

**MEETING OF THE RNC STANDING COMMITTEE ON RULES
2013 RNC SUMMER MEETING
WESTIN BOSTON WATERFRONT HOTEL
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS
AUGUST 15, 2013**

Bruce Ash, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Rules and National Committeeman (“NCM”) for Arizona, called the meeting of the Standing Committee on Rules to order on Thursday, August 15, 2013, at the Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel in Boston, Massachusetts.

Vicki Drummond (National Committeewoman (“NCW”) Alabama) offered the invocation. John Hammond (NCM Indiana) led the Pledge of Allegiance.

RNC Secretary Demetra DeMonte (NCW Illinois) called the roll and declared that a quorum was present.

Chairman Ash gave introductory remarks and introduced the head table and the RNC Counsel’s Office staff.

Chairman Ash asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the Rules Committee Meeting at the Spring Meeting in Los Angeles, California. The motion was properly made and seconded and passed unanimously by voice vote.

Chairman Ash then reminded the Committee that he would be appointing a subcommittee to focus solely on the primary calendar and the delegate selection rules. He then announced the members of the subcommittee: Shawn Steel (NCM California), Randy Evans (NCM Georgia), Carol Mumford (NCW Rhode Island), Henry Barbour (NCM Mississippi), Bob Bennett (NCM Ohio), Enid Mickelsen (NCW Utah), James Smack (NCM Nevada), Solomon Yue (NCM Oregon), Steve Duprey (NCM New Hampshire), Pat Rogers (NCM New Mexico), Steve Munisteri (NCM Texas), Jeff Kent (NCM Washington) and Peter Feaman (NCM Florida). Chairman Ash announced the Ex Officio Members of the subcommittee: RNC Chairman Reince Priebus, RNC Rules Committee Chairman Bruce Ash, RNC Rules Committee Vice Chairman Louis Pope (NCM Maryland), RNC Secretary Demetra DeMonte (NCW Illinois), and General Counsel John Ryder (NCM Tennessee).

He announced that the next item of business was to consider properly submitted rule amendments in accordance with Rule 12. He stated that there were three such amendments eligible for consideration.

Chairman Ash recognized Morton Blackwell (NCM Virginia) who offered an amendment to Rule 16(c)(2). It proposed to change the language in Rule 16(c)(2) to strike “may” and insert “shall.” The motion was properly seconded and discussion ensued.

Randy Evans (NCM Georgia) raised a point of information regarding whether Mr. Blackwell's amendment proposal would fall under the purview of the subcommittee. Chairman Ash stated that it would.

Mr. Evans then moved to refer Mr. Blackwell's offered amendment to the subcommittee for its consideration. John Ryder (NCM Tennessee) seconded the motion and discussion began.

James Smack (NCM Nevada) moved the previous question. The motion was properly seconded and a vote was taken. The motion for the previous question was approved by voice vote.

Ross Little Jr. (NCM Louisiana) moved for a record vote on the question of whether to refer Mr. Blackwell's amendment proposal to the subcommittee. The motion was properly seconded and discussion ensued and a vote was taken. The motion for a record vote passed by voice vote.

A record vote was taken and the motion to refer Mr. Blackwell's amendment proposal to the subcommittee passed by a vote of 40 yes votes and 10 no votes. The results were as follows:

