

LCRCC Goals:

These are the goals that the LCRCC have adopted in 2013.

- Integrity of Elections
- Sustainable Visibility
- Increased Republican Participation

LCRCC Responsibilities:

These are the responsibilities of the LCRCC in achieving these goals:

- Caucuses
- Conventions
- Elections

LCRCC Mission Statement:

The Linn County Republican Central Committee works to elect Republicans in support of the principles, goals, and ideals of the Republican Party:

- To educate the electorate
- To inspire and cultivate leadership
- To employ and develop the members' talents and abilities
- To preserve for future generations our rights, liberties and privileges as Americans.

1. Introduction

The February meeting of the Linn County Republican Central Committee (LCRCC) was held at the Long-branch Cedar Rapids, Iowa on February 17, 2015 at 7:00pm. Meeting adjourned at 9:25pm.

2. Attendees:

The official number of people whom attended the February 17th, 2015 LCRCC meeting is 81 members, 1 excused and 16 guests..

Note: This section will now be a standalone appendix to these meeting minutes. Reviewing & approval of this appendix will occur at each of the official LCRCC Tuesday night meetings each month.

3. Meeting Business

1.1. Invocation – Bernie Hayes (CR24)

1.2. Pledge of Allegiance – David Ahart (CR13)

1.3. Introduction of Dignitaries Present -David Chung (CR31)

- See Appendix A for the list of Guests & Dignitaries
- David Chung (CR31) picked Harry Foster (CR25) & Laura Kaminski (HIA02)to serve as Ballot Counters for this meeting.
- David Chung (CR31) picked Paul Pelletier (CR15)& Dan Kaufman (CR17) to serve as the Parliamentarians for this special meeting.

1.4. Agenda: David Chung (CR31)

- David Chung announced he was asked to facilitate the LCRCC February Monthly Business meeting through the LCRCC Executive Board Elections.
 - Asked if there would be any objections – No Objections made.

1.5. Guest Speakers

1.1.1. State Central Committee Report – Shelly Adkins

- Reported to keep the Straw Poll in place and on the status of the planning of the Straw Poll to be held on either August 8 or August 15, 2015.

1.1.2. Republican Women – Deb Foster/Kim Ream

- Provided a Status of the Linn County Republican Women organization.
- Made Announcements of upcoming events that Republican Women are involved in

1.6. Executive Board Elections – David Chung

1.1.1. Credentials Report – Julie Blumer (TBRO)

- Reported that there are 56 recognized precinct representatives and 27 alternate precinct representatives.
- Julie Blumer brought forth that some precinct which have no current seated precinct representation but have assistant precinct representation, the LCRCC Body needs to vote to seat them.
 - **Jason Wasson (CR23) – Motion made to seat Assistant Committee Persons in the order they appear on Caucus Supplemental Form A's. 2nd**
 - David Chung (CR31) clarified meaning–“*If a precinct has less than 2 representatives present tonight than those assistant committee persons from that precinct could be seated to fill out those 2 openings in the order that they appear on the form .– no more than 2 votes per precinct & everyone votes in their own precinct*”– Justin agreed to David Chung's clarification of the motion.
 - Discussion Held
 - **Mary Ernzen (CR07) Motion to amend to also include those members that were voted in by the LCRCC Body since caucus as associate members in the order they were voted in so that they could also be seated to fill any open precincts seats. 2nd (25 For/22 Against) Motion Passes**
 - Discussion Held:

The **Motion** including the amendment restated : “ To include those assistant committee persons who can be seated in the absence of regular committee persons from their precinct who have been elected or made assistants by the body after the Caucus.” (33 Yes to Seat/17 Not to Seat)**Motion Passes**

- **Justin Wasson (CR23) – Motion to recess for 10 minutes to allow the Credentials Committee to reevaluate their report due to the passing of this motion^{2nd} Motion Passes**
- The following associate committee members were seated to fill precinct openings:
 - Chris Williams – (TMAR)
 - Joe Boddicker – (CR39)
 - Lauren Wolcott – (CR06)
 - Barbara Hall–(TMON1)
 - Jim Conklin – (MR06)
 - Dan Kaufman – (CR17)
 - Marvin Spragg – (MR07)
- Julie Blumer reported the final count is 64 Credentialed representatives seated.
- Julie Blumer – **Motion to seat an additional Assistant Member, Nancy Brunner (CR39) who was overlooked earlier. Motion Passes**

