidate's Delegation, (2) the additional
11 pledged Delegation, and (3) the Delegation at large, the Convention Chairman shall open the
12 floor for additional nominations for that Delegation, which also must be submitted in the
13 form of a full slate consistent with the number to which each Delegation is entitled. Each
14 member of the Candidate's Delegation shall be selected from his list of names as recorded
15 with the Idaho Republican Party. Regions shall make nominations for all slates of Delegates
16 and Alternates upon a roll call in numerical order. Each region may (1) pass; (2) yield to
17 another region; (3) nominate one slate of Delegates and Alternates for each Presidential
18 Candidate's delegation, uncommitted Delegation and at large Delegation. At the close of the
19 nominating, all Counties and Legislative Districts shall be polled. Voting shall continue until
20 such time as one slate of nominees, for each Delegation, receives a majority of votes of the
21 Convention.

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23 (d) The Nominating Committee shall consist of the following members: The State Party
24 Chairman, the National Committeewoman and Committeeman, and each of the seven Region

1 Chairs. Additionally, the State Party Chairman shall appoint five at-large members.

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3 **Section 8:** Committee Rules:

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5 A majority of the committee shall constitute a quorum. All questions before committee shall be
6 decided by a majority of the votes cast. Each committee shall conduct its affairs pursuant to the
7 Rules of the Convention.

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10 **ARTICLE IV: RULES**

11 Robert's Rules of Order shall be the rules of procedure at the Convention in all cases not
12 provided for by the temporary or permanent Rules of the Convention or by Idaho Law.

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15 **ARTICLE V: NOMINATING**

16 **Section 1:** Counties shall make nominations for all offices of the Party and Convention upon a
17 roll call in alphabetical order, followed by a roll call of Legislative Districts in numerical order.

18 Any County or Legislative District may:

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20 (a) Nominate not more than one (1) Candidate to each office or

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22 (b) Yield to another County or Legislative District for the purpose of making a nomination.

23 It shall not, thereafter, nominate a Candidate for that particular office.

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ARTICLE VI: VOTING

Section 1: In all substantive matters before the Convention and on all elections of Convention officers and State Republican Party officers, a majority of the votes cast on the proposition or Candidate shall be required, except as may be otherwise provided in these Rules or by Idaho Law. The Election of State Republican Party officers shall be carried out by secret ballot except in uncontested races.

Section 2: On each roll call ballot, the Chairman of each Delegation shall cast his Delegation's vote as directed by the members of his Delegation. When such vote is cast, all acting Delegates present shall stand in their proper places, and the vote shall not be recorded unless the number standing is the same as the number of votes cast by the Chairman. Any member of the Delegation voting, whether Delegate or Alternate, may immediately demand a poll of the Delegation, in which event each Delegate or said Delegate shall be called upon to cast his vote.

Section 3: There shall be no voting proxies.

Section 4: After the completion of a roll call on any ballot, the Chairman shall direct a roll call of any Delegation, which may have passed and shall then allow a reasonable time to permit any Delegation to change its vote before announcing the result. A Delegation may change its vote only one time per roll call.

1 **Section 5:** In the balloting, a Candidate must receive a majority of the votes cast before he shall
2 be deemed elected. If no Candidate received a majority on the first ballot, the Candidate
3 receiving the least number of votes on said ballot shall be dropped from the subsequent ballot;
4 this procedure and the balloting shall continue until a Candidate shall have a majority of the
5 votes cast for such office at which time balloting for such office shall cease.

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7 **Section 6:** When registering, a person serving as Alternate Delegate for both a County and
8 Legislative District must advise the Credentials Committee of his status. On each roll call ballot
9 the Alternate may vote only as a Delegate for the County or Legislative District, but not for both.
10 All delegates and alternate delegates must be registered Republicans.

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13 **ARTICLE VII: MISCELLANEOUS**

14 **Section 1:** All Delegates and Alternates must wear official Convention Delegate badges during
15 Convention sessions.

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17 **Section 2:** Any Delegate wishing to speak upon the Convention floor shall rise, address the
18 Chair, and, if recognized, state his name, County or Legislative District.

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20 **Section 3:** Each Delegate shall be limited to five (5) minutes of debate upon any motion and
21 three (3) minutes of rebuttal debate. No Delegate shall speak more than twice upon any motion.
22 The proponent of a motion shall open and close the debate.

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1 **Section 4:** Only official Delegates, Alternates, and Attaches shall be permitted upon the portion
2 of the Convention floor designated for official Delegates, provided any lawful Candidate may
3 designate not more than two (2) persons to act as floor managers on the floor of the Convention
4 if such persons are reported to and approved by the Convention Chairman. Further, provided
5 that College Youth Representatives, with two Alternates, selected by the State College
6 Republican League, shall be seated on the Convention floor with all privileges of Delegates, but
7 without the right to vote or nominate, or originate motions.

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9 **Section 5:** The Chairman of the State Executive Committee shall determine the seating of the
10 Delegates to the Convention. Insofar as possible, County Delegations shall be seated in
11 alphabetical order, with Counties and Legislative Districts within the First Congressional District
12 seated to the side of the Convention hall to the right of the Chairman's podium, and the Counties
13 and Legislative Districts within the Second Congressional District seated to the side of the
14 Convention hall to the left of the Chairman's podium.

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16 **Section 6:** If a committee report is reduced to writing with one copy thereof delivered to the
17 Chairman of each Delegation prior to its scheduled presentation, the reading of the report in its
18 entirety may be dispensed with by reading of the subtitles thereof, provided, however, that any
19 Delegate may demand that the whole or any subdivision of such report be read by the
20 Committee. Minority reports must have the approval of at least one-fourth (1/4) members of the
21 committee to be considered by the Convention, unless otherwise herein provided.

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1 **Section 7:** Committee reports to the Convention shall be read at length, unless two-thirds (2/3) of
2 those members present and voting shall consent that the reading be dispensed with and the
3 transcript records show that the report has been read at length.

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5 **Section 8:** Any Delegate may demand a roll call vote if supported by a majority of the delegates.

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7 **Section 9:** Rules for the State Convention, as set forth in the Idaho Code (Section 34-707), Rules
8 of the Convention, and Rules of the State Central Committee shall be printed and made available
9 by the State Central Committee in one cover.

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11 **KEY:**

12 I, II, III, IV – Articles

13 1., 2., 3., 4. – Sections

14 (a), (b), (c), (d) – Subsection

15 (1), (2), (3), (4) – Paragraphs

16 A., B., C., D. – Subparagraphs

17 i., ii., iii., iv. – Subparagraph Sections