

**MEETING OF THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE  
GENERAL SESSION  
2013 RNC SPRING MEETING  
APRIL 12, 2013  
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HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA**

Chairman Reince Priebus called the General Session of the Republican National Committee (“RNC” or “Committee”) to order at 10:05 a.m. on Friday, April 12, 2013, at the Loews Hollywood Hotel in Hollywood, California.

Chairman Priebus recognized Amata Radewagon (National Committeewoman (“NCW”) American Samoa), who offered the invocation. David Sablan (National Committeeman (“NCM”) Guam) led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Priebus then introduced those sitting on the stage: RNC Co-Chairman Sharon Day (NCW Florida); RNC Treasurer Tony Parker; RNC Secretary Demetra DeMonte (NCW Illinois); RNC Parliamentarian Sharon Giese (NCW Arizona); Acting RNC General Counsel John Ryder (NCM Tennessee) and RNC Chief of Staff Mike Shields.

Chairman Priebus identified the members serving on the Proxy Committee: Linda Ackerman (NCW California); Ashley Ryan (NCW Maine); Rob Gleason (State Chairman (“SC”) Pennsylvania); Kathy Hayden (NCW Virginia); Tamara Scott (NCW Iowa); Eric Holcomb (SC Indiana) Cindy Siddoway (NCW Idaho); and Ralph Seekins (NCM Alaska). Chairman Priebus also announced Ms. Ackerman as Chairman of the Proxy Committee.

While the Proxy Committee assembled to review the proxies received, Secretary DeMonte called the roll. Upon conclusion, Secretary DeMonte announced that a quorum was present.

Chairman Priebus then recognized Chairman of the Proxy Committee, Ms. Ackerman, who announced the Proxy Committee had received and reviewed forty-three (43) proxies and found forty-two (42) of them in order. One (1) proxy was not in order. Ms. Ackerman moved to accept the Proxy Committee report. Without objection, the Proxy Committee report was accepted. Later in the meeting, an additional proxy form was submitted which replaced the proxy that had previously been ruled out of order. The Proxy Committee found this proxy form to be in order, and the total number of proxies became forty-three (43.)

Chairman Priebus announced that, without objection, the RNC business would be conducted according to the agenda before the Members. There was no objection, and the Chairman proceeded with the agenda.

Chairman Priebus asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the 2013 Winter Meeting. Conrad Lucas (SC West Virginia) so moved. Roger Villere (SC Louisiana) seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote and the Minutes of the 2013 Winter Meeting were approved.

Chairman Priebus then asked the Committee to ratify the new RNC National Committeewoman for Texas, Toni Anne Dashiell per Rule 4(a). Fredi Simpson (NCW Washington) so moved. James Smack (NCM Nevada) seconded, and the motion to ratify Ms. Dashiell passed unanimously by voice vote.

Chairman Priebus next recognized and congratulated the new State Chairmen: Robert Graham (SC Arizona); Kelly Arnold (SC Kansas); Jennifer Horn (SC New Hampshire), Kristen Hughes (SC Massachusetts); Suzanne Gallagher (SC Oregon); Craig Lawrence (SC South Dakota); Diana Waterman (SC Maryland); Jim Brulte (SC California); J.L. Spray (SC Nebraska); Mark Smiley (SC Rhode Island); and Keith Downey (SC Minnesota).

Chairman Priebus then asked the Committee to confirm John Ryder (NCM Tennessee) as RNC General Counsel, per Rule 5(c). Mary Buestrin (NCW Wisconsin) so moved. Jeff Kent (NCM Washington) seconded, and the motion to confirm Mr. Ryder as RNC General Counsel passed unanimously by voice vote.

Chairman Priebus then asked the Committee to confirm Ray Washburne as Chairman of the Finance Committee, per Rule 5(c). Bruce Hough (NCM Utah) so moved. Louis Pope (NCM Maryland) seconded, and the motion to confirm Mr. Washburne as Chairman of the Finance Committee passed unanimously by voice vote.

Chairman Priebus next gave his report.

Chairman Priebus introduced Co-Chairman Sharon Day (NCW Florida) to present her report. Ms. Day gave her report.

Chairman Priebus then recognized RNC Treasurer Tony Parker for the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Parker updated the Committee on the business of fundraising and the financial situation.

Chairman Priebus then asked John Ryder to give the General Counsel's Report. Mr. Ryder gave a brief report that included an update on the Standing Committee on Rules meeting from earlier in the week, and an update on the status of the Counsel's Office.