1.1.2. Agenda – David Chung (CR31)

- See Appendix C: Agenda
 - Motion to approve the remainder of the agenda after the Credentials Report
 - **Jim Conklin (MR06) – Motion to amend the agenda to remove the speaker limit under New/Old Business Section (26 Remove/29 Retain) Motion Fails**
 - Call to Question to end debate on the Agenda – **Passed**
 - David explained that since the agenda contains a provision that limits debate – 2/3 vote is required to approve. (47Approve/7 Disapproved)

1.1.3. Executive Board Election Rules – David Chung

- See Appendix B: Executive Board Election Proposed Rules.
- David Chung explained that Rule 2C has already been dealt with during the Credentials Report.
- **John Haible (TSPR) – Motion Remove Rule 1j) “There will be no questioning of candidates from the floor”. To say “There will be questioning allowed of candidates from the floor”**
 - Discussion Held:
 - Wayne Null (MR06): **Motion to amend “To allow 5 minutes per candidate”**
 - Division Called (33 amendment passes/ 22 amendment fails) **Motion Passed**
 - Discussion Held

The **motion restated with amendment added** : To replace Rule 1j with “There will a 5 minute questioning period allowed per candidate” (34 to replace Rule 1j/ 24 not replace Rule 1j), **Motioned Passed** – Interpretative by the Chair as 5 minutes per candidates per office

- Wayne Null (MR06) Motion to change Rule 1e define: “simple majority” more clearly – **Ruled out of order** as well as other motions brought forth pertaining to this topic by the Chair as he explained that Robert’s Rules of Order defines majority as more than half of the people present – more than half of the votes casted.
- John Haible (TSPR) **Motion Each Candidate will answers the same questions and have 5 minutes. (Motion Failed)**
 - Discussion Held
- **David Chung is calling on a majority on the adopting the Rules as Amended –Rules Adopted**

1.1.4. Election of Officers – David Chung

1.1.1.1. Chair

- Nominations:
 - Cindy Golding (TMON1)– 2nd
 - Steve Rajhe (TBER) – 2nd (declined the nomination)
- Chair close Nominations
- Deb Foster (TJAC) – **Motion to do a Voice vote for Chair**– requires 2/3 vote – (40 Approve / 10 Opposed)
- **Voice Vote** – **Chair ruled the Ayes have it** –
- **Winner is Cindy Golding elected as Chair**

1.1.1.2. Co-Chair

- Nominations:
 - Brett Mason (RC06) – 2nd (35)
 - Don Nelson (CR24) – 2nd (29)
- Chair close Nominations
- 2 minute Candidate Speech / 5 minute per candidate Questions Period Held
- Chair closes Questioning Period & Voting using Orange Ballots.
- **Winner is Brett Mason elected as Co-Chair**

1.1.1.3. Secretary

- Nominations:
 - Gary Ellis (CR24) – 2nd (35)
 - Althea Cole (CR07) – 2nd (28)
- Chair close Nominations
- 2 minute Candidate Speech / 5 minute per candidate Questions Period Held
 - Chair warned the audience to stop the personal attacks on the candidates
- Chair closes Questioning Period & Voting using Blue Ballots.
- **Winner is Gary Ellis elected as Secretary**

Procedural Note: Meeting will be adjourned by the Chair as indicated in the approved agenda at 9pm.

Kim Ream (MR08) – Motion to extend the meeting until all the candidates have been elected.

Discussion Held

Steve West (HIA01) – amendment to add announcements –

Julie Blumer (TBR0) – amendment to the motion to vote in members in as representatives & new members

Motion amend to also Pass the Hat

Motion restated with amendments: “To extend the meeting until all election of all officers is complete, announcements and election of new assistant members & precinct representatives; and the results of Pass the Bucket ”Motion Passed

1.1.1.4. Treasurer

- Nominations:
 - Jim Miller (CR11)– 2nd(23)
 - Robin Tucker (CR25) – 2nd(39)
- Chair close Nominations
- 2 minute Candidate Speech / 5 minute per candidate Questions Period Held
- Chair closes Questioning Period & Voting using Yellow Ballots.

1.7. Winner is Robin Tucker elected as Treasurer

1.1.1. Secretary’s Report – Mary Ernzen (CR07)

- Hardcopies of January 20th 2015 LCRCC Meeting Minutes were passed out.
- Due to the Executive Board Elections – Minutes not discussed or approved
 - The official LCRCC minutes will contain the list of attendee names as a standalone appendix A.