Vicki Drummond (NCW Alabama): Yes; Amata Radewagon (NCW American Samoa): Yes; Bruce Ash (NCM Arizona): Pass; Jonathan Barnett (NCM Arkansas): Yes; Shawn Steel (NCM California): Yes; Lilly Nunez (NCW Colorado): Yes; Jerry Labriola (SC Connecticut): Yes; Ellen Barrosse (NCW Delaware): Yes; Bob Kabel (NCM DC): Yes; Peter Feaman (NCM Florida): Yes; Randy Evans (NCM Georgia): Yes; David Sablan (NCM Guam): Yes; David Chang (NCM Hawaii): Yes; Damond Watkins (NCM Idaho): Yes; Demetra DeMonte (NCW Illinois): Yes; John Hammond (NCM Indiana): Yes; Steve Scheffler (NCM Iowa): No; Helen Van Etten (NCW Kansas, Proxy): Yes; K.C. Crosbie (NCW Kentucky): Yes; Ross Little Jr. (NCM Louisiana): No; Mark Willis (NCM Maine, Proxy): No; Louis Pope (NCM Maryland): Yes; Ron Kaufman (NCM Massachusetts): Yes; Terri Lynn Land (NCW Michigan): No; Jeff Johnson (NCM Minnesota): No; Henry Barbour (NCM Mississippi): Yes; Lance Beshore (NCM Missouri): Yes; Errol Galt (NCM Montana): Yes; David Kramer (NCM Nebraska, Proxy): Yes; James Smack (NCM Nevada): No; Steve Duprey (NCM New Hampshire): Yes; Bill Palatucci (NCM New Jersey): Yes; Pat Rogers (NCM New Mexico): Yes; Jennifer Rich (NCW New York, Proxy): Yes; Ada Fisher (NCW North Carolina): No; Bob Bennett (NCM Ohio): Yes; Steve Fair (NCM Oklahoma): No; Solomon Yue (NCM Oregon): Yes; Rob Gleason (SC Pennsylvania): Yes; Zori Fonalledas (NCW Puerto Rico): Yes; Carol Mumford (NCW Rhode Island): Yes; Glenn McCall (NCM South Carolina): Yes; John Ryder (NCM Tennessee): Yes; Steve Munisteri (SC Texas): Yes; Enid Mickelsen (NCW Utah): Yes; Jay Shepard (NCM Vermont): Yes; Morton Blackwell (NCM Virginia): No; Jeff Kent (NCM Washington): Yes; Conrad Lucas (SC West Virginia): Yes; Brad Courtney (SC Wisconsin): Yes; Greg Schaefer (NCM Wyoming): Yes.

Chairman Ash next recognized Mr. Ryder who offered an amendment to Rule 17. It sought to correct inconsistent language in Rules 17(a) and 17(f) by striking the following language in Rule 17(a): “plus the members of the Republican National Committee from that state.” The motion was properly seconded and discussion ensued.

Glenn McCall (NCM South Carolina) moved to refer Mr. Ryder’s amendment proposal to the subcommittee for its consideration. John Ryder (NCM Tennessee) seconded the motion and discussion began.

Mr. Little Jr. moved the previous question. A vote was then taken. The motion for the previous question was approved by voice vote.

A vote was then taken on the motion to refer Mr. Ryder’s amendment to Rule 17 to the subcommittee. The motion to refer was approved by voice vote.

Chairman Ash next recognized Mr. Smack who offered an amendment to Rule 16(a)(1). Mr. Smack’s amendment intended to grandfather in states that operated beauty contest primaries.

Mr. Ryder offered an amendment to make Mr. Smack’s amendment grammatically correct by changing “their” to “its” throughout; by adding a comma after “delegation”; and by striking the words “they are” and replacing with “the state is.”

The motion was seconded by Carol Mumford (NCW Rhode Island) and passed unanimously by voice vote.

Discussion ensued on Mr. Smack’s amendment to Rule 16(a)(1).

Jeff Kent (NCM Washington) moved to refer Mr. Smack’s amendment to the subcommittee for its consideration. Mr. Hammond seconded the motion and discussion began.

A vote was then taken on the motion to refer Mr. Smack’s amendment proposal to the subcommittee. The motion to refer was approved by voice vote.

Chairman Ash then asked that the Rules Committee move into Executive Session to foster an informal discussion. A motion to move into Executive Session was properly made and seconded and passed by standing vote.

The Committee moved into Executive Session at approximately 4:10 p.m.

The Committee came back into regular session at approximately 4:30 p.m.

Chairman Ash explained that the Committee would be discussing Rules 1-11 informally during this session and that no action had been taken in Executive Session.

Mr. Smack moved to suspend the Rules in order to discuss Rules 1-11 informally. The motion was properly seconded and passed by voice vote.

Informal discussion of Rules 1-11 then began.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Demetra DeMonte". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Demetra" and last name "DeMonte" clearly legible.

Demetra DeMonte (NCW Illinois)
RNC Secretary