Chairman Priebus next called on Carolyn McLarty (NCW Oklahoma), Resolutions Committee Chairman, to deliver her report to the Committee. Ms. McLarty explained that fifteen (15) resolutions were presented to the Resolutions Committee. She stated that two (2) resolutions had been withdrawn by the sponsors and one (1) resolution failed for lack of a motion to adopt. The Committee recommended the adoption of twelve (12) resolutions. They were: Resolution Calling

for Cooperation with the Conservative Grassroots Movement; Resolution Concerning China's Ongoing Practice of Espionage; Resolution Concerning Overseas Military Voting; Resolution Concerning Common Core Education Standards; Resolution Honoring Former Congressman Ron Paul; Resolution for Marriage and Children; Resolution Regarding Accountability from the Department of Homeland Security; Resolution Regarding the States' Share of Mineral Royalties; Resolution Supporting a Strong Space Program; Resolution Supporting the Core Values of the 2012 Republican Platform; and two (2) memorial resolutions: Resolution Commending the Life of Shirley Leslie; and Resolution Honoring Borah Van Dormolen. Without objection, Robin Armstrong (NCM Texas) read the Resolution Honoring Borah Van Dormolen to the Committee. Chairman Priebus then stated that without objection, the Committee would vote on the Resolutions as a whole. Mr. Smack objected to the motion and a vote was taken on voting on the Resolutions as a whole. The motion to vote on the resolutions as a whole passed by voice vote. Ms. McLarty then presented a motion for the adoption of the twelve (12) resolutions. The motion was properly seconded by Ada Fisher (NCW North Carolina) and passed by voice vote.

Chairman Priebus asked Mike Shields, Chief of Staff, to deliver his report. Mr. Shields introduced himself and presented his report. Mr. Shields concluded by presenting a brief video to the Committee.

Chairman Priebus next asked Ron Kaufman (NCM Massachusetts), the Budget Committee Chairman, to present his report. Mr. Kaufman presented his report and then moved to adopt the Budget as Amended and approved by the Budget and the Executive Committees. The motion was seconded by Cindy Costa (NCW South Carolina) and discussion ensued. A vote was then taken and the motion to adopt the 2013 Budget as Amended passed unanimously by voice vote.

Chairman Priebus next asked Bruce Ash (NCM Arizona), Chairman of the Standing Committee on Rules, to present his report. Mr. Ash noted that the Rules Committee had held officer elections for both Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Rules Committee. He stated that the Committee then moved on to three (3) timely-submitted amendments under the procedure outlined in Rule 12. He stated that two (2) proposed amendments passed through the Rules Committee.

Chairman Priebus then stated that under Rule 12 of The Rules of the Republican Party, passage of any such Rule amendment motion requires the affirmative vote of seventy five percent (75%) of the entire membership and any Rule amendment so adopted would take effect in 30 days.

The first Rule amendment was an amendment to Rule 16(a)(2) which sought to delete the current rule language and replace it for clarification purposes. Chairman Priebus recognized Henry Barbour (NCM Mississippi) to make a motion. Mr. Barbour moved to amend Rule 16(a)(2) by striking the current language and replacing it with the following:

“The Secretary of the Convention shall faithfully announce and record each delegate’s vote in accordance with the delegate’s obligation under these rules, state law or state party rule. If any delegate bound by these rules, state party rule or state law to vote for a presidential candidate at the national convention demonstrates support under Rule 40 for any person other than the candidate to whom he or she is bound, such support shall not be recognized. Except as provided for by state law or state party rule, no presidential candidate shall have the power to remove a delegate.”

The motion was seconded by Mr. Kent and discussion ensued. Mr. Smack moved to amend the motion to include the deletion of 16(a)(1) in its entirety. Chairman Priebus ruled the motion out of order, as the substance of the motion was not germane to the original motion. Mr. Smack moved to appeal the ruling and Curly Haugland seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the ruling that the motion to amend the original motion was out of order was upheld by voice vote. Discussion on the original motion continued. A motion was made to call the previous question and Bill Palatucci (NCM New Jersey) seconded. The previous question passed by voice vote, and the previous question was called.

Curly Haugland (NCM North Dakota) raised a question of order regarding the consideration of the amendment on the basis that it was in direct conflict with Rules 37 and 38. The point was not well taken.

A standing vote was then taken on the original motion by Mr. Barbour to delete and replace the current language of Rule 16(a)(2). The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 157 to 0.

Chairman Priebus stated that the second Rule amendment was an amendment to Rule 16(a)(1), which sought to delete the language in its entirety. Jeff Johnson (NCM Minnesota) moved for the adoption of the amendment. The motion was properly seconded and discussion began. Mr. Palatucci moved the previous question and Ada Fisher (NCW North Carolina) seconded the motion. The motion to call the previous question passed by voice vote.

Morton Blackwell (NCM Virginia) then moved for a record vote. Steve Scheffler (NCM Iowa) seconded the motion. The motion for a record vote failed to pass by voice vote.

A standing vote was then taken on the motion. The motion to amend Rule 16(a)(1) was defeated by a vote of 49 to 107.

Chairman Priebus then made final announcements.

Chairman Priebus then called for a motion to adjourn the General Session of the 2013 RNC Spring Meeting. The motion was made by Dr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. Lucas and passed unanimously by voice vote. The Meeting adjourned at 12:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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