1.1.2. Treasurer’s Report – Jim Miller (CR10)

- Due to the Executive Board Elections – Treasurer report not given.
- Pass the Bucket (pays for the room)-\$102.36.

1.1.3. Ad Hoc Committee – Don Nelson (CR24)

- Due to the Executive Board Elections – Ad Hoc Committee report not given.

1.8. Old Business

- Addressed at the beginning of the Meeting

1.9. New Business - Cindy Golding (TMON1) assumed the Chair from David Chung (CR31)

- *New Members voted in*
 - *David Seufferlein (TMON2)*
 - *Steve Rathje (TBER)*
 - *Richard Church (HIA01)*
 - *David Ahart (CR13)*
 - *David Slaman (CR26)*
- *Elected as Precinct Representatives to fill vacant seats – Ian Hollinger (CR43) & Chris Williams (TMAR)*

1.1.1. Announcements–

- Mary Mosiman, State Auditor, is the keynote speaker at the Professional Women’s Network, Thursday April 16th at the Marriott (Laura Kamienski)
- County Convention Planning Meeting, Wed March 11th 7:00 pm at the Starlight Room
- St. Patrick’s Day Parade - March 17th at 1:00 PM, meet at 11:00 am at 4th Ave and 6th St downtown (Steve West).
- (See the LCRCC website or the Linn GOP Facebook or LCRCC Google Calendar for all announcements)
- **Announcements must be presented to the chair before the meeting in writing.**

1.10. Adjournment

Bill Dalhsten - Motion to adjourn the meeting-**Motion Passed.**

4. Appendix A: Attendance Information

See the LCRCC Secretary for this appendix.

5. Appendix B: Executive Board Election Proposed Rules

**PROPOSED RULES'
NOMINATIONS/ELECTION'
2/17/2015'**

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1) PROCESS/PROCEDURES''

- a) Voting will be by secret ballot.
- b) One vote per eligible voter per ballot.
- c) No ballots shall leave the voting floor.
- d) Must be present to vote ... no proxies.
- e) The winner will be by simple majority per Roberts' Rules of Order.
- f) All results are final.
- g) Candidates may observe the vote count.
- h) Nominations require a second and will be accepted at the February meeting.
- i) Candidates shall have two minutes to speak at the February meeting.
- j) There will be no questioning of candidates from the floor. (Modified at the meeting to allow 5 minutes of questions per candidate)
- k) Elections will be in the following order:
 - i) Chair
 - ii) Co-Chair
 - iii) Secretary
 - iv) Treasurer

2) WHO'CAN'VOTE'

- a) Precinct representatives and assistant representatives must check in with the credential steam.
- b) Credentialed Precinct representatives and credentialed assistant representatives may vote.
- c) Assistant representatives may vote only if Precinct representatives elected at the caucus or filled by the body are not present.
 - i) If more assistant representatives a represent than positions to be filled, seating shall be determined by first arrival. (Modified at the meeting to be as identified by the order listed at the caucus).
- d) Credentialing cuts off when all in line are credentialed.
- e) Precinct representatives and assistant representatives will be notified by USPS, post marked 10 days prior to the election.
- f) Notice of the election will be posted on the Webpage, Face Book Group invite, and sent out via Mail Chimp.

6. Appendix C: LCRCC February 17th Agenda
Countdown — 629 Days to Election 2016
7 PM
Long Branch Hotel & Convention Center
90 Twixt Town Rd. NE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

7:00 PM	<p>Call to Order Invocation Pledge Guest Introductions</p>
	<p>Credential Report Approve Agenda Rules (see email) Election of Officers Pass the Bucket (& hat) - Money to Meeting room cost</p>
	<p>Approve Secretary's minutes from 1/20/15 (see email) Ad Hoc final report Treasurer-Budget discussion Welcome / Vote / New LCRCC Members Other Committees (as time allows)</p>
	<p>Old Business/ New Business (Each speaker limited to 1 minute/Motions from the floor with 2nd) Pass the Hat Total</p>
	<p>Announcements Dr. Don Nelson Announcements must be presented to Co-Chair in writing prior to 8:00 PM. If you are requesting an announcement made, please have contact information or other information available for the body.</p>
9:00 PM	<p>Adjourn</p>
	<p>After Meeting – New Officers meet for photo</p>

Please note: For minutes from any committee meeting, please contact that committee chair. For Exec/Advisory minutes, please contact Chair Cindy Golding (clgolding@aol.com) Minutes from Jan 13, 2015 and before are available.